Parrs Wood High School Pupil Premium Strategy Statement 2023-24

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium 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
School name	Parrs Wood High School
Number of pupils in school	1925 (including sixth form)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	(KS3-4) 503 students, 26.8%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2021-2024
Date this statement was published	December 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2024
Statement authorised by	Mark McElwee (Headteacher)
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Governor / Trustee lead	Francis Markus

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£534,405
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£137,724
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter $\pounds 0$ if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£672.129
If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Our intention is to ensure that all pupils, irrespective of their background or the challenges they face, make good progress and achieve high attainment across the curriculum. Our Pupil Premium cohort has a diverse range of aspirations, prior attainment and levels of progress. We aspire for our disadvantaged students to reach levels of attainment that are in line with all students nationally and are ever closer to that of their non-disadvantaged peers in school.

At Parrs Wood High School, we recognise that the Pupil Premium funding cannot guarantee complete equality of outcome but can give every student in our school the same opportunity to achieve. Our ambitions for our students are driven by our core values of Community, Creativity and Achievement.

A clear understanding of the specific challenges faced by our disadvantaged students, helps us to identify, respond and remove barriers to provide appropriate support, whilst still maintaining the highest expectations of attainment and achievement. We know that this approach will benefit Pupil Premium students to ensure they are equipped with the knowledge and skills to move successfully and confidently into the next stage of education or training.

Our evidence-informed Pupil Premium strategy is built on the knowledge that high-quality teaching, targeted academic intervention and wider approaches are the most effective ways to remove barriers to learning. Quality first teaching is at the heart of our approach (Adaptive Teaching) to ensure all pupils have access to high quality teaching. (Nasen. EEF Special and Education Needs in Mainstream Schools. March 2020). 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 (Education Endowment Foundation, 2023). Research indicates that the best way to raise pupil self-esteem is for them to be successful in the classroom with their peers. (Marc Rowland. An updated Practical Guide to the Pupil Premium. National Education Trust, 2015). We understand that barriers to learning are not just academic. A significant amount of our budget is aimed to employ wider strategies, strategically selected to target students and ensure they can overcome the challenges they face.

Implicit in the intended outcomes, 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 COVID Catch Up Tutoring Programme for pupils whose education has been worst affected, including non-disadvantaged pupils. Pupil Premium remains a school improvement priority (SIP) focus for this academic year shared and embedded across all staff.

Our approach remains responsive to common challenges and individual needs with a focus on the impact. Knowing our students and responding to their needs is critical to our success. The approaches we have adopted complement each other across 6 key strands to raise attainment for our disadvantaged students. The activities we have outlined in this statement are also intended to support a student's needs, regardless of whether they are disadvantaged or not.

The specific approaches we have adopted are evidence informed. To ensure they are effective we will:

