

Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2023 to 2024 academic year) funding to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged students.

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
School name	MOSSBOURNE COMMUNITY ACADEMY
Number of students in school	1439
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible students	50%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2023/24- 2026/27
Date this statement was published	January 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	January 2026
Statement authorised by	REBECCA WARREN, PRINCIPAL
Pupil premium lead	Nuala Dawson, Assistant Principal

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£517,650
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	0
Total budget for this academic year If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	£517,650

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

The intention of Mossbourne Community Academy is that all students, irrespective of their background or the challenges they face, make outstanding progress and fulfil their potential across the curriculum. We strive to develop articulation, ambition and confidence in all students, and particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The ambition of our pupil premium strategy is to support disadvantaged students in achieving our intent, ensuring that all disadvantaged students make outstanding progress regardless of starting point.

Quality-first teaching is at the core of our approach, with a focus on areas in which disadvantaged students require the most support. This is an evidence-based approach, proven to have the most significant impact on closing the disadvantage attainment gap, and raising attainment of all students.

Our strategy will address common and individual barriers to success, rooted in robust diagnostic assessment, and not assuming that the impact of disadvantage is homogenous. To make sure the strategy is effective, we will ensure a whole academy approach in which all staff take responsibility for disadvantaged students' outcomes and raise expectations of what they can achieve.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Literacy and numeracy skills upon entering Year 7 are lower for students eligible for PP than for other students.
2	Aspirations amongst students with no history of tertiary education (mostly eligible for PP) can be lower than their peers'.
3	Attainment gaps have often opened up between PP students and non-PP students by the end of Year 6, meaning students will be at lower starting points and need extra support in Year 7.

4	There can be a correlation between challenging behaviours and attendance that may lead to disadvantaged students being further disadvantaged by not being in the classroom.
5	There remains an attainment gap between PP and Non-PP students in English and Mathematics. The percentage of PP students who achieved grade 5+ in 2024 was 67%, compared with 78% of non-PP students. The percentage of PP students who achieved grade 4+ in 2024 was 83% compared with 89% of non-PP students.

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
Improved progress and attainment among disadvantaged students across the curriculum at the end of KS4.	Retain previous standards of nil gap for progress between PP and NPP students
Improved reading comprehension among disadvantaged students across KS3 and 4.	NGRT reading tests demonstrate improved comprehension skills among disadvantaged students and a smaller disparity between the scores of disadvantaged students and their non-disadvantaged peers.
Improved metacognitive and revision skills among disadvantaged students across all subjects.	Diagnostic assessments to demonstrate smaller disparity between scores of disadvantaged students and their non-disadvantaged peers.
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all students, including those who are disadvantaged.	Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2025/26 demonstrated by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • qualitative data from student voice, student and parent surveys and teacher observations. • an increase in participation in enrichment activities, particularly among disadvantaged students.
To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all students, particularly our disadvantaged students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the overall attendance for all students being no less than 96% and the attendance gap between disadvantaged students and their non-disadvantaged peers being reduced. • A decrease in the number of students who are persistently absent and a decrease in the attendance gap between

	disadvantaged students and their non-disadvantaged peers.
All groups of students access a broad and balanced curriculum which provides a foundation for appropriate future career pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An outstanding curriculum across all subject areas that is specific, coherent and ambitious, ensuring that disadvantaged students are integral to curriculum planning and delivery. • Diagnostic assessments to demonstrate smaller disparity between scores of disadvantaged students and their non-disadvantaged peers.
All groups of students, particularly disadvantaged, improve their confidence and oracy across the curriculum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An increase in pupil voice as demonstrated in qualitative data, such as pupil voice, teacher and pupil surveys and oracy points. • No gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged students in the qualitative data indicated above.

Activity in this academic year

This details how we intend to spend our pupil premium (and recovery premium funding) **this academic year** to address the challenges listed above.

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £ 372,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Specialist literacy support staff	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/resources/teaching-learning-toolkit/reading-comprehension-strategies/	1, 3
Employment of full-time learning mentors and teaching assistants	Research: EEF Review https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/teaching-assistant-interventions	1, 3, 4
Employment of dedicated teacher to raise attainment of Black Caribbean boys	https://democracy.brent.gov.uk/documents/s93500/Raising%20the%20Achievement%20of%20BBCH%20-%20BSP%20update%20-%20January%202020.pdf	2, 4, 5
Maintain high level of staff to student ratio to facilitate small group tuition for disadvantaged students	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/small-group-tuition	1, 3, 5
Targeted CPD addressing raising attainment and confidence of disadvantaged students through metacognition, revision and oracy	Research: EEF-Sutton Trust Teaching and Learning Toolkit: Metacognition; Dignath et al, 2008 Gureasko-Moore et al. (2006) https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/oral-language-interventions	1, 3, 5

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

Budgeted cost: £ 130,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Study Club for Y10/11 PP students	Research: EEF-Sutton Trust Teaching and Learning Toolkit: Metacognition; Dignath et al, 2008 Gureasko-Moore et al. (2006)	3, 5
Year 11 Internal small group tuition in English and Maths	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/small-group-tuition	1, 3, 5
Year 10 External tuition in Maths to support PP student academy progress (Action Tutoring)	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/small-group-tuition	1, 3, 5
Year 10 External tuition in English to support PP student academy progress (Action Tutoring)	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/small-group-tuition	1, 3, 5
Literacy interventions such as Reading Plus and Lexia	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/reading-comprehension-strategies	1, 3, 5
Letterbox parcels for Year 7 PP students promoting reading and literacy whilst providing books and equipment for students	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/reading-comprehension-strategies	1, 3, 5

