

Pupil premium strategy statement – Avanti House School

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2024 to 2025 academic year) 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 had within our school.

School overview

Detail	Pupil data
School name	Avanti House School
Number of pupils in school	898 pupils (Year 7 to 11) 282 pupil (year 12 to 13) Total 1180
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	Years 7 to 11 (53/898) 5.9% Years 7 to 13 (62/1180) 5.3%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2024 – 2027 (Year 1)
Date this statement was published	November 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	July 2025
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Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£ 68,310
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£ 3,765
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£ 0
Total budget for this academic year If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	£ 72,075

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Avanti House Secondary exists to help each person become a well-rounded human being through intellectual, moral, and spiritual growth, and so to make the world a better place.

Our priority and focus for our three-year pupil premium strategy is to provide an inspirational and inclusive teaching and learning environment with outstanding teaching and learning. Our ultimate goal is that no child is left behind socially or academically due to their circumstances of being disadvantaged.

We strive to removing any barriers of low expectations and ensure that our pupils receive educational excellence whilst developing their character and spiritual insight in becoming a well-rounded human being.

Our Pupil Premium Plan aims to address the main barriers our children face and through rigorous tracking, careful planning and targeted support and intervention, provide all children the access and opportunities to enjoy academic success.

Quality first teaching is at the heart of our approach, with regular communication with all key leads to ensure all our disadvantaged students are targeted with appropriate and individualised support and access to resources. Research demonstrates that this approach is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantage attainment gap and at the same time will benefit all groups of learners at our school. Implicit in the intended outcomes detailed below, is the intention that non-disadvantaged pupils' attainment will be sustained and improved alongside progress for their disadvantaged peers.

We will ensure that all teaching staff are involved in the analysis of data and identification of pupils, so that they are fully aware of strengths and weaknesses across the school.

We will routinely make use robust diagnostic assessment, and routine assessment of whole school data throughout the academic year to ensure optimum progress and outcomes for all disadvantaged students. Assessments include both Summative and Formative assessments.

All our intentions feed into a category of our school development plan and remain at the heart of our continuing journey for improvement.

The approaches we have chosen to focus on provide a coherent sequence of actions to support all disadvantaged and vulnerable learners to succeed in all areas of the curriculum. To ensure they are effective we will:

- Further develop our whole school CPD and a collective approach to ensure that all can interpret key data sets and take an active role in providing support and interventions for disadvantaged students and work effectively as a team to raise expectations.
- Continue to revisit in class subject specific teaching strategies for PP / vulnerable students across the curriculum
- To further enhance our curriculum planning for all subjects with a key focus on literacy.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	All staff to utilise the strategies provided for students with additional needs or those that are disadvantaged to ensure that barriers to learning are removed thus ensuring their best life chances and to ensure that the quality of education for all students is maximised through the use of assessment and data and to further develop the curriculum by utilising data to inform classroom practice through Quality First Teaching.
2	Pupil premium students may not have the financial resources to support and access enrichment and additional study (e.g., trips, study guides) which complement the broad and balanced curriculum aspiration we have for all students. We aim to ensure disadvantaged students have access to a range of extracurricular and cultural capital opportunities.
3	Outline of a detailed monitoring and tracking programme for academic, pastoral and financial outcomes so any gaps of underachievement are addressed with the intent of narrowing any gaps based on this information.
4	To expand and further develop the provisions for disadvantaged students for all year groups up to and including post 16 and to ensure that they are well prepared for Higher educational institutes including Universities.

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
Attainment and progress for disadvantaged pupils across the curriculum is in line or above their target grade and at KS3, with a particular focus on PE, Performing Arts, Music and Literacy.	At the end of each year cycle whole school pupil data shows sustained progress of good / exceptional for this group of learners and attainment in line with their target grade. Formative and Summative assessments will be used to monitor any deviation.
Ensure that no pupil leaves Avanti House Secondary without a place for future next steps i.e., they must be in Higher education, apprenticeship, employment or training. And to ensure that no PP or DA pupils have a reduced curriculum, and the planned curriculum builds towards addressing any gaps in pupils' knowledge and skills.	Post 16 and 18 monitoring and tracking with metrics being discussed after each data point and half term. To ensure that over 95% are on the correct course by October half term. Monitor those that could possibly swap subjects. Attendance and participation to workshops (100%).
Quality assure teaching across each subject rigorously through learning walks, observations and departmental focus and to consolidate Quality First Teaching (QFT).	Measured against Teaching Standards through Quality Assurance. Data will reflect a positive incline towards outstanding teaching over time.

