

Pupil Premium Report 2017/18

All schools receive a Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) to support the education of disadvantaged students. The purpose of the Pupil Premium Grant is to close the achievement gap (attainment and progress) between students from low income families and their peers by ensuring that this funding reaches the students who need it most. Schools have the freedom to spend this funding as they see fit based upon their knowledge of pupil needs.

We are proud of the impact our use of this grant has made in supporting our disadvantaged students, and in closing the gap between PPG students and non-PPG students.

Pupil Premium Impact for 2016/17

Rainham Mark Grammar School: Summary Information			
Academic Year	2016/17	Total PPG allocation	£96,945
Total number of Pupils (KS3 & 4)	1,017	Number of pupils eligible for PP	108

The **£96,945** allocated to the school was used to help raise achievement of our most disadvantaged pupils. Careful thought has been given as to the way in which the school has used this funding to ensure the maximum positive impact on pupil attainment.

The school has been guided by research evidence gathered and produced by The Sutton Trust at Durham University on the most effective strategies to improve learning, particularly for disadvantaged pupils, as well as through sharing ideas and good practice with other schools throughout the country at The Pupil Premium Conference.

The Pupil Premium Grant was spent on the following:

- Educational Visits and Cultural/Social Development– Pupil premium funding has been used to provide financial support to enable students to attend educational visits they may have otherwise been unable to experience.
- Staff Training and Development – focusing on the most effective ways of tracking and monitoring students, especially groups such as PPG students.
- “The Willoughby Book Club” which sends PP-eligible KS3 students a new book in the post every month based on their interests. This is an excellent scheme used to encourage reading for pleasure.
- Homework Club – The school has continued to allocate some of the pupil premium funding to the provision of the ‘Biscuit Club’. This is an after school club run by teachers and Senior Students to enable all pupils who are experiencing problems with their knowledge and understanding of topics and/or have difficulty completing homework in their home environment.
- Easter Revision Workshops for GCSE and A Level examinations – Some of the pupil premium funding was allocated to the provision of revision workshops to help pupils with their revision for their forthcoming public examinations. Whilst pupils make a small contribution to the costs of this provision, the funding ensures that no pupil is ever excluded from these workshops for financial reasons.
- Musical instrument lessons- Some pupil premium funding was used to support PP-eligible students wishing to learn a musical instrument and help develop their talent.
- Cashless Catering System- The flagship programme for this year, the use of Pupil Premium funding has modernised the school canteen but more importantly enables Free School Meal students funded by PPG to feel in no way differentiated to their peers.

Pupil Premium Impact for Year 11 Students 2016/17

Year 11 Attainment 2016/17			
	PP-Eligible Students	Other Students	All Students
Number of Pupils	16	160	176
Percentage	9.1%	90.9%	100%
Progress 8 Score	0.13	0.28	0.26
Attainment 8 Score	63.16	64.26	64.16
5 A*-C incl. E & M	100%	98.75%	98.86%
Achieving A*/A grades	39.29%	45.19%	44.66%

The school has continued to demonstrate excellent results with our PP Provision and in bridging the gap between our PP-eligible students and their peers.

The positive Progress 8 value means on average our PP-Eligible students made above the expected progress from Key Stage 2 when compared nationally. The Attainment 8 value shows our PP-eligible students achieved very good results across their strongest 8 GCSE subjects, achieving an average score of 6.3 (the equivalent of a B).

The gap between PP-eligible students and the other students in the school was nominal.

Pupil Premium Strategy for 2017/18

Rainham Mark Grammar School: Summary Information			
Academic Year	2017/18	Total PPG allocation	£97,530
Total number of Pupils (KS3 & 4)	1,041	Number of pupils eligible for PP	116

For the academic year 2017/18, Rainham Mark is due to receive **£97,530** from the Pupil Premium fund. Our intention is to continue with our established programme of effective strategies; such as the homework club, Easter revision sessions, and musical instrument lessons, and to continue to monitor progress of our PP-eligible students. We are also intending to develop new effective strategies.

Some new proposals for academic year 2017/18 include:

- "The Rainham Mark Attainment Voucher" which will set aside £100 of a student's PPG fund. There will then be a discussion between school, student, and parent/guardian about how this money would be best-spent to improve their attainment. Examples could include a new desk, put towards a computer, a year's kindleunlimited membership, etc. This will not only improve student ownership and engagement of PPG, but also encourage parental involvement as well.
- Continue the successful Breakfast Club and looking at ways to develop its role in the school. In particular looking at ways of using the Breakfast Club as a form of intervention for students who are persistently late to school.
- Guest speakers running seminars to improve the attainment of our PP-eligible GCSE Drama students.