

Pupil premium strategy statement

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This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2021 to 2022 academic year) 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 |
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| School name | Ivybridge Community College |
| Number of pupils in school | 2473 (Years 7-11: 2048) |
| Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils | Years 7-11 only: 17.97% |
| Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended) | 1 |
| Date this statement was published | 31.12.2022 |
| Date on which it will be reviewed | 31.12.2023 |
| Statement authorised by | Rachel Hutchinson |
| Pupil premium lead | Emily Rachel Briant |
| Governor / Trustee lead | Rob Haring |

Funding overview

| Detail | Amount |
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| Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year | £ 414,848 |
| Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year | £ 96,600 |
| Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable) | £ 118,289 |
| 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 | £ 629,737 |

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Ivybridge Community College aims to provide opportunities for all students to access all areas of education, whatever their starting point. Our ultimate objective is to support all students to reach their full potential.

Ivybridge Community College recognises the existence of potential material and sociocultural barriers which may prevent some socially disadvantaged students from reaching their full potential. We also consider the challenges faced by vulnerable students, such as those who have a social worker and young carers. Pupil Premium is a key resource for ensuring the realisation of achievement for all students.

The nature of the issue of disadvantage makes it essential that we adopt and provide personalised rather than blanket support for our students, which is informed by careful engagement with literature and evidence-based research pertaining to the issues surrounding educational underachievement for disadvantaged students.

Our Pupil Premium Strategy seeks to provide equitable support to disadvantaged students. Our Pupil Premium Strategy encompasses a multifaceted approach, which provides support for students both within College and beyond the school gates.

The key principles of our strategy include identifying the key challenges to educational achievement that are faced by disadvantaged students in our school context, whilst recognising the prolonged effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. Therefore, our strategy includes our approach to education recovery, which includes targeted support through the National Tutoring Programme. Following the identification of three key challenges, we have developed a range of strategic approaches which aim to mitigate and overcome potential barriers to educational success through the implementation of literature informed and evidence-based approaches.

High-quality teaching is at the heart of our approach, with a focus on areas in which disadvantaged students require the most support. Research suggests that this focus will support our goal of closing the disadvantage attainment gap, whilst also benefitting non-disadvantaged students. It is our intention that all students' attainment will be sustained and improved through our strategy.

Challenges

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

| Challenge number | Detail of challenge |
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| 1 | Achievement - Ivybridge Community College identifies the academic underperformance of disadvantaged students in comparison to their peers at the end of Key Stage 4. In 2022, the Progress 8 score for disadvantaged students was -0.60. We are committed to raising the attainment of socially disadvantaged students. In addition, based on our data, we recognise our Free School Meals and Ever 6 students as cohorts who require specific attention and support. |
| 2 | Attendance – Ivybridge Community College recognises a lower attendance level for disadvantaged students in comparison to their peers. During the first half term of 2022, the overall level of attendance of disadvantaged students was 89.33%. Based on our close data analysis, we recognise the particularly low attendance of students eligible for Free School Meals. |
| 3 | Deprivation – Ivybridge Community College acknowledges the potential barriers associate to material and sociocultural deprivation. Evidence suggests that such barriers can be detrimental to students' academic achievement and wider educational experiences. We have implemented a staff voice strategy to reflect upon the key barriers associated to deprivation which specifically affect our 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 |
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| <p>At Ivybridge Community College it is our intent that all learners have access to a high quality, relevant and challenging curriculum. Learners experience a broad and balanced curriculum that promotes intellectual curiosity and prepares them for the future. Alongside our ambitious curriculum, high quality teaching is a key priority. We recognise the importance of investing in staff so that they can make the difference for our students.</p> <p>The intended outcome is an improvement to at least a Progress 8 score of 0 for our disadvantaged cohort. This would mean our disadvantaged students are performing above the national average achieved by disadvantaged students in 2022.</p> | <p>Success to this intended outcome is an improvement to the Progress 8 score of disadvantaged students in the summer examinations 2023.</p> <p>The curriculum is carefully sequenced to support disadvantaged students to develop stable schema.</p> <p>Teaching and learning is effective in addressing knowledge gaps, developing stable scheme and facilitating knowledge recall.</p> <p>Specific focus is given to improving students' literacy levels, as this underpins access to the curriculum.</p> |
| At Ivybridge Community College we believe excellent attendance is paramount to student welfare, safeguarding and academic success. | Success to this intended outcome is a sustained reduction to the absence rate of disadvantaged students this academic year. |

