

Pupil Premium 2011/2012

When the school achieved Academy status in 2012, we had some £38 000 by way of the pupil premium funding up to September 2012. This funding is directed at students that are, or have been, entitled to Free School Meals. This is not a homogenised group and some of the spending will have positive benefits for other students in the school.

It has always been a priority of the school to keep class sizes small in order to allow for as much individual attention as possible. With this in mind we have made the following expenditures:

- Creation of an extra set in Year 11 maths in order to support all students to achieve the best possible results. (With 78% of students achieving 'C' or above the initiative could be considered to have worked, although credit must be given to the maths department for all the extra work they have put in.) The cost incurred was £6 400.
- Throughout the 6th form, group sizes are universally small and some £4 500 has made a significant contribution in allowing us to continue this vital policy for students at this crucial point in their education.
- In the remainder of the school some £25 800 has been made available to keep our class sizes small which will have a positive impact, not only on the FSM pupils, but also the remainder of the school population. We believe, not only in the greater individual attention pupils get in small classes, but also that they benefit from the intimacy that can exist in smaller groups making for an atmosphere that is conducive to personal and social development.
- This year, after wide consultations with students and staff, we also introduced a new school uniform. We were, however, very conscious that this was not the time to burden our parents with extra costs upon changing from the old to the new uniform. Consequently we subsidised this initiative for the PPR students, costing £700.
- We also ran a Summer school aimed at Year 6 and Year 7 FSM pupils which was a fantastic success on many levels. The boys were given an extensive range of new experiences and had an opportunity to make new friends and, in the case of the Year 6 boys, to aid their transition. The cost of this enterprise was £5 000. (This figure may reduce when the complete funding from the DfE is known)
- In addition to the above we had some individual tuition for a Year 10 pupil with attendance issues; we supported one of the year 7 boys with the cost of Marchants Hill (our transition experience), plus behaviour support and music tuition. The cost £700.

Total cost £43 100

The sum of these figures exceeds the DfE grant significantly.

It is also evidenced that the progress to 'close the gap' has been particularly successful as our GCSE results A*- C for our free school meals students, on a percentage basis, was better than for our non- free school meals students. Southborough was only one of two schools in the LA that achieved this success.

Further evidence of success was the reduction in exclusions of free school meals students between 2011 and 2012.