Pupil premium attendance will be in line with non-pupil premium students.	Increased and sustained attendance for pupil premium students will be monitored and any absences will be followed up by Pastoral Leads and the attendance team in order to maintain attendance and reduce any persistence absence that may arise.
Improve wellbeing, self-esteem and enrichment opportunities for all disadvantaged students.	<p>Increased and sustained levels of wellbeing will be:</p> <p>Tracked and monitored by Progress Leads. Qualitative data from student voice, student and parent surveys and form tutor/ Heads of Year observations will also be analysed.</p> <p>An increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged students will continue to be endorsed through the offering of music lessons, dance, DofE, Cadets and school trips.</p>
The current curriculum meets the needs of PP and DA's pupils. All SOW is specifically planned with additional provisions made for PP pupils.	All subjects to have curriculum link to the strategies used for PP students.

Activity in this academic year

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

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £ 40,986

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Teaching and Learning focus on evidence-based strategies to support Quality First Teaching.	Supporting the Attainment of Disadvantaged Pupils (DFE, 2015) suggests high quality teaching as a key aspect of successful schools. In conjunction with EEF's diagnostic strategies to be implemented.	1
Improving literacy in all subject areas in line with recommendations in the EEF Improving Literacy in Secondary Schools guidance. This academic year 2024/25, we will focus on literacy across the curriculum to devise key strategies and implement targeted interventions across the school. It will be led and implemented first in English to help raise attainment for disadvantaged students.	Acquiring disciplinary literacy is key for students as they learn new, more complex concepts in each subject: Improving Literacy in Secondary Schools Reading comprehension, vocabulary and other literacy skills are heavily linked with attainment in all subjects. GL assessments and KS2 data to be used together to formulate solid baselines.	1,3
Academic improvement in all years. Focused meeting with Progress Leads in Year 11 and 13 and planned interventions across all subjects.	Rigorous monitoring and tracking of pupil progress through all faculties with regular updates on progress with a bespoke SLT link. Evidence indicates that mastery learning can deliver approximately five additional months' progress on average. (EEF 2020)	3 and 4
Training will be provided for staff to ensure assessments and consequent whole school data is analysed and acted upon correctly by all members of staff at all levels. To include GL assessments and utilise ALPS and FFT to draw analysis. Implementation of SISRA to support leaders to closely monitor and track whole school data and acted upon appropriately by all members of staff.	Standardised tests allow reliable insights into the specific strengths and weaknesses of each pupil to help ensure they receive the correct additional support through interventions or teacher instruction: Standardised tests Assessing and Monitoring Pupil Progress Education Endowment Foundation EEF	1, 2, and 3

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

Budgeted cost: £ 3,765

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Curriculum based interventions and financial support for specific learning resources.	Pupils may require targeted academic support to assist language development, literacy, or numeracy. Interventions should be carefully linked to classroom teaching and matched to specific needs, whilst not inhibiting pupils' access to the curriculum. Supporting resources: • The EEF's 'Selecting Interventions' tool offers evidence-informed guidance to select an apt programme. • The EEF has dedicated web pages on effective approaches to support literacy and numeracy. Levels of parental engagement are consistently associated with improved academic outcomes.	1, 2 and 4
Dedicated Teaching Assistants to support targeted interventions using data from monitoring and tracking systems.	EEF Improving Literacy guidance report (2019) recommendation 7 is to provide quality literacy interventions and appropriate assessment tools to match students to relevant interventions.	1 and 3
Books and revision guides provided to students as part of year 11 strategy.	To facilitate independent study and engage parental support. EEF suggest +8 months progress for meta-cognition and self-regulation.	2
Music and Dance tutoring	Expanding co-curricular experiences and skills helps to develop self-confidence in pupils and is part of our drive to raise aspirations of DA pupils.	2
One-2-one pastoral and academic support for pupils next steps (key focus on Year 10, 11 and 13)	Careers focus for all pupils whereby one-2-one meetings are conducted by an external advisor. Form tutors, Progress leads, and Senior leads have allocation of pupils that they oversee for pupils next steps in their academic career. Support through visiting Universities and Degree apprenticeships are documented.	2 and 4

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

Budgeted cost: £ 27,324

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
PP Coordinator role	A well-managed assessment and finance plan for the year.	1, 2, 3, and 4
Improve enrichment opportunities and uptake (including outdoor activities, arts, culture capital and trips) for all disadvantaged students.	Extracurricular activities are an important part of education. These approaches may increase engagement in learning, but it is important to consider how increased engagement will be translated into improved teaching and learning. Supporting resources: • The EEF Toolkit has a strand on arts participation. University of Northampton research increase cultural capital and engagement EEF Toolkit - +4 months for outdoor adventure learning Disadvantage starts before school – 2/5 attainment gap before a child is 5. A child's birth becomes its destiny. 'The Matthew Effect' suggests the disadvantaged will get more disadvantaged over time. Cultural Capital: disadvantaged	2 and 4
Duke of Edinburgh's Award & CCF (Cadet Forces)	Nationally accepted and evidenced, cultural and social mobility development activity. Externally assessed and awarded commendation EEF Toolkit - +4 months for outdoor adventure learning	2 and 4
Financial support for uniform, additional extra qualifications, footwear for clubs and ICT needs.	There are a range of approaches which aim to improve school attendance. Levels of parental engagement are consistently associated with improved academic outcomes	2 and 3

Total budgeted cost: £ 72,075

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 2023 to 2024 academic year.