- Sustain a purposeful learning environment where disadvantaged students are challenged across an appropriate curriculum.
- Regularly evaluate using a range of evidence sources, recognising the relevance of hard and soft data to review impact.
- Act early to intervene at the point need is identified ·
- Adopt a whole school approach to developing relationships which will support staff to raise expectations, outcomes and measure impact across the 6 key challenges identified.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Achievement: Disadvantaged pupils on average attain lower and make less academic progress in school than their peers, especially in English, Maths and some EBacc subjects including Science. Nationally and historically, Pupil Premium and SEND students obtain a lower progress 8 score. The trends we see at Parrs Wood High School are the same as reported across the country. The progress of Pupil Premium students continues to be affected by the impact of Covid-19. The EEF also published findings that show that the attainment gap has widen further due to the impact of Covid-19.
	<u>https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/eef-publishes-new-research-on-the-impact-</u> of-covid-19-partial-school-closures
	There has been an increased number of students with an EHCP and an increased number of students with SEMH needs post pandemic. These students will need the correct support to access our curriculum. Our response to this needs is varied and tailored to individual students. The attainment gap is greatest for those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds and those with special educational needs. Attitude to learning data shows wider gaps in engagement and motivation for our disadvantaged pupils compared with their peers.
	Even small improvements in GCSE qualifications yield significant increases for disadvantaged pupils' economic benefit to society and national wealth. The challenge to is simply increase effective and consistent approaches to teaching and learning in the classroom. Improving teaching quality generally leads to greater improvements at lower costs. <i>(EEF. The Attainment Gap. 2018)</i>
2	<i>Literacy:</i> Disadvantaged students have lower levels of literacy than non-disadvantaged students and this has a significant impact upon their progress across the curriculum. Students who start secondary school with low levels of literacy are in a particular need of support and the consequences of their low literacy will be felt across the curriculum. (EEF. Improving Literacy in Secondary Schools.2021).
	(EEF. Socio-economic attainment gap remains stubbornly wide after pandemic, with read skills particularly affected.2022)
	Lower attaining students benefit from the explicit teaching of strategies to comprehend text. The impact is high but the cost is low.
	(EEF. Literacy. Reading comprehension strategies.2023)
3	Attendance : Attendance data indicates a significant decline from September 2022. Average attendance rate for disadvantaged pupils is lower than that of other students, and school target for all children of 98%, (or at least in line with local and national) and that persistent Absenteeism is reduced to less than 8% in each year group. This reduces their learning time and diminishes progress. Parrs Wood high school is committed to transforming attendance to narrow the gap between current levels and post & pre COVID pandemic levels for all groups- particularly disadvantaged pupils. (EEF. Attendance Interventions. March 2022)
4	 Aspirations: Some disadvantaged pupils do not benefit from experiences or opportunities to help them have high aspirations for their future career and to widen their school experiences. There is a need to develop students' cultural capital to support the curriculum and their access to it. Introduction of Every Child is Known - this in being introduced in Year 7 and 11 initially
5	Behaviour and attitudes : Some disadvantaged pupils need additional support ensure their attitudes and behaviour are conducive to good progress. Pupil Premium students often experience more social and emotional challenges. Targeted interventions and universal approaches have positive overall effects of +4 months. (EEF. Behaviour Interventions. 2021) Embedding our Normative Behaviour Curriculum across the key stages will support students to develop positive behaviours for learning. Prioritising our disadvantaged students for close contact and strategies which are personalised to their situation will help us to support their individual progress.
6	Parental engagement : Some parents / carers need additional information, support and guidance to help their child to learn and make progress. Parental engagement has a positive impact on average of 4 months' additional progress. (EEF. Parental Engagement.2021) We remain passionate about Empowering our parents to support relationships and break down the barriers between school and home to support pupil progress.

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
Improve achievement: Attainment among disadvantaged pupils across the curriculum at KS4 is consistently in line or above national average. Consistent application of adaptive teaching, effective feedback and appropriate challenge in every lesson. Targeted academic interventions that address knowledge gaps and improve confidence, attainment and progress. Yr 12 enrichment mentoring programme to offer in lesson support. SENCO training has been provided. Monitor PP students across 'sets' to maintain aspirations. Use of Broader bands at KS3 in core subjects A cross-curricular focus on increasing Cultural Capital via engagement with enrichment opportunities, both in school and outside of school.	GCSE outcomes indicate increasing attainment and progress for disadvantaged pupils, with the attainment of disadvantaged pupils in line with that of all students nationally. Disadvantaged pupils' attainment is improving in each year group, with additional interventions showing positive impact. Reduced gaps at KS3 All disadvantaged pupils enter further education, training or employment post-16. Consistent approach to Quality First Adaptive Teaching. Monitored through IQTL. Class charts used across whole school for consistency of approach
<i>Literacy</i> : Gaps between literacy levels of PP and non-PP students will be narrowed. Develop the deliberate teaching of reading skills across the curriculum.	Disadvantaged students make as much progress as their non-disadvantaged peers as evidenced through screenings, accelerated reader- reading ages and end of Key stage outcomes Staff consistently delivering whole school approach to reading as evidenced through whole school IQTL. Reading ages are shared and used to support age related lesson content and appropriate challenge.
<i>Improve attendance:</i> Improved attendance for all pupils, particularly; disadvantaged pupils. Embedded strategies to improve PP attendance and punctuality and address the attendance gap between PP and non-PP students, this includes new attendance strategy across school Publication of revised attendance policy Sept '22	Attendance figures for 2022-23 show that the gap between PP and non-PP students is diminishing. Disadvantaged pupils' attendance is in line with the national average for all pupils (given the national context of COVID-19 restrictions). Parents/carers are aware of changes and adhere to guidance. Support is offered where needed to support engagement.
Attendance and punctuality explored as part of all parental and reintegration meetings and all student meetings.	Attendance remains a high priority will all staff Attendance issues are flagged in a timely manner to parents/carers and meaningful support is put into place Increased meetings and home visits. Re-launch of Active Parents programme.
	Pupils Attitude to learning scores are in line with their peers. Pupils speak positively about the school and feel safe and happy. Student Voice. There is a very high level of engagement in wider curriculum opportunities by

