# **Pupil Premium Strategy**

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium for 2024/25 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
Pool Hayes Academy	Pool Hayes Academy
Number of pupils in school	1163 (99 Post 16)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	43.9 (468)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2022 to 2025
Date this statement was published	October 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	October 2025
Statement authorised by	Andrew Lawrence
Governor / Trustee lead	

# **Funding overview**

Detail	
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£470,400
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£470,400

### Part A: Pupil Premium Strategy Plan

#### Statement of intent

Our intention is that all pupils, irrespective of their background or the challenges they face, make good progress and achieve high attainment across the curriculum, particularly in EBacc subjects.

The focus of our pupil premium strategy is to support disadvantaged pupils to 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 is at the heart of our approach, with a focus on areas in which disadvantaged pupils require the most support. This is 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. Implicit in the intended outcomes detailed below, is the intention that non-disadvantaged pupils' attainment will be sustained and improved alongside progress for their disadvantaged peers.

Our strategy is also integral to wider school plans for education recovery, notably in its targeted support through the National Tutoring Programme for pupils whose education has been worst affected, including nondisadvantaged pupils.

Our approach will be responsive to common challenges and individual needs, rooted in robust diagnostic 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
- adopt a whole school approach in which all staff take responsibility for disadvantaged pupils' outcomes and raise expectations of what they can achieve

#### The Three Keys to Our Curriculum:

- To develop skills, knowledge and understanding that enables the individual to grow within each subject and holistically.
- To present opportunities that challenge preconceptions and develop new thinking.
- To secure recall and application in situations that enable students to invest in their learning.

#### Academy Transformation Trust's Statement of Intent

It is our core responsibility to ensure that students have access to the very best education possible. One of the most fundamental and influential aspects of a child's education is the curriculum that they have access to. The power of curriculum is immense. It has the power to not only transform an individual, but to also transform whole communities and shape their understanding of the world and their place in it. Therefore, it is imperative that the curriculum on offer within our academies is truly world class and gives students access to powerful knowledge that takes them far beyond what their own individual experience ever could. In order to achieve this, we must ensure

we expose all students 'to the best that has been thought and said and engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement'. To truly transform lives we must not only show students what is possible but inspire and instil the confidence in them to go out and do it. All learners in our academies will experience a curriculum that:

- 1. is ambitious and enjoyable through knowledge and skills developed from Foundation Stage to Post 16 and Adult provision.
- 2. is knowledge rich, ensuring access to a wide, global cultural capital thus maximising lifetime opportunities.
- 3. is inclusive, nurturing and tailored towards the needs of the individual.
- 4. is focused on developing the very best oracy, literacy, numeracy and digital skills enabling access to the widest learning and the very best careers possible to ensure we develop global citizens.
- 5. is enriching, ensuring all experience a rich variety of cultural, artistic and sporting activities.
- 6. is broad in terms of coverage and (at least) encompassing the breadth of the 2014 English National Curriculum.
- 7. celebrates the uniqueness of each educational setting in terms of localised knowledge and skills.
- 8. develops character, personal pride and the highest moral standards.
- 9. celebrates diversity, challenges injustice, promotes equality and encourages the creation of a better world.
- 10. is delivered by well-qualified, forward-thinking, skilled, passionate professionals.

### **Challenges**

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1 Progress in Maths.	The maths attainment of disadvantaged pupils is generally lower than that of their peers and teacher diagnostic assessments suggest that many pupils particularly struggle with problem solving tasks.
	Assessments on entry to year 7 in the last 2 years indicate that between 45- 47% of our disadvantaged pupils arrive below age-related expectations compared to 27.1 – 30.7% of their peers.
	Subsequent internal and external (where available) assessments show that this gap remains steady at around 16%.
	(Gap in 2019 between PP / NON PP 9-5 basics %)
2. Progress in English	Assessments, observations and discussion with KS3 pupils indicate that disadvantaged pupils generally have lower levels of reading comprehension than peers. This impacts their progress in all subjects.  On entry to year 7 in the last 2 years, between 40.0 – 44.7% of our disadvantaged pupils arrive below age-related expectations compared to 26.7.9-27.9% of their peers.  • Rigorous testing process in place to identify any needs for intervention.  • Disadvantaged achieve at least in line with national.

