

Additional Information Pupil Premium

The school's Pupil Premium funding is being used in a number of ways to ensure a full range of benefits to students, including academic and extra-curricular activities. These include:

Funding of the Accelerated Reader programme (AR) for all Year 7 and 8 students

This important programme is designed to boost literacy levels while encouraging a love of reading – with a resulting improvement in comprehension, vocabulary and language. This should lead to better access to the rest of the curriculum and greater opportunity for success with GCSEs.

Data from the programme shows clear and measurable progress for students and in many cases the transformation of previously reluctant readers.

PP students are closely monitored with many showing outstanding progress and a substantial improvement in their reading age. The AR programme is run by the PP Learning Co-ordinator (below).

“AR has really helped my reading. My reading level has gone up by 4 years and I'm reading far more now. I've discovered Robert Muchamore and I love his books.”

Frankie Martin (9Dg)

A dedicated PP Learning Co-ordinator

The PP Co-ordinator puts greater emphasis on PP students, raises awareness and arranges PP-centred activities and academic support as well as providing positive and welcoming support in all aspects of school life for the students.

Tailored academic support, 1 to 1 support and early intervention in KS3

PP funding allows provision for personalised timetables with a focus on literacy and numeracy. Plus the introduction of a lunchtime Maths club, afternoon registration reading and comprehension groups and the use of peer mentoring.

Leaders of Achievement

New, designated Leaders of Achievement assist in monitoring the progress of PP students. A Learning Enquiry Group develops school teaching and learning practices, targeting PP students as a specific group.

Student Film

PP funds were used to finance a high quality short film made entirely by student film makers at Kingsmead. A team of over 30 students wrote, produced and directed the film, as well as starred in it, and all sound and lighting crew were made up of Year 7 and 8 pupils. There is no doubt that some real talent was unearthed. This unique opportunity gave many students their first taste of film making and many are keen to pursue this area further. The film is now available to watch on Somerset TV and has been distributed to dozens of independent cinemas for screening.

"It was a great experience and a lot of fun. It brought a big team together and I enjoyed every minute of it. As director, I was able to make creative choices to improve the film. It's something I really want to do again."
Elliot Risely (8Be)

10 Radio

The school has helped community radio station 10 Radio to move into new premises within the school grounds. With a radio station now on site, students have an incredible opportunity to present regular shows and help with school broadcasts. This has resulted in more students taking part in 10 Radio activities and the discovery of many talented presenters. Such an enriching experience is likely to serve them well in the future and expose a new career option.

"This is a great opportunity. It's fun and I hope to present radio shows as a career in the future."
Maddy Mansfield (7Rt)

Greenpower Racing Car

PP funds are supporting the construction of a single seater battery powered racing car at Kingsmead. The finished car will race in heats against other schools and hopefully compete in the Greenpower finals at Goodwood. Students from Years 7/8/9 have worked skilfully and enthusiastically on this exciting project which makes great use of their design and engineering skills and provides a taste of this career area.

"I've chosen Engineering as an option for Year 9 because I've really enjoyed helping to build the racing car. I've cut panels, shaped them and riveted them onto the body. It's a great team project, and I can't wait till we start racing."
Morgan Smith (8Gn)

School Trips

Numerous school trips have been financed through PP funds and this will continue. This includes trips to Plymouth University to try to inspire students to make University education an aspiration. Other trips include an Exmoor Woodland Survey trip in conjunction with Petroc College and the EDF/Hinkley Point Careers in Construction/Engineering project, this girls-only event raising awareness of careers not normally considered by girls.

School Trips – Plymouth University/Skills South West Careers Fair

"It was an enjoyable trip and made me think about my future. I learnt a lot, especially at the University. I now definitely want to go to University."

Kayla Lech-Thomas (10Ft)

School Trips – Girls in Construction and Engineering

"I had a great time. I learnt loads of different things and I really enjoyed the electrical work. There are some great opportunities for girls in these industries."

Helen Lewis (8Be)

Motor Vehicle Workshop

Funds have been used to give sessions in the Motor Vehicle Workshop for students in Years 7 and 8 as an introduction to the subject. Students can then make an informed decision about Engineering as a possible option.

Individual Student Allocations

PP funding has allowed individual students to benefit directly and offer new opportunities in school. This includes the introduction of PP financed music tuition. Other requests made directly from students have been met, such as revision guides and laptops.

Summer School

PP funds will allow consideration for a future Summer School, with the focus being PP students.

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