

Pupil Premium at St Cuthbert's Catholic High School

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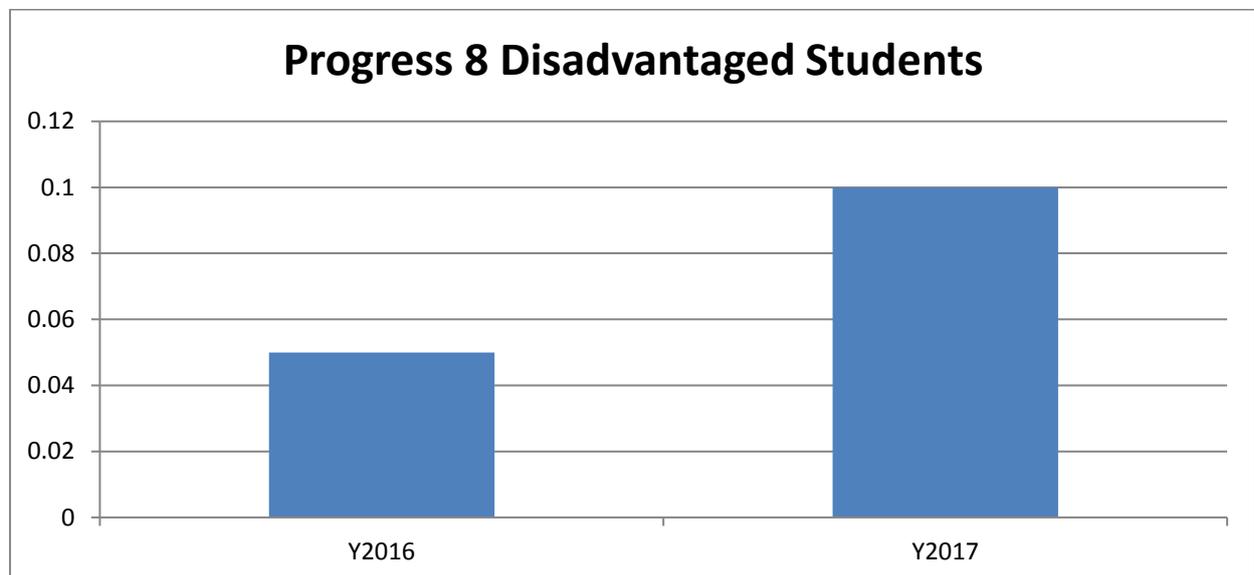
Introduction

Pupil premium is additional funding to schools for students who have been registered for free school meals. The government believes that the pupil premium additional funding will help tackle disadvantage by providing additional funding for those students who need it most.

Pupil premium was introduced in April 2011 and is allocated to work with students who have been registered for free school meals at any point in the last six years. Schools also receive funding for children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months, and children of service personnel.

At St Cuthbert's, we have an excellent record of closing the gap between our disadvantaged students and those who are not in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. We have the highest aspirations for all our students, regardless of social background, and allocate our resources so that they have maximum impact on student progress and learning. This is reflected by the fact that year on year our valued added scores, the expected progress that a student makes between Year 6 and Year 11, are significantly above national averages for both Pupil Premium students and non-Pupil Premium students. We are proud of this outstanding achievement.

The bar chart below compares the progress in summer 2017 and summer 2018 of disadvantaged students at St Cuthbert's.



Pupil Premium allocations to the school

<u>Academic Year</u>	<u>Pupil Premium</u>
2016-17	£251,515
2017-18	£277,695
2018-19	£273,020

Use of Pupil Premium

The funding is being used in the following ways:

1. Sustained increased teaching groups and time in English and Maths at KS3 and KS4
2. Reducing class sizes across the curriculum
3. Summer school (leadership focus for Y5/6)
4. Literacy support – 3 TAs
5. Leadership training – ‘character’ education (Fortis Dux, Debating ,Public Speaking, extensive extra-curricular offer)

1. Sustained increased teaching groups and time in English and Maths at KS3 and KS4

We have created additional classes in Maths and English across Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 to provide our more vulnerable students with extra support in the most important areas of the curriculum. The time allocation to English and Mathematics in the Curriculum has also been increased across both Key Stages.

We also run intensive tutor-time maths sessions for small groups of Year 11 students throughout the year.

Cost: £145,000

Commentary

The figures demonstrate that the Progress 8 scores in English and Mathematics for disadvantaged students have improved from 2017 to 2018. The additional time dedicated at Key Stage 3 to both subjects should feed into outcomes for subsequent years.

2. Reducing Class sizes across the curriculum

Across the curriculum, there are many classes with fewer than twenty students. Whilst smaller class sizes do not in themselves lead to improved attainment, they do allow for more one-to-one and small group support from the teacher during the lesson. This improves outcomes considerably, especially in those groups where students require more intervention. What is more, smaller class sizes are a result of the high degree of flexibility within our curriculum. In short, this means that the vast majority of our Key Stage 4 students study subjects that are most suited to their needs and preferences.

Cost: £44,000

Commentary

All our Pupil Premium students benefit from this strategy.

3. Summer School

A significant number of Year 5 and 6 students attend the summer school which directly focuses on Leadership.

Cost: £21,000

Commentary

A large majority of students arrive into Year 7 experiencing less of a 'dip' than would be otherwise expected and enables students to make rapid progress upon entry into Year 7. It also enhances their social skills and the establishment of friendship groups.

4. Literacy Support

Learning support assistants play a vital role in raising achievement across the school. They assist teachers in supporting some of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged students. Learning support assistants are deployed effectively by our teaching staff and offer one-to-one and small group support during lessons, ensuring that key concepts are firmly grasped and knowledge and understanding is consolidated.

Cost: £35,000

Commentary

The TAs are deployed by a senior leader and the progress of students in their care is monitored regularly for impact.

5. Leadership Training

The Fortis Dux programme overseen by the RE department is very popular with students and leads to significant character building in addition to the leadership opportunities. The debating society grows from strength to strength developing the leaders of tomorrow. The school has an impressive number of students participating and completing the Duke of Edinburgh Award with around 35 completing during the 2016 – 17 academic year. In addition, the school offers an extensive extra-curricular offer to students including sport, music, science, F1 and many more.

Cost: £25,000