Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2023 to 2024 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	Data
School name	Queen Elizabeth's Academy
Number of pupils in school	848
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	41%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2023/24 to 2025/26
Date this statement was published	December 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	December 2024
Statement authorised by	Donna Percival
Pupil premium lead	Matt Watson
Governor / Trustee lead	Anthony Garvin Darby

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£332,235
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£88,598
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0.00
Total budget for this academic year	£420,831
If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Our aim is for all pupils, regardless of background, to make progress that is in-line with or above national benchmarks and achieve high attainment across the curriculum.

Our intention is to ensure that disadvantaged pupils achieve that goal, including progress for those who are already high attainers. We will consider the challenges faced by vulnerable pupils, such as those who have a social worker and young carers. The activity we have outlined in this statement is also intended to support their needs, regardless of whether they are disadvantaged or not.

High-quality teaching through fully guided instruction is central to our approach, with a focus on research informed strategies that are proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantage attainment gap and at the same time will benefit the non-disadvantaged pupils in our school. All students will be able to access our broad and balanced knowledge rich curriculum, irrespective of their background. No student's learning will be limited due to barriers to learning that they might have, such as a vocabulary deficit and reading comprehension.

Our approach will be responsive to common challenges and individual needs, rooted in robust formative and summative assessment, not assumptions about the impact of disadvantage. The approaches we have adopted complement each other to help pupils excel. To ensure they are effective we will:

- ensure disadvantaged pupils are challenged in the work that they're set.
- act early to intervene at the point need is identified.
- Create a whole school culture in which all staff take responsibility for disadvantaged pupils' outcomes and raise aspiration of what they can achieve.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Progress Gap Between PP and non-PP students
	Our assessments and observations show that our Pupil premium students performed below the national average at Y11 in 2023 and when compared with the performance of non-PP students.
2	Attendance of Pupil Premium Pupils
	Our data shows that our Pupil premium students are more likely to have a lower attendance rate at the academy and therefore are in danger of becoming PA or SA.
3	Literacy
	Our assessments and observation show that our Pupil Premium students are more likely to have a deficit in reading comprehension skills and strategic reading skills for assessment and examination, including engaging with and interpreting texts. Pupils with poor reading struggle to read independently, and so read less. As a result, they do not accumulate the background knowledge and vocabulary they need to improve their comprehension.
4	Wellbeing and Mental Health Issues
	Our assessments, discussions and observations show that disadvantaged pupils are more likely to have social and emotional / self-confidence and mental health issues compared to non-disadvantaged pupils.
5	Raising aspirations of all students in particular Pupil premium.
	Our discussions and observations have identified that some disadvantaged pupils lack aspiration and ambition and as a result have less clarity around career goals and how to achieve them, compared to non-disadvantaged.

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
To close the P8 gap between PP and Non PP pupils.	P8 for PP students is -0.6 by August 20230.3 by August 2024 and 0 by 2025.
To close the attendance gap between PP and Non PP pupils.	Attendance for PP students is 85.3% by August 2024, in line with national data, 86.5% by 2025 and 88% by 2026.
Improve reading comprehension skills and outcomes.	 Observations, diagnostic analysis and student attainment will show that: Students will be able to apply their tier 2 and 3 vocabulary in a variety of contexts and subjects. Students will be able to read fluently and strategically across all subjects to fully access the curriculum and improve outcomes. Students will be able to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding through discussion, articulation of ideas and spoken expression.
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all pupils in our school, particularly our disadvantaged pupils.	Sustained high levels of wellbeing from demonstrated by: • Qualitative data from student voice, student and parent surveys and teacher observations • A significant increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged pupils • A high proportion of students, particularly PP and deemed most vulnerable, have access to school counsellor to support with their social and emotional development.