Build aspirations using outside agencies- school has partnered with City Year, Factory International and Safe in the City all targeting PP students- almost 100 directly	disadvantaged children and effective careers provision ensures they are well prepared for post-16 pathways. House points and reward trips.
<i>Curriculum-Ensure all faculties</i> provide a range of opportunities for students to access learning opportunities outside the classroom, build cultural capital and provide appropriate careers guidance.	Parent voice supports students being well supported and engaged. Bank of resources to support students with understanding
Ensure all PP students have at least 2 'careers interviews' and a detailed interview in year 9 for Choices programme	the pathway to specific careers, developing their knowledge and understanding of the role and raising aspiration.
Calendared achievement weeks and re launch of the house system to create community-based awards.	
Identify primary schools where main PP students come from and further develop partnerships with them to ensure a more productive transitions	
Promote positive behaviour and attitudes to learning:	Pupils Attitude to learning scores are in line with their
Students have improved attitude to learning scores in line with their non disadvantaged peers.	peers. The behaviour and attitude to learning of
Normative Behaviours embedded and fixed term suspensions for Pupil Premium pupils reduced.	disadvantaged students is in line with other students or shows an improving trend across all year groups.
	Reduction of fixed term suspensions.
Equip all pupil premium students with the tools to develop transferable skills which reflect our core values and will extend beyond their academic sphere and into adulthood.	Normative behaviour curriculum established and practised across each key stage. Visible actions in response to student, staff and parental voice.
Ensure all members of our PP community have the confidence and resilience to recognise when they and others need support and know where to access it.	The proportion of disadvantaged students who are excluded is below the national average for secondary schools and is reducing year on year.
	PP students represented on the student leadership programme, MHWB, and across student voice. Potential gaps will inform future training.
Parental Engagement: Parents are empowered and consistently involved in their child's learning journey.	Parental engagement across whole school events increases.
Proactive and persistent in building relationships that provide parents/carers with the opportunity to be more effective in supporting their child's learning journey	Parents/carer voice is positive regarding their child's education, and they will feel that they are more able to help/support their child to achieve.
Review strength-based conversations across all staff when communicating with students and their parents. Grow and Rise sessions in support of MHWB.	

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: £174.006

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Quality First Teaching: Fully embedding a classroom culture that ensures effective, supportive and adaptive teaching across the curriculum, supported by regular and intensive programme of CPD and triads. Including professional qualifications for example Masters, MPQML also used Ambitious, knowledge-based curriculum. Strong focus upon formative assessment to check that all students, including those with SEND have grasped crucial knowledge Opportunities for deliberate practice to enable staff to refine their teaching. IRIS Connect. Professional development Evidence informed adaptative teaching strategies shown to positively impact upon student outcomes, inc. those with SEND	EEF indicates that supporting high quality teaching is pivotal in improving children's outcomes and that high quality teaching can narrow the disadvantage gap. Providing feedback is a well-evidenced and has a high impact on learning outcomes. Effective feedback tends to focus on the task, subject and self-regulation strategies: it provides specific information on how to improve and next steps in learning <i>EEF indicates impact of +6 months when</i> <i>implemented effectively. The potential impact</i> of metacognition and self-regulation approaches is high (+7 months additional progress) and evidence indicates that explicitly teaching strategies to help plan, monitor and evaluate specific aspects of their learning can be effective. A focus on LIFElines and the development of students' vocabulary is supported by evidence from the EEF showing that language approaches have a high impact on pupil outcomes of 6 months' additional progress. Ensuring an effective teacher is in front of every class, and that every teacher is supported to keep improving, is the key ingredient of a successful school and should rightly be a top priority for pupil premium spending.' The EEF guide to Pupil Premium	1 Improving Achievement 2 Literacy
Joint PPA time to be used in each faculty to develop subject specific strategies to improve teaching and learning.	EEF indicates that supporting high quality teaching is pivotal in improving children's outcomes and that high quality teaching can narrow the disadvantage gap. (EEF. Effective professional Development)	1 Improving Achievement 2 Literacy
Whole school focus on Literacy. Developing student literacy and extended written response in all subject areas as inline with recommendations in the EEF Improving Literacy in Secondary Schools. Reading strategy implemented and used across whole school	Teenagers who read in their spare time know 26 per cent more words than those who never read, according to researchers at the Centre for Longitudinal Studies (CLS). Closing the reading gap- 'most things teachers do are important but teaching reading is essential' EEF Teaching and Learning Tool Kit. Acquiring disciplinary Literacy is Key for students as they learn new, complex concepts.	1 Improving Achievement 2 Literacy