2023-2024 Progress 8 for PP pupils was 0.79.
2023-2024 Attainment 8 for PP pupils was 5.64.

Comparison within AHSS

The Overall Attainment 8 gap between PP (5.64) and Non PP (6.68) is -1.04 within Avanti House Secondary School. Previous gap was -0.1 in 2023 and -1.6 in 2022.

Progress 8 indicator (2024 currently not DfE approved) suggests a -0.35 gap between PP (0.79) and Non PP (1.14) within AHSS. Previous P8 gap in 2023 was +0.31 and in 2022 was -0.78.

	AHSS PP	AHSS Non PP	Difference
9-7 in English and Maths	46.7%	49.7%	-3%
9-5 in English and Maths	66.7%	87.6%	-20.9%
9-4 in English and Maths	80%	95.9%	-15.9%

A clear highlight is the 9-7 difference between PP and Non PP (-3%), the gap has been reduced in this category. The gaps in the 9-5 and 9-4 categories are being reduced and will be an area of focus this year using the strategies outlined.

Comparison with National

AHSS shows a considerably positive difference of +1.89 between National PP Attainment 8 (3.75) and that of AHSS PP Attainment 8 (5.64).

AHSS are well above the National A8 PP data in all bands (9-7, 9-5 and 9-4) for English & Maths

National PP 9-7 in English and Maths = 6%, **AHSS PP = 46.7% (+40.7% difference)**

National PP 9-5 in English and Maths = 29%, **AHSS PP = 66.7% (+37.7% difference)**

National PP 9-4 in English and Maths = 48%, **AHSS PP = 80% (+32% difference)**

When comparing AHSS PP A8 data to those of National – All pupils and National Non PP. AHSS data is well above the National average.

Attainment 8	National All Pupils	National Non PP	AHSS PP
9-7 in English and Maths	12.5%	25%	46.7%
9-5 in English and Maths	47%	52%	66.7%
9-4 in English and Maths	66%	72%	80%

13 out of 15 (87%) achieved Grade 4 in both English and Maths, 9 (60%) pupils in English achieved a Grade 9-7 and in Maths, this was 47%.

Strategies that have helped support in acquiring the 2024 GCSE grades.

- PP pupils had extra support from the library after school facilitated by a member of staff
- Targeted intervention took place on a regular basis during form time and after school
- Revision guides were issued and monitored
- Continuous monitoring and tracking of pupils were made through regular “well-being” phone calls and emails
- Mentoring and coaching by CCF lead took place with positive outcomes for PP
- “Catch-up” fund was carefully deployed in across a number of subjects via the National Tutoring Programme.

Our evaluation of this progress is based on a number of factors which include effective identification of need and reducing barriers to learning. This may include specific subject intervention or support to access homework and additional support where required.

As evidenced in schools across the country, despite provisions in place as above staff and student absences were most detrimental to our disadvantaged pupils, however the overall attendance for disadvantaged pupils has increased from 92.96% to 93.19% this is well above the national average and the consistency of students attending school and engaging is a testament to the relationships built with both students and parents.

Throughout the school year ‘pupil premium’ and ‘recovery premium’ funding supported leaders in providing further targeted support to disadvantaged students, those with SEND and students with safeguarding concerns. Through our whole school monitoring, evaluation and review cycle we have ensured that quality first teaching, targeted support and wider support strategies have been implemented effectively.

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
Inspire Scholars Programme	The Brilliant Club
Additional after school tutoring for underperforming pupils	NTP – M2R

Service pupil premium funding (optional)

For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information:

Measure	Details
How did you spend your service pupil premium allocation last academic year?	N/A
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	N/A

Further information (optional)

For Pupil Premium, spending, we also allocate a small amount throughout the year on subject specific interventions. Departments can request funding but must show the rational and evidence base for the funding request. Previous applications have included new software, access to online learning like GCSE Pod, SENACA learning and Up Learn. PP funding can also be requested to support with resources that will impact teaching and learning for all including classroom resources and additional rewards and trips. We also set aside part of the Pupil premium funding to subsidise uniform and footwear costs that all Pupil premium families can access.