

Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

This statement details our school's use of Pupil Premium (and Recovery Premium) funding to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged pupils.

It outlines our Pupil Premium Strategy, how we intend to spend the funding in this academic year and the effect that last year's spending of Pupil Premium Grant Funding had within our school.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	Stockport Academy
Number of pupils in school	1028
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	41% (421)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2023 to 2026 – reviewed and updated annually
Date this statement was published	December 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	December 2024
Statement authorised by	Mrs J McCann – Principal
Pupil premium lead	Ms L McLean – Assistant Principal
Governor / Trustee lead	Mr A Hartley, Governor

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£435,735
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£116,196
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£551,931



Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

At Stockport Academy we aim to improve the life chances of all of our students and embody the wider United Learning mission to bring out 'the best in everyone'. This is particularly important for the young people we serve who experience socioeconomic disadvantage to ensure they leave Stockport Academy with the knowledge, skills and experiences to excel in further education and/or future careers. We aim to use Pupil Premium funding to ensure that the progress and attainment of our disadvantaged students is at least in line with their peers.

A higher than average proportion of pupils (41%) are eligible for Pupil Premium funding. We recognise that these students are not a homogenous group and like all young people have a range of experiences and aspirations and require different levels of intervention and support. However, we also understand that there are **common challenges** faced by students who experience socioeconomic disadvantage, including those who are in care or who are Young Carers. The purpose of this three-year strategy is to address these challenges and use Pupil Premium funding strategically to support students to achieve to their full potential.

A range of diagnostic assessment, internal data and evidence have been used to inform the strategy which is underpinned by **evidence informed strategies**. Key to the success of all students, but in particular those from disadvantaged backgrounds, is **high quality teaching** in all lessons (EEF, 2023). This is a central principle of our strategy, ensuring that we can impact not only students who receive Pupil Premium funding, but all pupils. We use **targeted academic support**, particularly to support language development and literacy that allows students to access the curriculum and to support reading for pleasure. **Wider strategies** have been chosen based on robust internal assessments including **increasing attendance** and **improving behaviour standards** to help all students access the curriculum to the best of their ability.



Challenges

This details the key challenges to achievement that we have identified among our disadvantaged pupils.

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Attendance Student attendance is a whole school priority and absence from school impacts student attainment. The attendance of disadvantaged pupils is below that of their peers within the school. Last year, the attendance of disadvantaged students was 87.1% compared to 93.7% for their non-disadvantaged peers.
2	Attitudes to Learning, Self-Regulation and Behaviour Disadvantaged pupils often encounter more social and emotional issues due to trauma experienced due to poverty. This can present itself in school in behavioural issues which result in higher behaviour points and sanctions compared to that of their non-disadvantaged peers. Disadvantaged pupils also have higher numbers than the proportion expected of suspensions and permanent exclusions.
3	Progress and Attainment Progress of students in receipt of Pupil Premium funding is lower than their non-disadvantaged peers. Evidence shows that as a group, they do not perform as well in summative KS4 assessments. 27% of disadvantaged students achieved Grade 5 in English and Maths compared to 40% of non-disadvantaged students.
4	Reading and Literacy Students complete reading age tests twice a year. Reading age tests indicate that there is a gap between the reading ages of disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged students. Approximately 29% of disadvantaged students start year 7 with a reading age below age-related expectations in comparison to 13% of their non-disadvantaged peers.
5	Personal Development Data, conversations and observations of disadvantaged students suggests those in receipt of Pupil Premium funding have fewer opportunities to develop their cultural capital outside of school and are less likely to engage with opportunities to join co-curricular clubs and attend trips than non-disadvantaged students.



Intended outcomes.

This explains the outcomes we are aiming for **by the end of our current strategy plan**, and how we will measure whether they have been achieved.