Vision for disadvantaged students shared with all stakeholders. Data used to focus on disadvantaged pupils and identify actions using class charts and sims mark sheets.	Addressing Educational Advantage- it is vital that all staff understand who our Pupil Premium pupils are, how the school is addressing them, the evidence to support the approach, their role within it and what the impact looks like. Early interventions- Addressing Educations Disadvantage- Adopt a culture of early intervention	 1 Improving Achievement 2. Literacy 3 Attendance 4 Build Aspiration 5 Behaviour & Attitude 6 Parental Engagement
Support pupils to develop learning strategies to improve revision and home- learning PP Targeted home work club	Homework has a positive impact on average (+ 5 months), particularly with pupils in secondary schools.	1 Improving Achievement 6 Parental Engagement
To staff Y7 'transition' classes with teachers and LSAs	Reducing the number of pupils in a class will improve the quality of teaching and learning, for example by increasing the amount of high quality feedback or one to one attention learners receive. However, overall the evidence does not show particularly large or clear effects, until class size is reduced to under 20 or even below 15 In some studies these benefits persist for a number of years (+3 months)	1 Improving Achievement 2 Literacy 3 Attendance 5 Behaviour & Attitudes
Ensure Early Career Teachers receive expert support in developing their behaviour management, pedagogy, curriculum, assessment and professional behaviours.	Managing workload and supporting the delivery of effective professional development are key to retaining great teachers.' The EEF's 'Effective Professional Development	

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

Budgeted cost: £265.040

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed	
Additional staffing capacity across the school used strategically for Pupil Premium Intervention. This capacity can be used to provide 1:1 and small group tuition, in-class support and team teaching, additional teaching groups, enhance feedback and enable academic mentoring support. Inclusive of PP, LAC, EAL. Catch up tutoring 1:1, small group and in class support. Pupil Premium mentoring focus on Pupil Premium Targeted Homework Club for Pupil premium students.	Individualised instruction can be an effective approach to increasing pupil attainment. Studies of Individualised instruction with older pupils of secondary age tend to show higher effects. One to one tuition is where an individual pupil is removed from their class and given intensive tuition. Evidence indicates that one to one tuition can be effective, on average accelerating learning by approximately five additional months' progress. Short, regular sessions (about 30 minutes, 3-5 times a week) over a set period of time (6-12 weeks) appear to result in optimum impact. Evidence also suggests tuition should be additional to, but explicitly linked with, normal teaching (+5 months)	1 Improving Achievement 2 Attendance 5 Behaviour & Attitude	
Promote effective literacy and numeracy through whole school strategies and individual support. Reading age screenings shared with all staff. Library Lessons with specialised English Teachers.	Reading comprehension strategies are high impact on average (+6 months). Alongside phonics it is a crucial component of early reading instruction. Effective diagnosis of reading difficulties is important in identifying possible solutions, particularly for older struggling readers. EEF research shows that the teaching of phonics has a positive impact overall (+5 months) with very extensive evidence and is an important component in the development of early reading skills, particularly for children from disadvantaged backgrounds.	<i>1 Improving Achievement 2. Literacy 6 Parental Engagement</i>	
PIXL. Online platforms to support and coach to raise attainment. Sharing of best practice. Seneca Learning Google Classroom	 PIXL has 3 aims which are: 1. Improve life chances and outcomes for young people 2. Influence school leadership 3. Help school leaders be the agents of change for the betterment of students. 	 Improving Achievement Literacy Attendance Build Aspiration Behaviour & Attitude Parental Engagement 	
Employment of staff: Re- route, PSC and Return to Learn provisions. G14 inclusion provisions Team of Pupil Support Managers	These school provisions enable a safe space where students can regulate and re-engage with their learning. Students are supported on a 1:1 basis or in small groups. Staff linked to these provisions often are their trusted adult in school Targeted interventions and universal approaches have positive overall effects of +4 months. (EEF. Behaviour Interventions. 2021)	 Improving Achievement Literacy Attendance Build Aspiration Behaviour & Attitude Parental Engagement 	
Targeted interventions and mentoring through: Tutoring Programme City Year Paint me Red Factory International	Intensive support- either one to one or part of a small group- can support pupil learning if provided in addition to, and explicitly linked with, normal lessons. (EEF, 2022)	 Improving Achievement Literacy Attendance Aspirations Behaviour and Attitude Parental Engagement 	