Activity in this academic year

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

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £147,293

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
CPD:Research and educational courses	https://d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net/eef-guidancereports/effective-professional-development/EEFEffective-Professional-Development-GuidanceReport.pdf	1, 2, 4
 Instructional Coaching Leadership meetings PP/ SEND 	Teacher professional development is based on: Building knowledge Motivating teachers Developing teacher techniques Embedding practice	
Broad and balanced curriculum inc pastoral and Christian values	Embedding practice	
Whole school PD model		

 Fully guided instruction. Whole school Culture Pastoral curriculum includes sessions on: 	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/behaviour-interventions	2, 3, 4, 5
Behaviour Curriculum	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/behaviour?utm_source=/education-evidence/guidance-reports/behaviour&utm_medium=search&utm_campaign=site_search&search_term=behaviour The behaviour curriculum- explicitly teaching students how to behave both in the classroom and wider academy site, with the intention of reducing behaviour incidents and resulting suspensions. This also includes safeguarding, child on child abuse, bullying. The learning curriculum- explicit sessions on how we learn best (how to know more), what good recall looks like, revision (how to remember more) and careers. The pastoral curriculum – explicit sessions linked to the QEA core values and how they can be shown both within the academy and within the community.	

Learning Curriculum Powerful Knowledge How we Learn Retrieval Modelling Respond like a Scholar Employability Careers **Pastoral Curriculum** Community Charities Key Events (E.G. Remembrance) Christian Distinctiveness Equality and Diversity

British Values

Assessment, tracking and close monitoring of progress in reading to identify struggling readers KS3-4	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/reading-comprehension-strategies Effective diagnosis of reading difficulties is important in identifying possible solutions, particularly for older struggling readers. Pupils can struggle with decoding words, understanding the structure of the language used, or understanding particular vocabulary, which may be subject-specific.	1,3
An analytical approach to diagnosing issues ensures that leaders design additional teaching and intervention programmes to meet pupils' specific reading needs KS3-4.		
Ensure that all staff explicitly teach tier 2 and 3 vocabulary in all lessons	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks3-ks4 Effective strategies to ensure key vocabulary is used correctly and embedded in long term memory.	1, 3
Ensure that staff explicitly model and so support pupils to apply comprehension strategies independently	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks3-ks4 'Disciplinary literacy', an approach to improving literacy across the curriculum. It recognises that literacy skills are both general and subject specific, underlining the value of supporting teachers in every subject to teach students how to read, write and communicate effectively in their subjects.	1, 3

Strategies in lesson, tutor time and interventions focus on reading fluency and automaticity	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/eef-blog-shining-a-spotlight-on-reading-fluency Fluency is the ability to read a text accurately, quickly, and with expression. Reading fluency is important because it provides a bridge between word recognition and comprehension.	1, 3
A focus on oracy in lessons and through interventions ensures that pupils apply their knowledge and comprehension	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/oral-language-interventions Based on the idea that comprehension and reading skills benefit from explicit discussion of either content or processes of learning, or both, oral language interventions aim to support learners' use of vocabulary, articulation of ideas and spoken expression.	1,3
Reduce KS4 class sizes	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/reducing-class-size?utm_source=/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/reducing-class-size&utm_medium=search&utm_campaign=site_searchh&search_term Reducing class size is an approach to managing the ratio between pupils and teachers, as it is suggested that the range of approaches a teacher can employ and the amount of attention each student will receive will increase as the number of pupils per teacher becomes smaller. Actively overstaffed in core subjects to reduce class sizes at KS4, particularly Y11, this will benefit PP in numerous ways.	
Experienced staff teaching PP students particularly at KS4.	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports Evidence indicates that high quality teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve pupil attainment, including for disadvantaged pupils. Schools should focus on building teacher knowledge and pedagogical expertise, curriculum development, and the purposeful use of assessment. Experienced teachers: 1. understand the content they are teaching and how it is learnt 2. create a supportive environment for learning	1,2,3,5

	manage the classroom to maximise opportunity to learn present content, activities and interactions that activate their students' thinking Thus, allowing all students including PP to access the curriculum and excel.	
Pupil Progress	Introduction of Pupil Progress software at KS4. This enable live tracking through the qualification, allowing early identification of underperformance by micro populations and any gaps in learning and knowledge. Emphasis on the classroom and understanding pupils in front of professionals, PP students will benefit from early identification of underperformance. Software will support curriculum development and sequencing of 5 years plans.	1, 3, 5

