

At SGS, we are keen to 'Combine Excellent Academic Achievement with Innovation and Traditional Values' to ensure that all our students achieve the very best they can; we support each individual in any way that we are able to help them achieve success.

Our work with Pupil Premium students has flourished year on year yet we are always striving to further improve our support for the students who are eligible for the Pupil Premium. Although our proportion of Pupil Premium students is low we are constantly investigating ways in which we can narrow the progress and attainment gap.

The Pupil Premium Grant is directed by the Government and the excerpt below is directly from their website.

### **Financial year 2017-18**

In the 2015 to 2016 financial year, schools will receive the following funding for each child registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years:

- £1,320 for pupils in reception year to year 6
- £935 for pupils in year 7 to year 11

Schools will also receive £2,300 for each pupil who has left local authority care because of any of the following:

- adoption
- a special guardianship order
- a child arrangements order
- a residence order

If a pupil has been registered as eligible for free school meals and has also left local authority care for any of the reasons above, they will attract the £2,300 rate.

Children who have been in local authority care for one day or more also attract £1,900 of pupil premium funding. Funding for these pupils doesn't go to their school; it goes to the virtual school head (VSH) in the local authority that looks after the child. VSHs are responsible for managing Pupil Premium funding for looked-after children.

The spend in 2017-18 was utilised in many areas including:

## **CURRICULUM – TEACHING AND LEARNING**

- Communication for Learning
- Literacy Support at KS3 & KS4
- Additional 1:1 coaching in specific subjects
- Music lessons with financial support
- Lowering of class sizes

The aim of the above strategies is to make a difference to individual students in terms of their levels of achievement and attainment. Some of our Pupil Premium students have benefitted immensely from the approaches that these strategies offer.

## **CARE, GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT**

- Nursing Services
- Learning Mentor Service
- Lunchtime daily drop-in for independent study/homework sessions with staff support
- School Uniform – provision of
- 1: 1 Support for Specific Difficulties
- Duke of Edinburgh – assistance with registration fees
- Foreign exchange visits – help with costs
- Parental Outreach Engagement Programme to help with partnership on homework, understanding of curriculum and other educational topics
- Daily Tutor sessions – where students touch base – dealing with both personal and academic matters
- Student ICT Support
- Training to ensure the School provides exceptional provision of Child Protection for Pupil Premium students
- Intervention from the Attendance Officer
- External Careers Support and Guidance

The majority of Pupil Premium students have benefitted from the services mentioned above.

The Vertical Form Tutor is one of the major keys to success with Pupil Premium implementation and they liaise with parents on an individual basis when necessary to ensure that entitled students are getting the very best opportunity. All teachers are aware of their role with Pupil Premium

students and are also actively involved with provision of services and/or hardware for the students.

The School had an audit of its Pupil Premium provision and at the start of the 2017-18 academic year the Senior Leadership Team structure was reviewed and the responsibility for tracking and monitoring the progress of PP students was taken on by one of the new Assistant Headteachers. This has also ensured a closer link with the Additional Needs and Head of House teams.

## **RESULTS**

There was a total of fifteen students in Year 11 who were entitled to Pupil Premium. All the students attended all examinations that they were entered for including two students who were dual registered.

Of the twelve students who sat their exams at SGS **100%** of the Pupil Premium students gained a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 4-9 including English and Mathematics.

The Progress 8 score was 0.63 indicating that Pupil Premium students attained over half a grade better on average than their targets.

Further information on Pupil Premium can be obtained from the School Business Manager.