

Sutton Grammar School - Pupil Premium Statement Autumn 2018

All schools now receive additional funds to support those pupils in years 7-11 who are or have been in receipt of free school meals. The amount for each student at the school who has been on free school meals at any time in the last six years was £935 in 2017/18. The total funding received at Sutton Grammar School for pupil premium was £5160 in 2011/12, £19,133 in 2012/13, £32,400 in 2013/14, £40,205 in 2014/15, £37,400 in 2015/16, £33,660 in 2016/17, £34,595 in 2017/18 and we have received £35,530 for 2018/19. The growth over the first four years had two features – increasing unit value (more recently constant at £935 per student) and growing numbers of eligible students. The numbers eligible for pupil premium has slightly declined in the last four years. The Admissions Committee is consulting (Autumn 2018) on changes to the admissions policy that recognises that deprivation is likely to be a factor that affects the scores of students in the admissions tests and we are introducing a correction factor to take this into account. The impact should be that more students eligible for pupil premium gain places at the school. At the very least their primary schools will see that we are actively seeking to encourage applications from this type of student and possibly this will encourage more disadvantaged students to apply.

Nationally, many pupils in receipt of free school meals make less good progress than other students and this funding is intended to help schools to narrow the gap. At Sutton Grammar School the number of students in this category is relatively small at about 7 students per year group of 4 or 5 forms. It is rising; the numbers in years 8 and 9 are now ten per year group. The support provided at Sutton Grammar School means that these students make just as much progress as the other students. The progress and attainment of those pupils on Pupil Premium in year 11 is monitored and the aim is to ensure that every boy is given support and encouragement to do his best possible.

In the last five summers the cohort of year 11 students in receipt of Pupil Premium has made progress close to the results of the whole cohort of students. In recent years this disadvantaged group outperformed the rest of the year group in attainment and progress in 2014 and in 2018. In other years, the differences have been very small, usually much less than some of the differences between ethnic groupings; and none of them have any statistical significance. The attainment difference is marginal. In 2017 there were 8 year 11 students in receipt of pupil premium. Their attainment 8 average was 72.6 compared with the year average of 75.2, both up on the previous year; one of the eight had carer responsibilities which impacted on his results and so also on the average for the eight PP students. In 2018 there were 7 year 11 students in the group. In attainment at GCSE, two of them were in the top 10, three in the next 50 and the other two between rank 100 and 110 out of 120. The two who did the least well were typical of other students in that section of our results – they didn't 'up their game' after the mocks and despite teacher confidence that they could have done better they remained adrift of their target grades. Neither were in the small group who performed well below targets and predicted grades. All seven students in the pupil premium cohort have stayed at Sutton Grammar School for their sixth form studies.

We monitor the progress of **all** students and set ambitious targets for all our students. The pupil premium funding is used to pay for a range of measures that help all students who may need extra support. Some of the expenditure has contributed to the extensive range of extra-curricular clubs and societies for which the parents of other pupils make a voluntary contribution, and ensuring that students on free school meals or pupil premium benefit from educational trips without charge, including the residential component for which a charge could have been made. There is a small subsidy to the school canteen service that provides a pre-school breakfast service in addition to the daily hot meal at lunchtime. The cost of the free school meal does not come from the pupil premium. Some support for the purchase of school uniform and educational equipment has been provided.

Academic departments provide a range of support classes outside normal lesson time and in maths and science there is some in-lesson additional support for a variety of students that includes those on free school meals but, importantly, is provided for those students that most need it, irrespective of entitlement to free school meals. The progress measures show that those students on free school meals are being supported to achieve just as highly as other students.

Parents are also supported through the provision of 'parent information meetings' with speakers who are expert in their field.

In 2017/18 a total of £15,375 was spent supporting a range of curricular and extra-curricular elements that contribute to a Sutton Grammar Education and are not supported by the pupil grant received through the local formula. These include: Challenge Days, provision of language assistants, pre-school sports clubs, Saturday sport, a counsellor for confidential one-to-one support, study skills from external motivational providers, drama and music opportunities beyond lessons.

In 2017/18 a total of £11,530 was spent on specific extras for those pupils for whom the school was in receipt of pupil premium. For example, all resources, revision guides, theatre trips, CCF camp fees and other trips including the residential element normally charged to other students, and fees for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. Additional to the support described in the previous paragraph pupil premium students also received free instrumental lessons in music and free LAMDA lessons.

In 2017/18 a total of £7,690 was allocated for the part payment of pastoral and academic support available to all students, but with extra time allocated to those in need. For example we have a Head of Academic Support who analyses progress data and manages our system of mentor support. The Head of Upper School has had time allocated for the supervision of needy students in his cohort. Pupil Premium students are allocated additional form tutor time in the form extract periods.

We consider that the school has the balance of support about right – it is enabling the Pupil Premium cohort to participate in our wide extra-curricular programme on an equal basis with

better off students. Where it is possible, extra opportunities are offered preferentially (but confidentially) to those who we consider would not be able to afford such enrichment activities.

One main school student qualifies for a higher level of pupil premium in 2018/19 and is not included in the figures and description above.

Older students can also apply for discretionary bursaries in the sixth form. Such bursaries help students from less well-off homes to stay into the sixth form. The number of claims for bursaries has been rising faster than the Pupil Premium with significant numbers of disadvantaged students joining the school at the start of the Sixth Form. The school receives funding in line with historical spending on bursaries and spends the full amount received each year – the vast majority for discretionary bursaries valued around £600 per eligible student. Students are invited to apply for bursaries in a letter issued with GCSE and Year 12 results which is also available on the school website.