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

Budgeted cost: £104,825

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Quality feedback and discussion: PP groups OR 1:1 who may or may not have barriers to reading and learning beyond reading ability.	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education- evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/reading-comprehension-strategies www.gov.uk/government/publications/now-the-whole-school-is-reading- supporting-struggling-readers-in-secondary-school Feedback sessions support pupils to understand their progress and gaps in reading comprehension and strategies. This feedback motivates pupils to engage in reading activities and assessment, build confidence and improve outcomes. Pupils would be able to talk about specific aspects of reading they are receiving help with.	1, 3
Flash Academy	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/reading-comprehension-strategies Flash Academy is an intensive one-to-one, personalised literacy tool, that supports learners to make progress with their reading. As a software tool, it can be used flexibly during intervention sessions or at home. It is particularly helpful for PP with EAL needs.	1, 3
Fresh Start	www.gov.uk/government/publications/now-the-whole-school-is-reading-supporting-struggling-readers-in-secondary-school https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/eef-publishes-independent-evaluation-of-read-write-inc-phonics-and-fresh-start	1, 3

	Some pupils need more intensive instruction on reading skills and benefit from intervention that teaches or revisits the basic foundations of reading: phonics, decoding, fluency.	
Recovery funded sessions /Master Classes.	 https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/educationevidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/small-group-tuition Intensive individual support, either one to one or as a small group, can support pupil learning. This is most effective if provided in addition to and explicitly linked with normal lessons. Tuition will be based on identification of learning gaps through assessment, careful selection of curriculum content. This is not always directed towards LA pp. 	1,3, 5
Y11 Critical cohort	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/mentoring https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/one-to-one-tuition One to one support for students who are failing to make expected progress. Students in the critical cohort will be invited to intervention sessions in the identified subjects and monitored throughout. Parents will be included in the process and will increased communication to support their child through Y11. Students will be identified based on thorough assessment and analysis at each collection point.	1,3, 5

Achievement coaches – Y7 & Y8 Pupil premium literacy groups 10 week programme.	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks3-ks4 https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/small-group-tuition	
Delivered by the Widening Access and Outreach team at Nottingham Trent University	One to one and small group sessions to work on literacy goals over a 10 week period. Coaching will promote the use of meta-cognitive and self-regulation skills, transferrable across the curriculum.	
Coaching – Leadership and Life coach	https://www.lukestaton.com/ https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education- evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/mentoring	2, 4, 5
	A six week block of coaching to support students with attendance, behavioural, emotional and future aspirations. Focus on KS4, PP students are targeted dependant on need and other strategies in place.	

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

Budgeted cost: £173,846

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Breakfast club	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/projects-and-evaluation/projects/magic-breakfast	2, 4
	• The EEF has independently evaluated the Magic Breakfast programme at KS1 and 2, we believe that access to a free breakfast for all- encouraging early starts at school, socialisation with peers, interaction with staff outside the classroom.	
	There is some evidence that providing free, universal, before-school breakfast clubs can benefit pupils, by preparing children for learning or supporting behaviour and school attendance.	
Coffee mornings	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/parental-engagement	2, 4
	It is crucial to consider how to engage with all parents to avoid widening attainment gap not just PP students.	
	 Research suggests that parental engagement is more effective with younger students, we will focus on Y7 and Y8 parents. 	
	 Sessions will provide practical strategies with tips, support, and resources to assist learning at home. 	
School Counsellor	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/social-and-emotional-learning	2, 4
	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-pupils-wellbeing#providing-pastoral-support	
	Prioritised appointments for Pupil Premium referrals.	

Introduction of family suppose workers at both KS3 and KS4.	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-pupils-wellbeing#providing-pastoral-support Specified support for PP pupils who are at risk of becoming PA from school. The role will offer home visits and a named member of staff to mentor students in school and ensure individual needs are met.	2, 4
Mentoring of Pupil Premium students.	 https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/mentoring Small group tuition is most likely to be effective if it is targeted at pupils' specific needs. Diagnostic assessment can be used to assess the best way to target support. One-to-one tuition and small group tuition are both effective interventions. Providing training to the staff that deliver small group support is likely to increase impact. Additional small group support can be effectively targeted at pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds, and should be considered as part of a school's pupil premium strategy. 	2, 4
Careers	 https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/aspiration-interventions Prioritised careers access for PP It is important to establish progression routes to raise aspirations and therefore student engagement in learning. 	2, 4, 5
Year 7: Journey to Higher Education (Whole year Group via Assembly)	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/278 117/RR296 -School and College-level Strategies to Raise Aspirations of High- achieving Disadvantaged Pupils to Pursue Higher Education Investigation.pdf Focus to close the attainment gap and enable all students to make informed decisions about higher education.	5