Magic Link intervention to support disadvantaged students in Y7-9 with handwriting	Denton, P.; Cope, S. and Moser, C. (2006). The effects of sensorimotor based intervention versus therapeutic practice on improving handwriting performance in 6 to 11 year old children. In <i>The American Journal of Occupational Therapy</i> , 60 (1). Pp.16-27. Santangelo, T. and Olinghouse, N. (2009) <i>Effective writing instruction for students who have writing difficulties. Focus on exceptional children.</i>	1, 3, 5
External Talk the Talk workshop for disadvantaged students in Y11 to develop oracy	https://cfey.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/EMBARGOED-until-280421_Oracy_APPG_FinalReport.pdf	1, 3, 5
Parental Engagement events for disadvantaged students and Black Caribbean boys	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/parental-engagement	2, 4, 5
Subsidised music tuition for disadvantaged students	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/arts-participation	2

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

Budgeted cost: £15,650

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Guest speaker slot for Y11 students to inspire, educate and motivate	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/poorer-young-people-more-likely-to-have-career-aspirations-that-dont-match?utm_source=/news/poorer-young-people-more-likely-to-have-career-aspirations-that-dont-match&utm_medium=search&utm_campaign=site_search&search_term=careers	2, 3, 5

<p>Enrichment embedded in the curriculum via Bourne Scholar programme (Y7-10) to ensure all disadvantaged students are benefiting from the wider curriculum</p>	<p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/arts-participation</p>	<p>2, 3, 5</p>
<p>In-house ASPACE counselling service and well-being drop-in</p>	<p>https://www.bacp.co.uk/news/news-from-bacp/2021/21-january-effectiveness-of-school-counselling-revealed-in-new-research/</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>The Brilliant Club Scholar programme to raise aspirations amongst high-ability, disadvantaged students</p>	<p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/poorer-young-people-more-likely-to-have-career-aspirations-that-dont-match?utm_source=/news/poorer-young-people-more-likely-to-have-career-aspirations-that-dont-match&utm_medium=search&utm_campaign=site_search&search_term=careers</p>	<p>2, 3, 5</p>
<p>In To University programme in years 7-11 to raise aspirations amongst high-ability, disadvantaged students</p>	<p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/poorer-young-people-more-likely-to-have-career-aspirations-that-dont-match?utm_source=/news/poorer-young-people-more-likely-to-have-career-aspirations-that-dont-match&utm_medium=search&utm_campaign=site_search&search_term=careers</p>	<p>2, 3, 5</p>
<p>Employment of full time Learning Mentors</p>	<p>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/behaviour-interventions</p>	<p>1, 5</p>

Parental Engagement evenings on mental health and wellbeing.	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/parental-engagement	2, 4, 5
All Y7 disadvantaged students to go on an extra-curricular trip	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/arts-participation	2, 3, 5
PP students in Year 9 & 10 receive subsidised placements on the DOE bronze and silver programmes (50% of Bronze students selected are PP)	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/arts-participation	2, 3, 5
In house Saturday School programme for raising confidence and ambition for KS3 disadvantaged students	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/arts-participation	2, 3, 4, 5
Guest speaker events for disadvantaged students and Black Caribbean boys	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/arts-participation	2, 3, 4, 5

Total budgeted cost: £ [517,650]

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

Pupil premium strategy outcomes

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on students in the 2023 to 2024 academic year.

The 2023 GCSE results showed a progress gap of -0.55 for PP students, due to the impact of the pandemic. This gap was closed for 2024, and GCSE results show that PP students at MCA made better progress (P8 of 1.51) than non-PP students (P8 of 1.44), with a difference in P8 of +0.07.

In the national performance rankings in 2024, MCA ranked number 8 in the country for PP progress. For schools with cohorts with more than 40% disadvantaged pupils, MCA was placed at number 2 in the country.

Our internal assessments during 2023/4 showed that 84% of Year 9 PP students made expected progress or better, compared with 82% of non-PP students. For Year 8, 80% of PP students made expected progress or better, compared with 81 of non-PP students. For Year 7, 73% of PP students made expected progress or better compared with 82% of non-PP students. Closing the performance gap identified last year in Year 7 will be a priority for this Academic year, using quality-first teaching with robust and precisely aligned resources.

Ebacc entry for PP students remains stable and significantly higher than National Average at 93%+.

Overall attendance for PP students was in 2023-4 was higher than in the preceding year. There remains a gap in attendance between PP and non-PP students, which has narrowed slightly from the preceding year. The gap between PP and non-PP students was 1% in 2022-3, compared to 0.8% in 2023-4. Improving and maintaining attendance for disadvantaged students will continue to be a focus.

Student wellbeing and mental health concerns were increased post-pandemic and remain higher than they were in 2019. We have continued to provide wellbeing support for all students and use targeted interventions where required.

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
FastForWord literacy programme	FastForWord
LEXIA literacy programme	LEXIA
Reading Plus – reading comprehension programme	Reading Plus
Into University outreach	Into University
The Scholars Club – university outreach	The Brilliant Club
Action Tutoring	Maths and English Tuition
Young Hackney Substance Misuse Service	Young Hackney
Tree of Life	Hackney City CAMHs
Magic Link	Handwriting and literacy programme

Service pupil premium funding (optional)

For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information:

Measure	Details
How did you spend your service pupil premium allocation last academic year?	n/a
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible students?	n/a

Further information (optional)

Use this space to provide any further information about your pupil premium strategy. For example, about your strategy planning, or other activity that you are implementing to support disadvantaged students, that is not dependent on pupil premium or recovery premium funding.