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| <p>We encourage our students to maintain high levels of attendance, in order for them to take full advantage of the opportunities available to them at the College and for them to reach their full potential.</p> <p>The intended outcome is an improvement in levels of attendance of disadvantaged students to at least 95%. This figure is above the national average (92.2%) for disadvantaged students in 2020-2021.</p> | <p>Availability of support for students who require this through pastoral, wellbeing and safeguarding teams.</p> <p>Regular monitoring of disadvantaged students' attendance, in order to ensure that support is targeted to those in need.</p> |
| <p>Ivybridge Community College understands that deprivation can manifest itself in a plethora of ways. Living in the South West also presents additional regional challenges associated to material and sociocultural deprivation.</p> <p>The intended outcome is that at least 50% of disadvantaged students access support through our Pupil Premium Charter this academic year.</p> | <p>Success in this intended outcome is a reduction in the barriers to learning associated to material and sociocultural deprivation.</p> <p>This would enable greater access to and participation in the curriculum and enrichment opportunities.</p> |

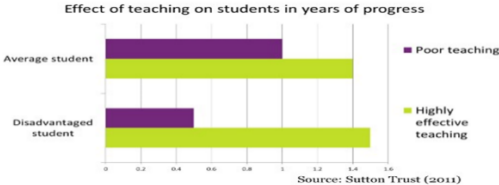
Activity in this academic year

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: £453,012

| Activity | Evidence that supports this approach | Challenge number(s) addressed |
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| CDP | <p>Ivybridge Community College has adopted a new approach to CPD, with specific focus on curriculum design, literacy, cognitive science, instruction, and meeting students' needs.</p> <p>The curriculum must be carefully sequenced to support disadvantaged students to develop stable schema. There is commentary to support this claim, whilst evidence in this area is largely inconclusive.</p> <p>Literacy extends beyond reading and vocabulary. Evidence suggests that children with poor literacy struggle to access the curriculum, resulting in poor educational outcomes. Further information regarding literacy is reference below as a targeted intervention.</p> <p>Evidence relating to cognitive science at educational outcomes is evolving. 16 studies focused on the use of scaffolds (samples within these studies were diverse with regards to educational setting and subject focus, with only 7 studies including students being taught by their teacher – this limits the validity and representativeness of the evidence). Scaffolding has been found to support students who may not have strong foundational knowledge, which commentary suggests this is likely to be disadvantaged students. The use of worked examples is focused on in 22 studies (most studies took place in secondary settings, making the studies more representative to our school context, however, only 8 studies were delivered by teachers and there was some subject bias). Evidence suggests</p> | 1 |

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| | <p>that understanding cognitive load has implications for teaching practice, such as greater understanding of the benefits of worked examples. 15 studies focused on working with schemas, and commentary suggests that disadvantaged students are less likely to have developed and stable schema.</p> <p>Ivybridge Community College recognises a clear crossover of need for disadvantaged students who also have SEND. Therefore, CPD focus on specific strategies for students with SEND are beneficial to disadvantaged students.</p> | |
| Recruitment and Retention | <p>Ivybridge Community College priorities high quality teaching and curriculum development.</p> <p>The curriculum must be carefully sequenced to support disadvantaged students to develop stable schema. There is commentary to support this claim, whilst evidence in this area is largely inconclusive.</p> <p>Teaching and learning must be effective in addressing knowledge gaps, developing stable scheme and facilitating knowledge recall. Evidence from the Sutton Trust (2011) suggests that effective teaching can have a disproportionately positive effect on disadvantaged students.</p>  <p>A student voice survey, including a small (and therefore not fully representative) random sample of KS4 students identified that students at Ivybridge Community College feel that high quality teaching was one of the most important aspects in supporting their learning and motivation in lessons.</p> | 1 |
| Reduction of Class Sizes | <p>Evidence suggests that smaller classes sizes can impact upon learning if the reduction of student numbers enables teachers to teach differently. For example, facilitating higher quality interactions between teachers and students.</p> | 1 |