	a Dooding scores show a reduced can between DD and near disadvantaged leaves
	Reading scores show a reduced gap between PP and non-disadvantaged learners.      Didney increase in knowledge of knowledge literature shows the pure through law stakes.
	• Evident increase in knowledge of key skills in literacy shown through low stakes
	in- 6 class assessments, key skills starters, formal regular assessments and public
	examinations.
	Pupil voice shows increased confidence and enjoyment in English.
3. Limited Social and Cultural Capital	To give all pupils equal access to the enrichment and skills development opportunity.
	Affordable uniform with financial support available to PP learners. Equipment, such as stationery, GCSE subject specific equipment provided to PP learners where needed.
	PP parents are aware that they have access to financial support to assist with
	purchasing equipment and resources.
	Tutor equipment checks to show that PP learners are equipped for the school day in
	line with Non-PP learners. Teaching staff are quick to liaise with PP leads to ensure that any lack of equipment is quickly resolved.
	PP learners access breakfast club, music school, Duke of Edinburgh, career and Aim High events.
4. Aspiration	Low aspirations and self-esteem for a number of pupil premium pupils across all year groups is having a detrimental impact on their academic progress.
	Internal quality assurance suggests that disadvantaged pupils lack resilience and self-regulation strategies when faced with challenging tasks. This is having an adverse effect in terms of the achievement at secondary school but also in terms of their post 16 choices.
	Prioritised places are available on trips for PP learners to ensure fair access. Monitoring of extra-curricular activity attendance to show that at least 40% of attendees are PP.
	Activity leads are aware of the need to promote PP attendance and promote/invite/ prioritise PP learners
5.	By the end our plan:
	Ensure that we are taking highly effective action to support students who cannot
Behaviour and Attitude to	meet our behaviour expectations so that they can continue with their education.
Learning	Number of detentions decreased
3	Number of fixed exclusions decreased
	Number of permanent exclusions decreased
	Provide a Learning support unit. Primarily supports vulnerable students.
	Providing a nurturing environment, supporting students with a number of issues including poor mental health.
	Established reflection and internal exclusion room as well as developing a
	network of appropriate AP providers.
	Provide a BMR (Behaviour Modification Room) to support the behaviour
	system. This will support students who find it difficult to display positive learning
	behaviour in the classroom. A mentoring role focussing on reflecting on actions
	and restorative practice.
	Students to cover the same curriculum subjects whilst within the BMR and therefore no loss of learning and students get better teacher student ratios.
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6.
To achieve and sustain
improved attendance for all
pupils, particularly our
disadvantaged pupils.

#### By the end our plan:

- Sustained high attendance from 2024/25 demonstrated by:
- the overall absence rate for all pupils being no more than 5%, and the attendance gap between disadvantaged pupils and their Non disadvantaged peers being reduced by 2%.
- the percentage of all pupils who are persistently absent being below 15% and the figure among disadvantaged pupils being no more than 8% lower than their peers.

#### **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
1.	By the end our plan:
Progress in Maths.	
	• P8 score is greater than 0
Pupil Premium learners	• PP students to achieve, or exceed, 4+ basics, in line with national average for all
achieving at least in line with,	students.
or above national progress	Gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils is 0.0.     Disadvantaged
measures in maths at KS4.	achieve at least in line with national. • Rigorous testing process in place to identify any
Progress in KS3 maths for PP	needs for intervention.
learners is at or above their	Evident increase in knowledge of key skills in numeracy shown through low stakes in
expected attainment pathway	class assessments, key skills starters, formal regular assessments and public examinations.
	Effective use of key skills starters in maths support lessons.
	Pupil voice shows increased co confidence and enjoyment in mathematics.
2	By the end our plan:
	Reading tests demonstrate improved fluency and comprehension skills among
	disadvantaged pupils and will be in line or above their chronological age
Progress in English.	
	Internal quality assurance and work in books will demonstrate extended writing
Ensure there is challenge and	which is well structured, 'word rich' and uses subject specific vocabulary appropriately
pace to all lessons through the	
consistent application of the	Pupils will have the skills to tackle challenging texts suitable for their chronological
Pool Hayes Classroom	reading ages and in summative assessments.
	Reading comprehension tests demonstrate improved comprehension skills among
	disadvantaged pupils and a smaller disparity between the scores of disadvantaged
	pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers. Teachers should also have recognised this
	improvement through engagement in lessons and book scrutiny