Intended outcome	Success criteria - by the end of the current plan in in 2025/2026
Achieve and sustain increased attendance of all students, but particularly disadvantaged students	Students have a good understanding of why attending school every day is important
to at least in line with the national average with no discernible difference in the attendance of	Attendance for all pupils is above national average and there is no gap in attendance between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged students
disadvantaged and non- disadvantaged students.	The percentage of students who are persistently absent is below national average
Improved attitude to learning and engagement of disadvantaged students	 No significant difference in the number of behaviour incidences between disadvantaged students and their peers No significant difference in the number of suspensions or permanent exclusions between disadvantaged students
Improved achievement of disadvantaged students across the	 and their peers No significant gap in attainment between the progress of disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged students
curriculum at the end of KS4	2025/2026 outcomes show that disadvantaged students achieve:
	 Average attainment 8 score of 53.0 At least 70% passing English and Maths at grade 4 or above. At least 45% passing English and Maths at grade
	 At least 45% passing English and Maths at grade 5 or above. At least 10% passing English and Maths at grade 7 or above
	 All members of staff across the Academy have a strong understanding of the challenges disadvantaged students may face and how they are best supported in the classroom.
	The gap in performance between non-disadvantaged and disadvantaged students is closely monitored and reviewed at each data point to allow early intervention to support students
	Teaching and learning data highlights that formative assessment strategies are used regularly to check for gaps in understanding which are addressed by teachers.
	Teaching and learning data highlights regular opportunities for students to practice independently, with appropriate scaffolds removed over time, to increase students' resilience.



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	There is no discernible difference in the completion rates of Independent Study (homework) between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged students
Improved reading ages of disadvantaged students	Teachers understand that 'every teacher is a teacher of literacy'.
	Teaching and learning data highlights the teaching of key vocabulary is evident in all lessons, with opportunities to speak, write and use key terminology regularly.
	Opportunities for students to read and comprehend text is evident across the curriculum for all subjects.
	Opportunities for students to develop their oracy skills and speak fluently and with confidence can be observed
	There is a reduction in the percentage of all pupils with a reading age below their chronological age.
	There is no difference in the reading age of disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged students by the end of KS3.
	Increased engagement with reading for pleasure, taking advantage of the opportunity to borrow books from the school library
Increased engagement with opportunities for personal	Disadvantaged students attend co-curricular clubs at the same frequency as non-disadvantaged students.
development	All students have the opportunity to attend cultural trips throughout their time at school.
	High quality and appropriate destinations are ensured for disadvantaged students



Activity in this academic year

This details how we intend to spend our pupil premium (and recovery premium funding) **this academic year** to address the challenges listed above.

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £ 226,000

Ac	tivity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed	
Pro	Common language around teaching and learning techniques so students have a common understanding on what is expected in lessons. Weekly Teaching and Learning briefings	The EEF guide to effective professional development highlights: the effectiveness of a 'drip feed' approach to PD allowing teachers time to embed strategies. NPQs are built on a body of	2,3,4	
	on TLAC 12 strategies to support teachers to be better able to address misconceptions and move students learning forward.	trusted sources of research which highlight knowledge and skills integral to effective teaching and learning.		
>	Developing practice sessions run by internal and/or external staff to match whole school teaching and learning priorities (SEND provision, reading and oracy, independent practise/extended writing).	National Institute of Teaching report highlights the benefits of mentoring on teaching practice		
A	Timetabled department co-planning every two weeks to support with subject specific pedagogy.			
A	External CPD opportunities – NPQs, masters with the intent to improve classroom practice.			
>	Opportunities for mentors to develop their skills through mentoring.			
A	Feedback to teachers on classroom practice from middle leaders and SLT which is used to inform whole school training.			
	pport for developing teachers and Early reer Teachers	Mentoring Instructional coaching is recognised	2,3,4	
A	Robust programme of development based on instructional coaching.	as some of the <u>'best evidenced form</u> of professional development'		
>	Mentoring is a priority with time in the school day to ensure this is done properly.			