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| | <p>In English and Mathematics, key classes are reduced in size. There is an overrepresentation of disadvantaged students in these smaller classes.</p> <p>Research in this area is limited, and less impact is found if fewer students are removed from classes. Student voice (based on a small sample of KS4 students) at Ivybridge Community College suggests that students perceive small classes to be beneficial to them, insofar as it provides additional opportunities for bespoke teacher support.</p> | |
| Instructional Coaching | <p>Commentary suggests that coaching can be used to improve the effectiveness of teaching, raising the quality and consistency of teaching. Whilst this commentary is not grounded in a rigorous evidence base, there are some academic journals on the topic of instructional coaching (which are less representative due to taking place in primary settings). Additionally, much research is currently based in the USA, but this research does provide promise for coaching being impactful for the classroom.</p> <p>At Ivybridge Community College, we are currently in our second phase of trailing a coaching model, investigating and exploring how this can be implemented to the highest effectiveness within our context.</p> | 1 |
| Technology to Support Access to the Curriculum | <p>We have invested in technology to support disadvantaged students' access to the curriculum.</p> <p>Investments have been made based on feedback from middle leaders and senior leaders regarding specific technological barriers faced by some students as a result of material deprivation, which has a close link in research to educational underachievement.</p> | 1, 3 |

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

Budgeted cost: £76,289

| Activity | Evidence that supports this approach | Challenge number(s) addressed |
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| National Tutoring Programme | <p>Ivybridge Community College uses the National Tutoring Programme to support disadvantaged students in core subjects. According to Social Mobility in the South West Report, 40% of disadvantaged students achieved their basics in English and Maths in 2019 in the South West, in comparison to almost 60% in Inner London. In 2022, 40.7% of our disadvantaged students achieved their basics.</p> <p>Evidence (based on 62 studies) suggests that small group tuition approaches can support students to make progress. Small group tuition can provide targeted academic support for students at risk of underperformance.</p> <p>Small group tutoring is supported by the Department for Education's focus on the National Tutoring Programme. Based on Ivybridge Community College's experiences with the National Tutoring Programme in 2021-2022 (including reflections and feedback from involved staff, students and parents), we have developed our strategy this year to improve the students' experiences and outcomes.</p> | 1 |
| Targeted Literacy Intervention and Support, Including Accelerated Reader | <p>According to Social Mobility in the South West Report, 40% of disadvantaged students achieved their basics in English and Maths in 2019 in the South West, in comparison to almost 60% in Inner London. In 2022, 40.7% of our disadvantaged students achieved their basics. Therefore, we aim to provide specific support in core subjects to students in KS3 who are not at the expected standard of literacy and numeracy.</p> <p>Reading is considered to be highly important to improving students' progress. Evidence based on 69 studies of secondary reading programmes suggests that reading should be</p> | 1 |

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| | <p>considered the responsibility of all staff in secondary schools. One study focused on the use of Accelerated Reader, finding this intervention had a significant effect size of +0.24. The validity of this research is improved by objectivity, however, it remains unrepresentative.</p> <p>At Ivybridge Community College, we are developing our approach to the diagnosis of reading challenges. This includes collecting and effectively utilising regular NGRT scores for students. Where students are below an expected level, further testing and intervention is provided to support students' individual needs.</p> <p>There is some evidence that reading approaches can be impactful, and that this can be seen in vocabulary-based approaches. This links theoretically to the concept of second-tier and third-tier vocabulary by Beck and McKeown in literature. Evidence from 154 studies (of which many were not independently evaluated, effecting their validity) also suggests that disadvantaged students are less likely than their non-disadvantaged peers to have developed language skills, which can impact their achievement in education. Therefore, modelling and explicitly extending students' spoken vocabulary is important.</p> <p>Literacy extends beyond reading and vocabulary. Evidence suggests that children with poor literacy struggle to access the curriculum, resulting in poor educational outcomes.</p> <p>At Ivybridge Community College, we are developing our teaching of literacy in order to support the explicit teaching of new vocabulary used consistent methods, which is supported through our CPD strategy.</p> | |
| Targeted Mathematics Support | <p>According to Social Mobility in the South West Report, 40% of disadvantaged students achieved their basics in English and Maths in 2019 in the South West, in comparison to almost 60% in Inner London. In 2022, 40.7% of our disadvantaged students achieved their basics. Therefore, we</p> | 1 |