#### 3. By the end our plan: To give all pupils equal access to the enrichment and skills development opportunity. Deprivation Pupil Premium student voice regarding welfare is positive. • Pupil Premium student voice regarding resources provided is positive. Pupil Premium pupils are • Suitable support is evidently in place for our Pupil Premium pupils. catered for swiftly and • Case studies effectively where social and emotional needs are a barrier. By the end our plan: Aspirations Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2024/25 demonstrated by: Pupil voice states that there is an increased optimism about Pupil Premium pupils' To achieve and sustain improved future/career. wellbeing for all pupils, including A greater proportion of Pupil Premium pupils will have access to aspirational those who are disadvantaged. opportunities that extend beyond the curriculum. qualitative data from student voice, student and parent surveys and teacher observations. • a significant increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged pupils. 5. By the end our plan: Ensure that we are taking highly effective action to support students who Behaviour and Attitude to cannot meet our behaviour expectations so that they can continue with their Learning education. • Number of detentions decreased • Number of fixed exclusions decreased • Number of permanent exclusions decreased • Provide a Learning support unit. Primarily supports vulnerable students. Providing a nurturing environment, supporting students with a number of issues including poor mental health. Established reflection and internal exclusion room as well as developing a network of appropriate AP providers. • Provide a BMR (Behaviour Modification Room) to support the behaviour system. This will support students who find it difficult to display positive learning behaviour in the classroom. A mentoring role focussing on reflecting on actions and restorative practice. • Students to cover the same curriculum subjects whilst within the BMR and therefore no loss of learning and students get better teacher student ratios. 6. By the end our plan: • Sustained high attendance from 2024/25 demonstrated by: • the overall absence rate for all pupils being no more than 5%, and the attendance To achieve and sustain improved attendance all gap between disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers being reduced for pupils, particularly our disadvantaged by 2%.

• the percentage of all pupils who are persistently absent being below 15% and the figure among disadvantaged pupils being no more than 8% lower than their peers.

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## Activity in this academic year

### Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Activity	Estimated Cost	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
High quality teaching. Relentless focus on high quality teaching where every teacher is challenged and supported is key to improving their teaching practice, including bespoke support for ECT's/RQT's. To continue to build on the whole school curriculum ensuring that topics are sequenced appropriately, ambitious and that key concepts are fluently implemented in pupils' long term memory using retrieval techniques and strategies. Ensure there is challenge and pace to all lessons through the consistent application of the Pool Hayes Classroom.	£30000	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/support-for-schools/school-planning-support/1-high-quality-teaching	1 Progress in Maths 2 Progress in English 3 Deprivation 4 Aspirations 5 Behaviour and Attitude to learning 6 Attendance
Literacy Co-ordinator Improving literacy in all subject areas in line with recommendations in the EEF Improving Literacy in Secondary Schools guidance. We will fund professional development and a literacy co- ordinator focussed on each teacher's subject area.	£20000	https://alexquigley.co.uk/supporting-secondary-school- literacy/ https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education- evidence/guidance-reports/literacy-ks3- ks4?ref=alexquigley.co.uk	1 Progress in Maths 2 Progress in English 3 Deprivation 4 Aspirations 5 Behaviour and Attitude to learning 6 Attendance
Careers Advisor and external Connexions support Tracking students' academic pathways in school as well as post16 destinations, improving engagement with local businesses;	£20000	https://www.theaccessgroup.com/en- gb/education/software/career-guru/career-guidance-in- schools-what-are-the-challenges-and-benefits https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent- review-of-careers-guidance-in-schools-and-further- education-and-skills-providers/independent-review-of- careers-guidance-in-schools-and-further-education-and- skills-providers	1 Progress in Maths 2 Progress in English 3 Deprivation 4 Aspirations 5 Behaviour and Attitude to learning 6 Attendance

## Targeted academic support

Activity	Estimated	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s)
	Cost		addressed
targeted reciprocal teaching programme as a reading intervention for disadvantaged pupils who need additional help to comprehend texts and address	£11000	https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/ https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/projects-and- evaluation/projects/reciprocal-reading	2 Progress in English 3 Deprivation 4 Aspirations 5 Behaviour and Attitude to learning
vocabulary gaps Librarian and library Accelerated Reader embedded across KS3 to increase reading for pleasure and to ensure that reading age gaps are quickly diagnosed and closed. Individual reading programme introduced at KS3	£20000	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/projects-and-	2 Progress in English 3 Deprivation 4 Aspirations 5 Behaviour and Attitude to learning 6 Attendance
guides provided to students as part of year 11 strategy.  Costing towards	£5000	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/homework  https://nasenjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/1471-	•
curriculum informed trips		3802.12638	4 Aspirations
Targeted academic support for language development, literacy and numeracy	£2000		1 Progress in Maths 2 Progress in English 3 Deprivation 4 Aspirations 5 Behaviour and Attitude to learning 6 Attendance