Time allocated for mentor training and 'coaching on coaching' with lead mentor throughout the school year.	National Institute of Teaching report on mentoring highlights Importance of mentor training Most effective mentors engage in modelling and rehearsing with mentees — instructional coaching	Part of United Learning
 Knowledge of key vocabulary and reading fluency CPD on explicit reading, oracy and vocabulary strategies. CPD for teachers on applying reading and vocabulary strategies in a subject specific manner. Each subject curriculum is developed to ensure key words (tier 2 or tier 3) are shared with students in every lesson with opportunities to say, write and use in lessons. That there are regular opportunities for students to read and engage with academic texts. Support from Literacy Lead and Senior Leaders with the implementation of literacy strategies in lessons. Recruitment and retention of staff Creation of lead practitioners to retain experienced teachers. Robust ECT programme to retain teachers. Additional Cover supervisors to reduce the need for any external agency cover teachers. Wellbeing charter and planning days to support staff well being 	The EEF report on Improving Literacy in secondary schools highlights key strategies to develop literacy skills: 'Disciplinary literacy across the curriculum' Targeted vocabulary support in all lessons Developing students' ability to read academic texts. 'The language gap is the attainment gap' – as highlighted by Durrington Research School Reading comprehension strategies, as indicated by the EEF, can have an impact of +6 months progress The EEF Pupil Premium Guide describes effective teaching as a 'top priority' for pupil premium spending Additional cover supervisors reduces the need for external supply, increasing consistent teaching and learning for students. OFSTED recommendations for teacher well-being highlight the importance of ensuring teacher well being to support retention of staff	1,2,3,4,5
Appropriate and well planned careers guidance	Gatsby.org.uk describes how good career guidance is embedded within	5



A	Teachers and external agencies deliver key content from both the RSE framework and CEIAG.	education and a necessity for social mobility	5
>	CEIAG programme for all years. Relevant guidance targeted for individual years. This includes opportunities to work with universities and local post 16 providers. Year 11 partake in CEIAG day in order to support applications to further education or the workplace.	EEF Careers Guidance (2016) describes how disadvantaged young people are more likely to be uncertain about the qualifications and skills they need after school	5
>	Future Me is weaved into the school ethos and is used to help students develop themselves and provide education with character.	Student voice from previous years has been very positive regarding the careers education they have received	5



Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: £ 102,000

Ac	tivity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Acc	Materials are provided to students to support home learning e.g., access to chrome books and the internet, purchase of revision guides and stationery. Teachers monitor the completion of Independent Study, particularly disadvantaged students. Online Independent Study is used to identify gaps in knowledge and understanding to inform practice — including Sparx, Seneca, Language Nut and Pearson Revise. Independent Study clubs run nightly alongside access to the library to provide students with support to complete independent study.	The EEF guide to Using Digital Technology highlights: Technology can support retrieval practice and self-quizzing to increase retention of key knowledge. EEF rapid evidence assessment on distance learning shows ensuring access to technology is key for disadvantaged EEF report on homework describes how homework clubs can overcome barriers such as a lack of a quiet place to work and reliable internet connection	3,4
Rea A A A A A A	Small group reading intervention with mentors who will work with students with low reading ages/KS2 scores to improve their reading and literacy. Librarian to also help with reading interventions. WRAT tests used to diagnose specific reading gaps. Use of Lexonik advance resources and training for students. Use of Lexonik Leap screening tests Use of YARC tests to identify. necessary fluency/comprehension intervention. Students work with year 11 mentors to improve reading. All students are given the opportunity to hear fluent reading modelled in Form Time Reading. All students are given the opportunity to explore texts further using our library.	Use of GL assessments and YARC tests to identify specific reading needs to target key skills and ensure rapid progress The EEF teacher toolkit identified reading comprehension strategies as providing +6 months progress The EEF and Kent State University highlight the importance of students regularly hearing fluent readers	3/4



Academic Intervention

- After school small group targeted intervention and support sessions for Y11 in English and Maths with Active Tutoring.
- Maths tutoring for high prior attainers in year 11.
- Additional Maths and English lessons for students who need bespoke to support delivered by class teachers.
- Use of form time intervention for Year 11 to provide additional teaching time in areas targeted for improvement.
- Compulsory after school period 6 sessions are in place for all year 11 students in all subjects, which is included in teacher lesson allocations to minimise impact on workload.
- Engagement with the Brilliant Club to allow students to meet PhD students and gain insights into higher education with the aim of raising aspirations and progression to University.
- Additional Leadership roles in Numeracy to raise the profile and push maths initiative, particularly at KS3 to ensure importance is high profile with teachers and students.