Delivered by the Widening Access and Outreach team at Nottingham Trent University		
Year 8 Myths about higher Education	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/278 117/RR296 -School and College-level Strategies to Raise Aspirations of High- achieving Disadvantaged Pupils to Pursue Higher Education Investigation.pdf	5
Whole year group via one hour classroom sessions.	Provides all pupils with the opportunity to investigate the realities of university and dispel common myths. Activities encourage pupils to identify how their own interests could help them decide which course they are most likely to study in the future.	
Delivered by the Widening Access and Outreach team at Nottingham Trent University		

Year 8 Pupil Premium campus visit. 60 targeted students, four hour visit to the campus. Delivered by the	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/278 117/RR296 -School and College-level Strategies to Raise Aspirations of High- achieving Disadvantaged Pupils to Pursue Higher Education Investigation.pdf Designed to help pupil premium students find out what university is all about and visualise their educational journey could look like beyond Y8. The activities encourage pupils to develop their communication and research skills, and build self-efficacy and confidence.	4, 5
Widening Access and Outreach team at Nottingham Trent University.		
Year 9 Pupil Premium – your skills, your future.	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/278 117/RR296 -School and College-level Strategies to Raise Aspirations of High- achieving Disadvantaged Pupils to Pursue Higher Education Investigation.pdf	2, 4, 5
60 targeted students, two, one hour, classroom sessions.	Pupils will take part in activities to identify their individual transferrable skills ad are encouraged to recognise how they can apply these throughout their educational journey.	

Delivered by the Widening Access and Outreach team at Nottingham Trent University.		
Year 10 Pupil Premium – your future, your choice. 60 targeted students, two, one hour, classroom sessions.	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/278 117/RR296 -School and College-level Strategies to Raise Aspirations of High-achieving Disadvantaged Pupils to Pursue Higher Education Investigation.pdf Pupils will investigate the main post 16 options following their GCSEs, using a framework to support their research process. The session will help pupils identify which values are important to them and how this can inform their decision making.	2, 4, 5
Delivered by the Widening Access and Outreach team at Nottingham Trent University.		

Year 11 What is Success?	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/278 117/RR296 -School and College-level Strategies to Raise Aspirations of High- achieving Disadvantaged Pupils to Pursue Higher Education Investigation.pdf	1, 4, 5
GCSEs and beyond. Whole year	Pupils focus on their own individual understanding of success and how committed they are to making it happen. Content supports in-school message regarding the importance of GCSEs and encourages pupils to access support when they need it so they get the results they deserve.	
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Delivered by the Widening Access and		
Outreach team at Nottingham Trent University.		

Total budgeted cost: £425,964

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 2022 to 2023 academic year.

The school strategies were implemented with limited success, at KS4 the pupil premium gap remained the same between pupil premium and non pupil premium students. The performance of pupil premium students with SEND worsened from a P8 score of –1.0 in 2022 to -1.65 in 2023.

The Y11 attendance gap remains between pupil premium and non-pupil premium students, 74% compared to 85.8% respectively. EAL students performed very well and achieved a P8 score of 0.46, above their FFT20 targets.

Implementation of Personal Learning Checklists as a strategy in 2022-23 had limited impact, effectively used to support students in some areas but not consistently across the academy. Strategy removed as the introduction of Pupil Progress software will allow greater support and challenge for individual students as well as providing detailed student reports. Students will have access to detailed qualification summaries that identify areas to improve and how many marks to move to the next grade, providing a real focus for all individuals, not just PP students.

The work delivered by the Fresh Starter strategy around literacy is starting to show impact, across all year groups students have improved their reading age by over 4 months compared to compared to expected improvement. EAL students attending Flash Academy are making progress and are now halfway through the two year course.

Wider strategies aimed at culture and behaviour continued to have impact, this was noted as a strength within the academy in both the SIAMS and Ofsted reports. QEA achieved a 'Good' outcome from both inspections. The pastoral curriculum did address issues around the 'social norm' and this work is on-going as highlighted by the 2023-24 pupil premium statement.

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
n/a	n/a
n/a	n/a

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)

Use this space to provide any further information about your pupil premium strategy. For example, about your strategy planning, or other activity that you are implementing to support disadvantaged pupils, that is not dependent on pupil premium or recovery premium funding.