## Wider Strategies

Activity	Estimated Cost	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Counselling	£5000	https://familywelfare.co.uk/counselling-students-schools/	3 Deprivation 4 Aspirations 5 Behaviour and Attitude to learning 6 Attendance
Music school. SIPS education and tuition to give equal opportunities to all to allow for students to contribute to a broad array of performing opportunities within the academy	£12500	https://sandwellmusic.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/SIPS-music-brochure.pdf	3 Deprivation 4 Aspirations
Alternate provision supports academic progress as well as SEMH support	£120000	https://progress- education.org.uk/blog/alternative-provision- what-is-it/	1 Progress in Maths 2 Progress in English 3 Deprivation 4 Aspirations 5 Behaviour and Attitude to learning 6 Attendance
Learning Support Unit	£100000	https://www.researchgate.net/publication/228 707908 The Effectiveness of the Use of Learning Support Assistants in Improving the Mathematics Achievement of Low Ac hieving Pupils in Primary School	1 Progress in Maths 2 Progress in English 3 Deprivation 4 Aspirations 5 Behaviour and Attitude to learning 6 Attendance
Assistant Head of Year 4 members of staff	£100000	https://blog.schoolsandacademiesshow.co.uk/what-is-pastoral-care-in-schools#:~:text=A%20well%2Dstructured%20pastoral%20care,%2C%20anxiety%2C%20and%20behavioral%20issues.	3 Deprivation 4 Aspirations 5 Behaviour and Attitude to learning 6 Attendance
Other Extracurricular clubs	£2000	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media//An_Unequal Playing Field report.pdf	3 Deprivation 4 Aspirations 5 Behaviour and Attitude to learning 6 Attendance

Attendance Embedding principles of good practice set out in DfE's Improving School Attendance advice.	£30000	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance	1 Progress in Maths 2 Progress in English 3 Deprivation 4 Aspirations 5 Behaviour and Attitude to learning 6 Attendance
Equipment, uniform and subject stationary	£2000	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/homework	1 Progress in Maths 2 Progress in English 3 Deprivation 4 Aspirations 5 Behaviour and Attitude to learning 6 Attendance
Rewards & Celebrations	£2000	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/projects-and-evaluation/projects/increasing-pupil-motivation  https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/eef-blog-incentives-and-education-what-can-we-learn-from-trials-in-schools  https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/behaviour	1 Progress in Maths 2 Progress in English 3 Deprivation 4 Aspirations 5 Behaviour and Attitude to learning 6 Attendance
Duke of Edinburgh Scheme	£2000	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media//An_Unequal Playing Field report.pdf  https://www.dofe.org/do/what/	3 Deprivation 4 Aspirations 5 Behaviour and Attitude to learning

# Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

## **Pupil premium strategy outcomes**

This details the impact that our pupil premium, Recovery and NTP activity had on pupils in the 2023 to 2024 academic year.

#### Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Activity/Challenge	Impact of the	Actual Spend			
their teaching practice, including bespoke support for ECT's/RQT's. To continue to build on the whole school curriculum ensuring that topics are sequenced appropriately, ambitious and that key concepts are fluently implemented in pupils' long term memory using retrieval techniques and strategies. Ensure there is challenge and pace to all lessons through the consistent application of the Pool Hayes Classroom.  Link(s) to School challenges:	ECTs were supported by expert teacher mentors through an instructional coaching model. This is supported by ATT and Ambition Institute.  Lead Practitioner was deployed as a coach to support staff develop their practice and raise standards. This is supported by the internal monitoring via Steplab.  A strategic review ensured that the Lead Practitioner was leading groups of high PP students, especially at Y11. Within the Y11 English class, progress of PP matched the non-PP students.  A 'drop-in' schedule ensured regular monitoring of teaching to ensure high standards for all, with data gathered and shared half-termly with subject leads and SLT. Areas of concerns were highlighted and subsequent support and follow up quality assurance put in place.  The drop-in schedule has enabled data on lessons to be gathered. This, alongside work scrutiny data, shows Do Now is embedded across the academy, with staff building this alongside other effective retrieval activities into lessons to support effective retrieval of key concepts.  Drop-ins and data analysis highlighted the science curriculum as a need for development. A new ready-made curriculum has been purchased (Springboard Science) to support with the				£86,923.62
Progress in Maths Progress in English Behaviour and Attitude to learning Attendance	English Maths SEN				
Literacy Co-ordinator Improving literacy in all subject areas in line with recommendations in the EEF Improving Literacy in Secondary Schools guidance. We will fund professional development and a literacy	upon the NPQ for Literacy. Training has been delivered for staff and auditing activities			£30,000	

