

PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

2012/2013

The Pupil premium Grant is money that is intended to be directed at vulnerable child defined as those who have been entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) at any time during the last six years.

At Southborough High School we have always tried to give additional support to our most vulnerable pupils, either through our main budget or through the School Fund. Last year's Raise on Line showed that both our FSM and Non FSM absentee rates for normal absence and persistent absences are below national averages. Additionally both groups of students outperformed the national figures for Mathematics results at GCSE level.

The total Pupil Premium Grant for 2012/2013 was £150000.

Staffing:

- Keeping class sizes small. We have always been very generous with funding to keep class sizes as small as possible and a significant amount of the PPF has gone to achieve this. This practice has made for more favourable conditions for all pupils but is particularly beneficial for Ever 6 students.
- Additional sets introduced in to Maths and English sets in Year 10 and Year 11. The creation of extra sets in these two vital core subjects has always been a priority because the subjects themselves are fundamental to the students' prospects and they comprise the limiting element in the '5 A*-C grades' often required by employers, colleges etc.
- Additional funding to support transition of travellers. This academic year saw a small but significant group of young travellers start at the school and we saw as vital that additional resources needed to be deployed to help them directly within the classroom and indirectly through staff INSED.

Intervention:

- Summer School, including both vulnerable pupils in Year 6 and 7. This is the second year that we have run this hugely successful venture and we value this activity to the degree that we supplemented the Government's Summer School grant with our own funds.
- Support for Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. This scheme has flourished for some years in the school and develops many positive personal characteristics.
- Support for Maths department intervention. The support in this area has seen a fantastic 80% of the pupils achieving an A*-C grade.
- Support for the English GCSE groups via the deployment of additional staff. Again some excellent improvement with a jump of 14% to 60% good GCSE passes.
- Supporting aspirational trips to Universities.

- Fees to allow us access to Aim Higher activities. Promoting high expectations, particularly from the FSM group is a high priority for Southborough High.
- Supporting the rewards structure in the school.
- Buying in support for the Jack Peachey Speak Out Borough competition. (Which we won!)

Individual Student Support:

- Music lessons.
- Membership of Tolworth Recreation Centre
- Private Tuition
- Financial support for educational trips such as geography field trips.
- Computer hardware.