The EEF report on small group tuition highlights the potential for an additional +4 months of progress and the Effective Tutoring Guide highlights the impact of tutoring, particularly post pandemic

The EEF toolkit describes extending learning time during the school day can have a positive effect of +3 months progress

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Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £ 224,000

Ac	ctivity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Pas >	Non-teaching pastoral managers for all years. Working with students to help engage with learning and reduce barriers to learning through behavioural issues and/or other issues such as attendance, mental health or personal issues. Increased capacity of SLT designated to behaviour and working with the pastoral team. Students have access to a full range of pastoral intervention, tailored to their needs and managed by the pastoral and SEN teams plus now have access to an in-house counsellor.	EEF guide to improving behaviour in schools highlights the importance of knowing students and their contexts which pastoral staff are a crucial part of ensuring this EEF toolkit highlights that working effectively with parents can have a positive impact of +4 months on student progress	1, 2
Mer >	Mental health and wellbeing Mental health and well being lead to provide bespoke support and interventions with students. Subscriptions include but not limited to Jigsaw, Ed Psych, alternative provision and behaviour support. Key staff allocated to LAC students as a point of contact for support.	Post covid, evidence suggests disadvantaged students have experienced 'greater negative impacts on their mental health and well being	1,2
Beh	Common language used by all staff regarding behaviour expectations with a focus on positive relationships with students. Whole school processes to support students regulate their behaviour now in place following successful trial last year to ensure calm and focused learning environments. Flexible but consistent expectations adapted to meet individual need. Ongoing training for all staff to ensure a consistent approach to	The EEF report on improving behaviour in schools describes: Teachers knowing students well has a positive impact on classroom behaviour 'A flexible but consistent approach' will be necessary for some students to meet expectations Daily report cards can improve communication between students, teachers and parents	1/2/3/4/5



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			 Part of United Learning
<i>\(\)</i>	Students below 90% are discussed at 'Safer Schools' team meeting and there is a set of actions for implementation and monitoring. This includes home visits and liaison with LA for issue of EPN. Pastoral team is regularly updated on latest status.		
Со	-curricular and trips/visits	EEF toolkit describes how arts	5
>	Y7/Y8 are expected to attend at least two co-curricular club after school each week including one PE club. Y9 and 10 encouraged to attend co-curricular independent study clubs through the year. Co-curricular co-ordinator monitors attendance and follows a process when below target for different students/groups.	participation can have a positive impact on academic outcomes in other areas of the curriculum and physical activity can increase attendance. Both also have positive impacts on student mental health and wellbeing	
>	Music tuition subsidised for disadvantaged students.		
>	All PP students to receive a minimum of 50% subsidy on at least one trip per year. Some students receiving full subsidy on application by the family or Pastoral team. More than one subsidy may be appropriate.		
A	Using the Aspire programme to help track the impact of personal development activities and uptake by PP students . We are a pilot school for East learning software company to create a link between Arbor and Aspire.		

Total budgeted cost: £552,000



Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

Pupil premium strategy outcomes

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2022 to 2023 academic year.

<u>Progress and Attainment – NOTE: All KS4 exam data is not yet ratified and therefore only used to cautiously guide decisions at this stage.</u>

In the Summer of 2023 exams, Pupil Premium (PP) students have an average total attainment 8 score of 36.4 (gap to non-dis is 10.0) which is higher than the previous year but better than the two years prior to that. The national Attainment 8 score for PP students in 2021/22* (awaiting data to be ratified and availability of national data) was 37.5 and for NPP students it was 52.6.

Progress 8 scores for PP students was -0.64, this is lower than before covid but a slightly smaller gap between PP and NPP for last year and for 2 out of the last 3 years. For Progress 8* (in 2022), the national average score for disadvantaged pupils was —0.55 and for non-disadvantaged pupils it was 0.15. The national picture also demonstrates a widening gap than pre-pandemic and matches a similar trend to the one we see within our own context here. With regards to EBACC, the Academy entered 53% (19% gap) of disadvantaged students into the full EBACC and 15% (17% gap) pass at a standard pass and 10% (10% gap) at a strong pass.

In 2023 43% of disadvantaged students achieved 5 GCSEs at Grade 4+ including English and Maths. This is a gap of 13% with non-disadvantaged students. This gap is smaller than throughout the pandemic and the smallest gap for 4 of the previous 5 years (the only gap that was smaller was 12% in 2019). Similarly, 28% of disadvantaged students now achieve 5 GCSEs at Grade 5+ including English and Maths. The gap from disadvantaged to non is only 11% and the smallest it has been in the last 6 years.