To support Pupil Premium Students to overcome any social, health or emotional barriers to accessing mainstream educational provision so that they can maximise their opportunity to learn and make progress in line with their non-Pupil Premium peers.	Behaviour interventions seek to improve attainment by reducing challenging behaviour, including aggression, violence, bullying, substance abuse and general anti- social activities. Behaviour interventions can produce large improvements in academic performance along with a decrease in problematic behaviours. (+4 months)	<i>1 Improving Achievement 3 Attendance 5 Behaviour & Attitude 6 Parental Engagement</i>
Uniform and financial support for the provision of curriculum supplies to enable students to ensure positive engagement in school life.	EEF & Sutton Trust: Adventure education usually involves collaborative learning experiences with a high level of physical (and often emotional) challenge. Overall, studies of adventure learning interventions consistently show positive benefits on academic learning, and wider outcomes such as self-confidence. (+3 months)	<i>1 Improving Achievement 3 Attendance 5 Behaviour & Attitude 6 Parental Engagement</i>
Subsidised school trips and experiential learning opportunities to ensure access to wider opportunities and extra- curricular activities.eg: Music Lessons	To remove financial barriers to accessing normal school life and opportunities thereby improving students self-esteem, attendance and performance e.g. Travel Passes; Uniform support; Study resources ; Shoes Overall, the average impact of arts participation on other areas of academic learning appears to be positive but moderate, about an additional three months progress. Improved outcomes have been identified in English, mathematics and science. Benefits have been found in both primary and secondary schools. Some arts activities have been linked with improvements in specific outcomes. For example, there is some evidence of the impact of drama on writing and potential link between music and spatial awareness. Wider benefits such as more positive attitudes to learning and increased well-being have also consistently been reported. Adventure education usually involves collaborative learning experiences with a high level of physical (and often emotional) challenge. Overall, studies of adventure learning interventions consistently show positive benefits on academic learning, and wider outcomes such as self-confidence. (+3 months) EEF / Sutton Trust	 1 Improving Achievement 7 Attendance 8 Build Aspiration & Positive Engagement 9 Behaviour & Attitude 6 Parental Engagement
Specialist pastoral & behavioural support through team of Pupil Support Managers	 Provision of pastoral care enables noneducational barriers to be identified and tackled and builds relationships between school and home. EEF states that evidence suggests that some pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds show low engagement with or have low expectations of schooling. Mentoring interventions may be more beneficial for these pupils, as the development of trusting relationships with an adult or older peer can provide a different source of support. Behaviour interventions seek to improve attainment by reducing challenging behaviour, including aggression, violence, 	 <i>1 Improving Achievement</i> <i>3 Attendance</i> <i>Build Aspiration & Positive</i> <i>Engagement</i> <i>5 Behaviour & Attitude 6</i> <i>Parental Engagement</i>

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

Budgeted cost: £233.075

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Family Liaison Officer (FLO) employed to support with home visits, attendance surgeries, meetings and support for parents. Active parents connect programme The Nurture programmes Community out reach- connect programmes for disengaged parents. Coffee mornings Young Carers School lead LPPA coordinator	There is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement. According to the EEF, the average impact of the Parental engagement approaches is about an additional four months' progress over the course of a year. There are also higher impacts for pupils with low prior attainment.	1 Improving Achievement 3 Attendance 5 Behaviour & Attitude 6 Parental Engagement

	bullying, substance abuse and general anti- social activities. Behaviour interventions can produce large improvements in academic performance along with a decrease in problematic behaviours. (+4 months)	
Specialist Re-Route & Inclusion facilities to provide a small nurture and supportive environment for students who are struggling to engage either due to MHWB / Behaviour / External Factors	Small group tuition is defined as one teacher or professional educator working with two, three, four, or five pupils. This arrangement enables the teacher to focus exclusively on a small number of learners, usually on their own in a separate classroom or working area. Overall, the pattern is that small group tuition is effective and, as a rule of thumb, the smaller the group the better.(+3 months) Interventions which target social and	 <i>1 Improving Achievement</i> <i>3 Attendance</i> <i>4 Build Aspiration & Positive</i> <i>Engagement</i> <i>5 Behaviour & Attitude</i>
	emotional learning (SEL) seek to improve attainment by improving the social and emotional dimensions of learning, as opposed to focusing directly on the academic or cognitive elements of learning. On average, SEL interventions have an identifiable and significant impact on attitudes to learning, social relationships in school, and attainment itself (+ 4 months).	
Careers guidance and support to ensure all disadvantaged pupils are supported in making choices for future employment, education or training. Introduction of Unifrog to track engagement	Anecdotal evidence over many years in school suggests that students who have a clear focus and have identified their next steps are more likely to be motivated and confident in their learning. Improved IAG can have a direct impact on motivation and attainment	 1 Improving Achievement 3 Attendance 4 Build Aspiration & Positive Engagement 5 Behaviour & Attitude
Use of external providers to support with engagement, behaviour and mental health and wellbeing – for example 42 nd street, City Years, Factory I, SAFE task force	Some studies have found more positive impacts for pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds, and for non-academic outcomes such as attitudes to school, attendance and behaviour.	1 Improving Achievement 3 Attendance 4 Build Aspiration & Positive Engagement 5 Behaviour & Attitude
	Programmes which have a clear structure and expectations, provide training and support for mentors, and recruit mentors who are volunteers, are associated with more successful outcomes.	