co-ordinator focussed on	An increase in lite	racy vicibility as	nd ovnosi:	20000	c the school		
		An increase in literacy visibility and exposure across the school (word of the week, top three reads, reading recommendations,					
each teacher's subject area.							
		reading door signs, key words in lessons). Reading and literacy is					
		becoming more common place, and therefore the norm.					
		Students therefore have been more engaged in participating in					
	literacy-based act	iteracy-based activities.					
	Was B. III B.	1/44 B II I					
	KS3 Reading Data	KS3 Reading data	KS3 Reading		Projected data		
	Start Point 2023	overview 2023-4	Start point 20	)24-25	overview 2024-5		
	Year 7 = 10.7	Year 7 = 11.00	Year 7 = 10.4		Year 7 = 11.5		
	Year 8 = 11.3	Year 8 = 12.2	Year 8 = 11.2		Year 8 = 12.5		
	Year 9 = 11.8	Year 9 = 13.5	Year 9 = 12.4		Year 9 = 13.5		
	Growth = +0.5months per	Growth = +1 year per	Growth = +1 year	ar þer	Growth =+1 year per		
	year (av)	year (av)	year (av)		year (av)		
	Through the use of Sparx r		1 /	rowth. an			
	starting point.			, 211			
Careers Advisor and external	Increase in uptake	e of 6 <sup>th</sup> Form, ov	er 10% inc	rease s	since the	£6,180	
Connextions support Tracking						20,100	
students' academic pathways	providuo dedde	ie yeur.					
in school as well as post16	2021-2022	2022-202	3	2023	-2024		
destinations, improving	18%	25%	<u> </u>	28%	2021		
engagement with local	1070	2570		2070		1	
businesses;							
Businesses,	NEET figures:						
Link(s) to School challenges:	iveer rigares.						
Link(3) to school chancinges.	3 in 2022/23 and	2 haina unknov	vn				
Aspiration	2 in 2023/24	2 being unknov	VII				
Limited social and cultural	2 111 2023/24						
	All PP pupils rece	ivad indapanda	nt caroors a	dvica			
capital Behaviour and Attitude to	All Post 16 pupils						
	All Fost to pupils	wно настаррне	d received	unive	sity places.		
learning Attendance							
Attendance							
Knowledge organisers	Staff continue to	develop knowle	dae oraani	carc in	their	£4,000	
Created across the						۲4,000	
	departments. The	-	_		_		
curriculum for all year	on how to impler		, , ,				
groups, every half term	ensure they are being utilised effectively. They are made						
Link(a) to Cobool aboltones	available to students electronically. Students were given a						
Link(s) to School challenges:	printout of all the KO in their year group, for each half term.						
Progress in Maths		2023 Final	2024 Fina		Current	1	
Progress in English							
	English	Results A8 4.1	Results A8	_	PEGS A8	1	
Behaviour and Attitude to						1	
learning	-	Maths 4.05 3.6 3.6					
	SEIN	SEN 2.9 3.1 3.4					

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

Activity	Impact of this approach			Actual Spend			
Literacy Adopting a	Tier 2 and Tier 3 v	£15,000					
targeted reciprocal	curriculums. This i						
teaching programme as a	PD sessions movi						
reading intervention for	comprehension st						
disadvantaged pupils who	lesson. Comprehe						
need additional help to	shared this year a						
comprehend texts and address vocabulary gaps.	understanding of Reading audits to		dents have acces	s to reading			
address vocabulary gaps.	across all subjects						
	in lessons but visu						
	Intervention prog						
	groups 3-5. This a	ılso ensures disa	advantaged pupil	s have access			
Link(s) to School	to resources for S		this was reading	ages and			
challenges:	understanding ind			6 61			
	Intervention conti			•			
Progress in Maths	and comprehensions to learning	_	•	to remove a			
Progress in English	Sparx reader has l			testing-data			
Behaviour and Attitude to	shared so lessons						
learning Attendance	Impact is more pe	•		and propriet			
Limited social and cultural		Sparx is a self directed reading programme that creates					
capital	individual intervei						
		Reading age data increased based on this. Students who are					
		disadvantaged have access to the library to complete this.					
	All students have been gifted Wonder-ensuring all students have access to a book.						
Librarian and library		KS3 Reading data	KS3 Reading data	Projected data	£10,270		
Accelerated Reader		overview 2023-4	Start point 2024-25	overview 2024-5	210,270		
embedded across KS3 to	Year 7 = 10.7	Year 7 = 11.00	Year 7 = 10.4	Year 7 = 11.5			
	Year 8 = 11.3	Year 8 = 12.2	Year 8 = 11.2	Year 8 = 12.5			
increase reading for	Year 9 = 11.8	Year 9 = 13.5	Year 9 = 12.4	Year 9 = 13.5			
pleasure and to ensure	Growth = +0.5months per	Growth = +1 year per	Growth = +1 year per	Growth =+ I year per			
that reading age gaps are	year (av)	, ,	year (av)	year (av)			
quickly diagnosed and	Through the use of Sparx r						
closed. Individual reading	starting point.						
programme introduced at							
KS3	Reading ages have improved from their starting point. Progress						
	has now moved fi	•					
Link(s) to School	therefore matching expected growth. With the continuation of						
challenges:	Sparx, and a drive for reading visibility, this should continue to						
	increase.						
Progress in English							
Aspirations							
Limited social and cultural							
capital							