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

Budgeted cost: £100,436

| Activity | Evidence that supports this approach | Challenge number(s) addressed |
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| Pupil Premium Charter | <p>The Pupil Premium Charter encompasses a wide array of support for students and parents.</p> <p>The Charter seeks to overcome cited barriers associated most frequently to material deprivation, in order to provide students with the resources required to support their learning beyond the classroom and at home.</p> <p>For example, support with school uniform is available through the Pupil Premium Charter. Evidence from the EEF suggests that it is important for schools to recognise the financial implications of school uniform policies on disadvantaged families. The Ivybridge Uniform Loan Store and Pupil Premium Charter have been developed based on feedback from parents and staff, and seeks to be a supportive strategy, providing assistance to maintain the school's high standards and expectations of uniform.</p> <p>For example, Year 7 students are provided with a fictional book to support their reading. Evidence suggests that disadvantaged children are less likely to own a book, and Ivybridge Community College recognises the importance of reading and literacy (please see above for further information on our literacy intervention).</p> | 1, 3 |
| Ivybridge Laptop Loan Scheme | The Ivybridge Laptop Loan Scheme provides a continuation of IT provision and support following the emerging needs identified as a result of Covid-19 and school closures. | 1, 3 |

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| | <p>The Ivybridge Laptop Loan scheme is disproportionately accessed by disadvantaged students.</p> <p>Literature cites the existence of a 'digital divide' whereby disadvantaged students are more at risk. The provision of devices is important at Ivybridge Community College, as a number of home learning activities require access to digital technology.</p> | |
| Enrichment and Opportunities | <p>Literature, including the Social Mobility in the South West Report, accounts for specific regional barriers associated to enrichment participation and opportunities. This is particularly relevant for our school context. Therefore Ivybridge Community College provides support for students to facilitate enrichment participation and opportunities.</p> | 3 |
| Inclusion Breakfast Club | <p>Following a successful pilot in the Summer Term of 2022, Ivybridge Community College has introduced the Inclusion Breakfast Club.</p> <p>Research has found that poor attendance at school is linked to poor academic attainment.</p> <p>The purpose of the strategy is to uphold our school vision of 'Champion Every Child' by providing a positive, warm and supportive for selected students each morning. Research highlights the benefits of breakfast consumption, which reference to students' school experience and attendance.</p> <p>It is recognised that the evidence quality for this research is low due to small sample sizes and the possible risk of bias. Additionally, most research has taken place outside the context of Covid-19 or within primary school settings. Despite this, our Breakfast Club pilot in 2022 provided positive feedback from students and staff.</p> | 2 |
| Recruitment and Retention of Key Pastoral Staffing | <p>Ivybridge Community College recognises the need to support students' socioemotional needs, wellbeing and behaviour through effective pastoral and safeguarding teams.</p> | 1, 2, 3 |

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| | A review of our current school provision has revealed that disadvantaged students disproportionately access wellbeing and safeguarding support at Ivybridge Community College. | |
| Contingency Fund for Acute Issues | We have identified a need to set aside some funding to respond quickly to emerging student needs that have not yet been identified. | 1, 2, 3 |

Total budgeted cost: £ 629,737

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 2020 to 2021 academic year.

In the academic year of 2021-2022, we aimed to improve the Progress 8 score of our disadvantaged students. In comparison to the validated data of 2019, our Progress 8 score increased by 0.06, from -0.69 to -0.60. There remained a gap between disadvantaged students and their peers in key measures, including Progress 8 (-0.69), Attainment 8 (-14.44) and Basics 5+ (-21.6). Despite fears that the lasting consequences of Covid-19 may increase the gap between disadvantaged students and their peers, we did not see this happen at Ivybridge Community College

Last year, we implemented the Pupil Premium Charter as a means to overcome barriers associated to material and sociocultural deprivation, in order to support disadvantaged students. The Pupil Premium Charter sought to provide increasingly equitable support for students at Ivybridge, and feedback from staff and parents commended the Charter. Based on feedback, we have made improvements to the provision offered in the Pupil Premium Charter for this academic year (2022-2023). In addition to this, based on our experience of the Pupil Premium Charter last year, we have developed a new system to track and monitor the support accessed by disadvantaged students throughout the academic year.

Throughout the academic year, the attendance of disadvantaged students continued to be effected by Covid-19. The use of a case study model enabled individual success stories with regards to improving students' attendance. However, by the end of the academic year, the attendance figure for disadvantaged students was 85.02%.

Finally, we placed a focus on improving staff awareness of the relationship between educational underachievement and social disadvantage. Throughout the academic year, CPD opportunities returned to this focus in order to support a greater awareness and understanding of this relationship. Regular dissemination of literature and research (evidence-based practice) to support pedagogy was consistent throughout the academic year.

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 |
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