

Walsall Academy



Pupil Premium 2020-21

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Background

The Pupil Premium is allocated to schools for children of statutory school age from low-income families who are known to be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in both mainstream and non-mainstream settings: to children who are been looked after and to children whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces.

This will also include students eligible for FSM at any point in the last six years.

Schools are free to spend the Pupil Premium as they see fit. However we will be held accountable for how we have used the additional funding to support students from low-income families. From September 2012 we are required to publish online information about how we have used the Premium. This will ensure that parents and others are made fully aware of the attainment of students covered by the Premium and the extra support that they receive.

In 2019-2020 the level of the premium is £935 per student known to be eligible for FSM and £300 for those children whose parents serve in the armed forces. Looked After Children attract a pupil premium of £2,300 and this is managed by the Virtual School Head in the Local Authority.

The level of funding from the Department for Education is anticipated to be **£329,475**.

The level of funding from the Department for Education during 2019-2020 was **£361,156.47**.

Use of Pupil Premium 2019-2020

In 2019-2020 Pupil premium funded the following support and will enable similar interventions this academic year.

- Additional tuition and support e.g. Literacy workshops
- Extra-curricular visits e.g. Outward Bound weekend trips
- Technology to support on-line learning
- After School and Holiday activities
- Music Academy and Dance Academy tuition and equipment
- Provision of laptops
- Clothing and kit
- Bespoke careers guidance programmes and mentoring
- Social skills development
- Additional staffing e.g. Learning Mentors and Coaches
- Membership of The Challenge

- Support curriculum visits
- Transition activities
- Provision of vocational related training
- School-based counselling
- Programmes to support positive behaviour

Attainment

In 2020 there were 58 students in Year 11 who were FSM or Looked After by the Local Authority.

In 2019, 63 students in Year 11 were on either FSM or Looked After by the Local Authority. The Attainment 8 score for Disadvantaged students was 37.75 compared to 45.55 for the whole cohort and 36.7 for disadvantaged students in England. The Progress 8 score was -0.27 compared to -0.04 for the whole cohort and -0.45 for disadvantaged students. 17.4% of Pupil Premium funded students achieved grade 4+ for EBacc compared with 32% of the whole cohort.

In 2018, 48 students in Year 11 were on FSM or Looked After. The Attainment 8 score for Disadvantaged students was 44.1 compared to 49.4 for the whole cohort. The Progress 8 score was -0.23 compared to +0.05 for the whole cohort. 10% of Pupil Premium funded students achieved the grade 5 EBacc compared with 16% of the whole cohort.

In 2017, 45 students in Year 11 were on FSM or Looked After. The Attainment 8 score for Disadvantaged students was 37.8 compared to 48.1 for the whole cohort. The Progress 8 score was -0.50 for Disadvantaged students compared to -0.09 for the whole cohort. 11% of Pupil Premium funded students achieved the EBacc compared with 27% of the whole cohort.

Attendance of disadvantaged students remains above the national average for non-disadvantaged.