

Pupil Premium Information Summary

What is Pupil Premium?

The 'Pupil Premium' is additional funding allocated to schools to help support disadvantaged students, closing the attainment gap between them and their peers.

Who receives Pupil Premium?

At Arena Academy, the Pupil Premium funds are allocated to students who are currently classified as Children Looked After (CLA), eligible for Free School Meals and those who have been eligible for Free School Meals at any point in the last six years. This equates to about 37% (340 students) of our Academy population.

How we use the funding?

The funding has contributed to a wide range of resources designed to maximise student potential in every possible way, e.g. extra teachers in core subjects, strong Inclusion Team, and opportunities for extended Academy activities.

As with every child in our care, children considered to be 'socially disadvantaged' are valued, respected and entitled to develop his/her full potential, irrespective of need.

Outcomes

At Arena, strive for the best opportunities for all students. This emphasises our commitment to ensure that all students in receipt of the Pupil Premium grant will get the best support to fulfil their career aspirations. The Academy also receives additional funding for each Year 7 student who did not achieve the expected outcomes at Key Stage 2 in reading and/or Maths. This funding known as 'Catch Up Premium' is used to give these students valuable additional provision and is intended to help them to catch up in literacy and numeracy as early as possible in their secondary education. This also ensures that students are enabled to fully access the secondary curriculum.

The Expectation

The Government does not dictate to Academies how to spend this money, but provides clarity about the expectations of how the funding will be used to support these students to raise their attainment and narrow the gap. As an inclusive Academy we work closely with parents and carers of our 'Pupil Premium' students and will continue to do so to ensure that irrespective of circumstances, all students will be successful during their time with us and be well prepared for the future.

Our Commitment

Arena continues to ensure that all disadvantaged children receive the best support that will lead to the best outcomes for them. We aim to:

- Use quality teaching and a range of opportunities to provide relevant interventions that will secure excellent outcomes for all learners irrespective of their socio-economic background
- Periodically review our intervention strategies to maximise the effectiveness and impact on our students.