Books and revision guides	All Vr11 iccur	d with bespoke re	vicion nacks as r	part of a Paicing	£6,000	
provided to students as	Achievement	•	20,000			
part of year 11 strategy.						
part or year 11 strategy.		2023 Final	2024 Final	Current		
Link(s) to School		Results A8	Results A8	PEGS A8	_	
challenges:	English	4.1	4.1	4	_	
	Maths SEN	4.05 2.9	3.6	3.6	_	
Progress in Maths	SEIN	2.9	5.1	3.4		
Progress in English						
Behaviour and Attitude to						
learning All pupils who provide an	18 students w	vere eligible for ex	tra timo in ovam	s 10 of those	£4,000	
up-to-date assessment of		a diagnosis. Wals			24,000	
,		cudents were iden				
Dyslexia, or a diagnosis of	Response refe		3			
Dyspraxia or AD(H)D are						
eligible for extra time in		ts had a separate				
timed tests and exams	and where ap	propriate, a scribe	e, reader or use o	of a laptop.		
with a substantial amount		2023 Final	2024 Final	Current	1	
of reading or writing.		Results A8	Results A8	PEGS A8		
	SEN	2.9	3.1	3.4		
Link(s) to School challenges:		<b>'</b>	-			
Aspirations						
Speech and Language	Speech and L	anguage therapy	helps remove ba	arriers, so children	£2.800	
Therapist. To screen all		an get the support they need to reach their full communicative nd educational potential. It also develops their communication				
children on entry and		•	•			
bespoke programmes are		skills that will impact their quality of life and will lead to increased confidence and social interactions. A report from a speech and language therapist is sought when gathering evidence for an ECHNA. Unfortunately, due to capacity in the				
put in place.						
,	-					
		poor access to se				
	with A Speech and Language therapist during the year 23-24.					
National Tutoring		nts were offered v	-		£7,325	
Programme To provide a	_	subjects via MS Teams. Across the year 76% of students engaged				
blend of tuition, mentoring	with this, with over 3500 student hours of tuition delivered. PP students were targeted by invitations and parents were					
and school-led tutoring for	contacted weekly with the tuition reminder.					
pupils whose education	There was a higher uptake (84%) of high achieving students					
has been most impacted	engaging with the tuition.					
by the pandemic. A	School led tutoring was delivered during evenings, weekends					
significant proportion of	and holidays.	and holidays.				
the pupils who receive		2023 Final	2024 Final			
tutoring will be	Results A8 Results A8					
disadvantaged, including	HA English	5.7	5.9			

those who are high	HA Maths	6.64	5.58		
attainers.					
Link(s) to School challenges:					
Progress in Maths Progress in English Behaviour and Attitude to learning Aspirations					
	Provision of ingr therefore enablir preventing uptal was a 11/11 (509	ng all pupils the ce as an option s	opportunity to coubject. This mea	ook and not	£1,200

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

Activity	Impact of this approach	Actual Spend
Counselling  Link(s) to School challenges:  Aspirations Behaviour and Attitude to learning Attendance	Our school counsellor has seen 30 children during this academic year. This service is provided when form tutor and HoY intervention has been exhausted and external referrals are not yet active (long waiting lists). This has been successful and impactful for over 65% of students. All seeing an improvement in their mental health, emotional wellbeing and coping strategies.	£4,250
and tuition to give equal	Pupils participated in an array of Music performance activities the funding of which was partially enabled through PP. All pupils entered for GCSE were therefore able to demonstrate the performance requirement for the course. Pupils were able to participate in whole school events that were organised during the academic year. 'Phantastival', School show, Christmas concert & Lock Stock community festival.	£5,000