Total budgeted cost: £672.129

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 pupils in the 2022 to 2023 academic year.

End of Key Stage 4 Results Summary 2023

Context

The 2023 GCSE cohort were affected by Covid both directly, as shown by their attendance throughout the year, and indirectly, by staff absences and family bereavements. It has been well documented that Covid had a greater impact on the North-West compared to the rest of the UK. Unfortunately, this won't be considered with national attainment measures despite the obvious impact in attainment. For example, 57.8% of students attained a 4 or higher in GCSE Maths, compared to 61.0% across England. 60.8% attained a 4 or higher in GCSE English Language compared to 64.2% across England.

Recognising the impact, several targeted interventions to raise self-confidence and aspirations were coordinated throughout their Key Stage 4, such as Paint me Red, the boxing project and Teens and Toddlers. Some students completed an off-site Mechanics course with The Manchester College. In line with centering our decisions around what is best for the child some students, after careful consideration and a series of meetings, were allowed to drop a subject from their options. This was replaced by additional tuition for primarily GCSE English and Maths using the National Tutoring Programme funding, as recommended by the EEF. Tuition was delivered in G12, a place these students were already familiar with and somewhere they could receive additional support for their mental health and wellbeing. A small number of students were also educated in our onsite alternative provision, Synergy, throughout KS4 and for two students, intensively in Year 11 as an alternative to Permanent Exclusion following struggling to access an offsite provision (MVLA). One student successfully completed their offsite provision in Carrington. Our PP Co-Ordinator ran targeted PP mentoring for 24 PP students each half term, identified for priority through screenings. In addition to this, we used staff as mentors throughout Year 11 where there was a strong relationship between the two to support.

Progress 8 measure

	2023 (cohort)	2022 (cohort)	2019 (cohort)
Whole cohort	-0.19 (299)	+0.13 (324)	-0.05 (308)
РР	-1.00 (101)	-0.40	- <mark>0.47</mark> (108)
		(National - 0.55)	(National -0.45)
PP, Male	-1.16 (53)	- <mark>0.62</mark> (55)	- <mark>0.65</mark> (63)
		(National -0.72)	(National -0.70)
PP, White British	-1.88 (32)	-0.92 (26)	-1.08 (34)
PP, Male, White British	-2.12 (16)	-1.46 (14)	-1.32 (16)

Attainment 8 figures from 2019-2023

	2023	2022 (National)	2019 (National)
English	4.1	4.7 (4.2)	<mark>4.1</mark> (4.1)
Maths	3.5	4.2 (3.6)	3.7 (3.5)
EBacc	3.1	4.0 (3.5)	3.7 (3.4)
Other subjects	3.5	4.3 (3.8)	3.9 (3.8)

Our progress 8 figure is -0.19. Analysing the progress of individual cohorts, we are continuing to focus on White British, Pupil Premium boys. We continue to also see a pattern with progress made based on primary school. Nationally and historically, SEND and Pupil Premium students obtain a lower Progress 8 than non-disadvantaged pupils. The trends we see are the same as reported across the country. Nevertheless, we would like to see these gaps narrowed. In addition to in class support and targeted interventions, Pupil Premium students were also supported with revision packs, guides, and equipment in preparation for all exams (a model which now filters down to KS3 in preparation for the summer internal assessments). A 'No Dip' approach was applied to each year group transferring from one year to another across KS3 and 4. All Pupil Premium students were provided with a work pack to supplement their learning in the first few weeks of term. Students were encouraged with rewards for completion Each pack came with an age-appropriate reading book and stationary pack. Student voice indicated that over 80% of students welcomed the packs. Our student voice has indicated that we need to review the quantity of what is expected and lift engagement with more interactive or face to face sessions. In addition to our Quality First and Adaptive teaching, we will continue to monitor engagement and the need for targeted No

Dip interventions through earlier intervention using Attitude to Learning scores and screening reviews half termly for the PP cohort.