Key stage 4 data suggests that there are some positives in terms of reducing the gap to non-disadvantaged students within our attainment measures. However, there is still work to be done to improve the progress of our disadvantaged pupils. The progress 8 score from 2022/23 is below our expectations. Analysis would suggest that a primary reason for this is the continued long-term effects of COVID-19, as is reflected in the national figures of disadvantaged pupils. However, we also identified that the most important aspect of ensuring the progress of our disadvantaged pupils is via effective classroom practice. As such, we have adapted our strategy to put more emphasis into the first tier of intervention – high quality teaching.

Reading ages still show a gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils. For last year's Y7 and Y8 we saw some gaps in reading ages close, but the gaps still exist. The reading mentors have shown positive impact over time. Reading continues to be high on the agenda for the school as part of our form time reading and also through our reading intervention and other initiatives. Numeracy in Y7 saw an average improvement of 10% through the Numeracy Ninjas scheme and something we are looking to widen over more year groups in the 23-24 academic year.



Data from End of Year assessments in other year groups suggests there are still gaps between the performance of our disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged students. We have used quintiles to measure the change in where disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged students are – in y7, on average disadvantaged students had a -0.16 gap, in y8 it was -0.18 and y9 -0.07.

Clearly given the above, we still need to work on academic progress and the learning journey. As you can see from our strategy, there is a large focus on the curriculum and teaching and learning across the school to help our disadvantaged students succeed. However, as mentioned previously, we have diverted slightly more resources in our strategy to put more emphasis into the first tier of intervention – high quality teaching.

Attendance

Disadvantaged students last year had an average attendance figure of 87.1%, this compares to non-disadvantaged attendance of 93.7%, a gap of 6.8%. In the year before that, the attendance was 88.2% with a gap of 6.5%. For the three years prior to that, disadvantaged students' attendance was consistently around 93.5% and a gap of 3.5%. Disadvantaged students had a PA figure of 36% last year. This was higher than the previous year and before COVID.

Attendance will therefore continue to be an area for improvement for our disadvantaged cohort – even more so now following the effects of the pandemic. The school recognises this gap is too large and why improving the attendance of our disadvantaged pupils continues to be a key part of our current strategy.

Behaviour

Of all the fixed term suspensions last academic year, 62.4% were disadvantaged students, this is roughly in line when compared to 61.6% the previous year. However, it is an improvement and below the proportion in each of the 4 years previous to that. However, this is still higher than the percentage of disadvantaged students in the school so remains a priority and shows that behaviour and interventions around it should form part of our plan moving forward.

There were 4 permanent exclusions last year, 3 of whom were disadvantaged students which equates to 75%. This is lower than previously (5 out of 6 permanent exclusions which equates to 83%). Again though, 75% is higher than the overall proportion of disadvantaged students and is clearly an area for improvement. Only 3 disadvantaged students receiving permanent exclusions is the best we have had over the past 4 years but would still like this to be a lower proportion of the students who do face permanent exclusion and therefore still forms a part of this plan.

The pastoral care our students get through a range of pastoral intervention has shown positive outcomes across a range of strategies. The new Mental Health Lead has worked with a high number of disadvantaged students to help them through a range of matters and students have reported positive benefits from this intervention.



Personal Development

All of the initiatives we use to promote personal development show a positive impact on students. Our Co-curricular, PSHE, Future Me and CEIAG programmes all provide students with a vast range of opportunities for development. Disadvantaged students regularly get to benefit from subsidised trips and activities to help broaden their experiences. There are still some gaps in the uptake from our disadvantaged students to non-disadvantaged and this continues to be a focus for leaders of these areas to address.



Externally provided programmes.

Please include the names of any non-DfE programmes that you purchased in the previous academic year. This will help the Department for Education identify which ones are popular in England.

Programme	Provider
Sparx	Sparx Maths
	<u>Sparx Reader</u>
Bedrock	Bedrock Vocabulary - The online vocabulary curriculum for schools (bedrocklearning.org)
TT Rockstars	https://ttrockstars.com/
Pearson Revise	https://www.pearson.com/uk/web/pearson-revise.html
MUFC Foundation	Manchester United Foundation - Engage. Inspire. Unite. (mufoundation.org)
NGRT Reading Assessment	New Group Reading Test - GL Assessment (gl-assessment.co.uk)
Seneca	Free Homework & Revision for A Level, GCSE, KS3 & KS2 (senecalearning.com)