Breakfast club, after school intervention refreshments to support attendance and	It is difficult to evaluate the impact of this on outcomes. However, against a back drop of increased financial insecurity the academy was able to provide a	£5000
punctuality.	breakfast for pupils.	
Link(s) to School challenges: Attendance		
Alternate provision supports		£122,080
academic progress as well as	nationally. This was reflected within the Walsall Area.	
SEMH support	The authority recognises that there is insufficient provision to meet these needs.	
Link(s) to School challenges: Behaviour and Attitude to learning Attendance Aspirations	Adoption of intervention for specific pupils who require support with regulating their behaviour and emotions. Limited impact was evidenced from this initiative and therefore alternate interventions to be arranged for next academic year.	
Learning Support Unit	The LSU is an inclusive and nurturing environment	£100,000
Link(s) to School challenges:	situated on the ground floor to support those with medical issues- e.g. Mobility restrictions- unable to walk upstairs and to support with lessons they cannot	
Progress in Maths	access on upper floors via sending emails and teams'	
Progress in English	link.	
Behaviour and Attitude to	LSU also supports students with various medical	
learning Attendance	conditions who are not able to participate in certain lessons e.g. Practical Food lessons and certain food	
Limited social and cultural	allergies, support students with bleeding conditions	
capital	who are unable to participate in contact sports in PE.	
	The LCII builds	
	The LSU builds on the school ethos of resilience to encourage	
	students to attended school and be successful in	
	lessons. The LSU also offers a safe space for students	
	who need to rest due to Mental health issues or if	
	stated on students Crisis Plans. LSU staff work closely	
	with the attendance team to support students and families who display low attendance, to gradually	
	build, support and eventually get back into lessons	
	with interventions around resilience, confidence and self-esteem.	
	The staff in LSU offer Time 2 Talk sessions to support	
	students mental health and offer them a safe space to	
	speak openly about their concerns, this can also be supporting of the safeguarding team.	
	An average of between 30-40 children access LSU on a	
	monthly basis. Over the past Academic year, we have	
	opened our doors to 5 fair access students in total in our academic year. ( 3 x EAL students who spoke	
	minimal English) Starting their Academy journey in LSU	
	supporting them fulltime within the LSU, over time we	
	gradually let them go to some lessons, with the	
	success that this academic year they now go to all	
	timetabled lessons and are doing extremely well socially and academically.	
	<ul> <li>Initially house and support fulltime for a short</li> </ul>	
	period, then slowly integrate back into	

lessons with the support from subject teachers to eventually build up a timetable Support new students that have come from other schools during final years of school to help with blanks/gaps in a timetable where subjects were not available to join at the time of joining school (option choices) LSU also helps students who currently attend Alternative Provision for a partial weekbuilding up hours in school/ supporting families in building up timetable and to work alongside school attendance. Successes from the LSU have varied. We have had student attendance increase dramatically in some cases, worked with a lot of services involved with some students to dual support them in education and to see GCSE results shine from encouraging students to remain in lesson, support where needed and to build them to feel ready for next steps. Some of our students who have accessed LSU have now continued their educational journey into Post 16. Attendance figures: 2020-21 87.8% 2021-22 90.9% 2022-23 89.6% 2023-24 87.7% 2024-25 92.3% And additional AHoY was recruited deployed to each KS3 £100,000 Assistant Head of Year 4 and KS4 Year Group. To further release time an Inclusion members of staff Room Manager was also employed. This has enabled cultural shift to occur. We have seen Link(s) to School challenges: latent impact with a decrease in: Call Out Progress in Maths Suspension Progress in English Detention Behaviour and Attitude to And an increase in rewards. learning This means that we have better engagement from PP Attendance pupils who are nationally and locally disproportionally Aspirations impacted. Behaviour data Total PP students percentage PP Positive points 2023/2024 980652 415749 42.4% PP current vear so far 634976 245865 38.7% PP negative points 2023 / 2024 66900 41032 61.3%PP current year so far 22064 13366 60.6% PP