Gateways Programme 2022-2023

60 students across yr 7-11 took part in the Manchester Gateways Programme. The programme provided targeted information, advice and guidance and aspirational building activities for pupils identified as Pupil Premium. Student voice indicates a love for the programme. Unfortunately, a change to the criteria of enrolment on this programme means Parrs Wood High School will have no new enrolment. Students from year 8-10 will continue with the programme and year 8 students will see the programme through to the end of year 11.

Catch up funding

<u>Cohort</u>	<u>Measure</u>	Data Comparison Impact	
Dropped Options	Overall Progress 8	Summer Screenings & Yr11 Exams	Reduced difference by 2 / 3 grade
	Eng Av prog	Summer Screenings & Yr 11 Exams	Improved by 0.8 Grade
	Maths av Prog	Summer Screenings & Yr 11 Exams	Improved by 0.45 grade
Science Tutoring	Overall Prog 8	Mocks to grades	Improved by nearly 2 grades
Maths Tutoring	Overall Prog 8	Mocks to Yr 11 Exams	improved by 0.74
	Maths	Summer yr10 to Exams	improved by 2/3
English Tutoring	Overall Progress 8	Mocks to Yr 11 Exams	improved by 0.14
	English Lang	Mocks to Yr 11 Exams	All improved 1 grade

<u>Cohort</u>	<u>Measure</u>	Data compared between	Impact
current yr9 (25/26) tutoring	yr 8 progress review	summer screenings 8 to 9	progress of $\frac{1}{3}$ of a grade
current yr9 (25/26) English tutoring	yr 8 progress review	summer screenings 8 to 9	Progress of ⅔ of a grade
current yr9 (25/26) Maths tutoring	yr 8 progress review	summer screenings 8 to 9	progress of $\frac{1}{3}$ of a grade
Current yr 10 (24/25) tutoring overall	yr 9 progress review	summer screenings 9-10	Progress of ⅔ of a grade
Current yr 10 (24/25) English tutoring overall	yr 9 progress review	summer screenings 9-10	Progress of ⅔ of a grade
Current yr 10 (24/25) Maths tutoring overall	yr 9 progress review	summer screenings 9-10	progress of $\frac{1}{3}$ of a grade

Catch-up provision for 2022/23 had a number of improvements to what was provided the year before. The cohorts of PP/Disadvantaged/SEN pupils were selected by DOFs and KS4 coordinators of core subjects. They were identified for catch up based on concerns of prior/current progress and being deemed as being able to benefit from this support. This was initially rolled out in September to mid-November. The difference this year was that a tutor would be attached to a faculty for the full day. Therefore, we could make full use of them in that subject area. Therefore, a day may involve the tutor working with a small group (2-4) in KS4 lessons in the morning and then moving to KS4 lessons in the afternoon. Following feedback from DOFs this was seen as a more efficient use of their time and relationships with both pupils and staff could be built. A second cohort of pupils was then timetabled for this intervention from mid November onwards. Tutors wrote short reports on all the sessions they completed which the coordinator shared with staff, so they knew which areas had been discussed.

Also, in the main school a considerable cohort of Year 11 pupils (30+) were allowed to drop one or more of their GCSE options. This may have been for academic or pastoral reasons. The plan was to use these periods to use for extra focus on core subjects. This provision was based in G12 Inclusion classroom so that the full-time staff could also supervise and monitor progress during the tutor sessions. Feedback was positive and most of the pupils engaged and made progress. One challenge was that the numbers during some periods did increase from 2-3 to larger groups. Therefore, a second tutor was brought in so they could be split into two with some working in the ILC.

The tutors were also asked to support some of our more disengaged pupils with one to ones outside of the classroom. In addition to this there were 23 Sixth Form students resitting GCSE maths (15) and English (8) who had weekly 1-1 tuition - On average they received just over 19 hours of interventions leading up to their exams. We continue to use the local company, Choice Tutoring, as they have been both reliable and flexible with the way we want the tutoring delivered. The tutors also now know the school, the staff and the pupils and say they have enjoyed working with us.

Looked After Children Interventions

Our LAC/PLAC coordinator works 1:1 with students and within lessons offering in class support. Last year 19 students across KS3 and KS4 were supported at various points in the year through planned interventions or as a series of short sharp targeted interventions identified through screenings to support an increase in attitude to learning, progress and completion of exams in year 11. Interventions in class have proven the most effective to increase performance and engagement in learning.

Behaviour, Attitudes and Attendance

School staff have high expectations for pupils' behaviour and conduct and believe that regular attendance to school is the definitive driver of this for all students. Our core-values of Community, Creativity and Achievement are reflected in the vast majority of pupils' positive behaviour and conduct.