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	79.3% PP				
	current year so	far			
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	2021-22 90.9%				
	2022-23 89.6%				
	2023-24 87.7%				
	2024-25 92.3%				
Other Extracurricular clubs	An updated e	nrichment cal	endar was pul	blished on	£20000
	the school we		•		
Link(s) to School challenges:	For this to be				
Link(s) to school challenges:				_	
	the chance to				
Limited social and cultural	clubs and pho				
capital	Sports clubs a	ire well attend	ed with the so	chool's sports	
	teams display	ing an elevate	d level of skill	l <b>.</b>	
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Equipment, uniform and	A large order	of black pens,	green pens, i	rulers and	£1690
subject stationary	pencils was pl				
	classrooms. T		_		
link(s) to School shallongs:					
Link(s) to School challenges:	barrier of no equipment for PP students. Work				
	scrutiny in Autumn term revealed concerns regarding				
Behaviour and Attitude to	presentation of work and students taking an active				
learning	role in improv	ing their work	(green pen).	Purchasing	
	the equipmen	t has removed	d this barrier a	and Summer	
		rutinise indica			
	in exercise bo			. Staridards	
		OKS across trie	academy.		0070
Hardship Fund to support	Everyone				£270
students and families.					
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CPD	CPD was deliv			_	£3923
	Organisers, to			•	
Link(s) to School challenges:	was seen thro	ugh internally	monitoring s	howing a	
	high proportion	on of staff usin	ng KOs beina	judged as	
Drogress in Mathe	high proportion of staff using KOs being judged as "effective".				
Progress in Maths	NPQs have been completed by Assistant Principals,				
Progress in English	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,				
Aspirations	Literacy Lead and Classroom teachers. The NPQLTD				
	has seen a greater strategic push on staff CPD, with				
	the NPQLL impacting positively on the whole-school				
	literacy focus.				
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	2023 Final 2024 Final Current			1	
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	English	4.1	4.1	4	
	Maths	4.05	3.6	3.6	
	SEN	2.9	3.1	3.4	]
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Rewards & Celebrations		£6000
Link(s) to School challenges:	implemented which has assisted in the attendance figures being more positive this half term.	
Limited social and cultural capital Behaviour and Attitude to learning Attendance	Rewards for academic progress have also helped to create a more inclusive school culture, in which students want to achieve, across the curriculum.  A celebration/rewards week created a positive environment around the academy, allowing a wide range of students to be recognised for a wide range of positive reasons.  Attendance figures:	
	2020-21 87.8% 2021-22 90.9% 2022-23 89.6% 2023-24 87.7% 2024-25 92.3%	
Careers mentoring	members.	£2000
Link(s) to School challenges: Aspiration Limited social and cultural capital	An audit of the careers provision is to take place, in line with the Gatsby benchmarks.  Recruitment in this area is still on going.  Curriculum leads have highlighted where certain lessons link to a career.	
Attendance Embedding principles of good practice set out in DfE's Improving School Attendance advice.	An attendance culture is starting to become evident in the school. Students take pride in their attendance through bi-weekly tracking and rewards that are available.	£3140
Link(s) to School challenges:  Progress in Maths Progress in English Behaviour and Attitude to	In addition to this, the attendance curriculum that has been implemented helps to develop students' knowledge and skills in upholding good attendance. All staff members have a responsibility in supporting attendance and tracking it within their form groups.	
Attendance  Attendance Ensure all identified PP students with poor attendance to school have access to key staff including Educational Welfare Officer, Attendance Officer and TLR postholders/Year Leader	to raise both. This has been evident through the identification of 'Top 10' students in key stage 4, where 80% of the students involved has displayed better progress and attendance since the intervention began.  Following on from trust guidance all systems are in line with the Department for Education guidance and	£10,293
Link(s) to School challenges:  Progress in Maths Progress in English Behaviour and Attitude to learning Attendance	all relevant staff have been trained on procedures.  A key focus group for each term has been selected based on the school's previous data. Students in these groups give their voice on any concerns/ barriers and interventions are then put in place by various members of staff.	
	Attendance figures: 2020-21 87.8% 2021-22 90.9%	

	2022-23 89.6%	
	2023-24 87.7%	
	2024-25 92.3%	
Duke of Edinburgh Scheme	The expedition went really well. All 12 pupils across year 10/11	£1,275
	passed and enjoyed the weekend. Use of the PP budget to support	
Link(s) to School challenges:	DofE makes the whole course more accessible to our pupils	
Link(3) to sensor chancinges.	reducing the overall costs of the package. The main bulk of the	
Limited social and cultural	cost is signing on fee and the expedition section which is run by an outside company who do a very good job. This means the	
	expedition section is done over 4 days, 2 training at school and a	
capital	weekend away. All kit is provided again reducing the costs.	
	The DofE award is a recognised worldwide and really pushes pupils	
	outside their comfort zones taking on challenges and building	
	resilience. It is highly sort of by employers and helps to boost life	
	chances after leaving school into further education and employment.	
	employment.	
	The aim of the DofE award scheme at Pool Hayes is to continue to	
	grow numbers doing the award and get some to complete Silver	
	and Gold.	
Attendance Improve	Attendance is increasing in line with the national	£36,830
attendance to national	expectations. There has been evidence of some weeks	
expectations. Staff used to	where we are above the FFT national average.	
undertake home visits for		
students who are not	Attendance staff and EWO carry out visits to those	
attending school in order to	students of concerns.	
support them getting back to		
	Trackers are updated on a weekly basis for severely	
school	persistent absent students and persistent absentees.	
	These trackers outline interventions that have been	
Link(s) to School challenges:		
Behaviour and Attitude to	put in place and whether they have been successful or	
learning	not.	
Attendance		
	Attendance figures:	
	2020-21 87.8%	
	2021-22 90.9%	
	2022-23 89.6%	
	2023-24 87.7%	
	2024-25 92.3%	
Contingency fund for acute	We established an inclusion hub for pupils who had	£12,000
issues.	been left with undiagnosed need following transition	
	into Year 7. This was successful in providing 4	
	additional EHCPs for these target pupils and early	
	review and amend EHCP for 2 pupils.	
	Suspension for this group reduced.	
1	Attendance increased.	
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## **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
Sparx Maths	Sparx Schools
Sparx English	Sparx Schools
Seneca	Seneca Learning
Careers	Unifrog
Attendance	Education Welfare Officer

# **Further information (optional)**

A number of items were costed to PP that was not originally forecast based on change in need throughout the year. This is reflected above as New Strategy (NS)