Fixed-term and internal suspensions are used appropriately however they remain higher than our aspiration; this is both a consequence of our high standards and the ongoing challenge of fully embedding our behaviour curriculum. We remain committed to reducing FTS hence its ongoing prominence as a target in our School Improvement Plan. In 2022-2023 FTS were higher than the previous year but this mirrored the Local picture where FTS rates were 10.5%. There is ongoing improvement in the behaviour and attendance of pupils who have particular needs. This reduction was consistent across both PP and non-PP students. The use of our internal Pupil Support provision has helped to reduce FTS for our disadvantaged pupils.

Attendance of our disadvantaged students continues to be a priority. Around 35% of our PP students had attendance of less than 90%. The school has further developed its practice and procedures by including an Introduction of the SIMS Transforming Attendance Tracker. We are continuing to work with students and their families across our wider PP strategies to put plans in place to redress this this year.

Literacy

Reading is a school priority and we have developed a strategy alongside intervention and whole staff training on teaching reading. We have developed a reading handbook and been awarded a Silver Reading Award 2023. The Reading Intervention Programme at Parrs Wood across Y7 and Y8 focuses on teaching students eight key comprehension strategies through the use of short, targeted texts. Many of these texts are taken from books that we have in the school library or are linked to learning. The aim is that through their participation in the programme, and in targeting PP students, the majority will be able to develop reading skills they can then use across the curriculum and beyond. All students across school have had their reading age tested and this is now published data that the school are using to secure literacy, in particular for our PP cohort moving forward.

Extra-Curricular

Access to Enrichment is now a part of the mainstream offer for all students at KS3 and KS4 students. A range of extracurricular opportunities are available to all students before, during and after school. Our Enrichment coordinators, Heads of Learning and subject staff, target PP students to attend. Removing the cost barrier for families has meant that Extra curricular along side trips and visits where a reduction of 25% is offered to PP students has widened the offer for students. This is inclusive of Duke of Edinburgh, Transition bonding sessions, music and sporting events. Some funding goes towards careers provision and enrichment opportunities, including support from Connexions, the University of Manchester Gateway programme, and support for instrumental lessons and Duke of Edinburgh Award activities.

The number of extracurricular activities offered across the school day remains a strength. Parents and staff are reminded frequently to support our students to engage. Our PP cohort represents 37.12% of attendees, with some of these students attending more than 1 club and up to 5 clubs across the school week. Attendance to these activities will continue to be tracked to increase engagement.

Parental Engagement

A variety of support is on offer for parents, all of which is evidenced through our Leading Parent Partnership Award, which was secured again for the school in October following our most recent review from 2023.

Providing high quality support to parents of children who are finding it difficult to access or make progress at school. The Family Liaison officer (FLO) works to ensure the family is supported to enable their son or daughter to make progress.

Year group	Number of Families accessing support on average each term	No. PP Families	New Early Help Offer	Young Carers
7	8	7	4	1
8	13	13	3	2
9	7	5	1	1
10	13	7	2	3
11	19	12	4	3

Our new Nurturing Programme has had impact across KS3 parents Numbers are capped at 8-10 parents to ensure the Programme is more personable. The programme is a 10 week programme that empowers and builds confidence and skills in parenting. Through this programme we have encouraged and nurtured positive relationships at home and between home and school. Parents who described themselves as once 'isolated' in the community have had doors of communication opened to them. Through this they have engaged in other areas of school life, such as attending meetings, helped to improve their communication with school and setting up their own parent group, where they meet regularly for walks and supporting each other.

'As a parent I am much more confident, positive and an understanding parent. I feel much more able to cope now'

Active parents continues to engage and empower the parent and child and the relationship between home and school. Through this programme we have been able to target and support very complex issues. The dialogue it offers between staff and parents and their child is invaluable. Smaller issues can be quickly resolved, and sensitive issues gain trust and patience to be resolved. Parent's feedback highlights how the sessions have supported the transition between primary and secondary, which for a school of our size is important. One parent commented.

'I felt isolated as a single parent in my community and now this has made me feel part of something and helped me bond with my child'.

The delivery of this programme was changed in response to parent voice to include a weekly focus, communication, teamwork, resilience and reflective practice. This supported the sessions to have more impact away from school in the home, as well as give students a focus whilst in lessons. Parent commented.

'The fact that the school has offered this to me and my child, just goes to show that the school are invested in both children and their families'.

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
Paint Me Red	Paint Me Red
Factory International	Factory International
City Year Mentors	Manchester University
Gate Way Project	Manchester University
Choice Tutoring	