

How much Pupil Premium did we receive this year?

The rate of Pupil Premium funding for 2016 - 2017 is £935 per eligible student. Children of parents in the armed services are entitled to £300 Pupil Premium. The Swanage School received £75,027 for the 2016-17 academic year, with 29% of students eligible for Pupil Premium.

How are we spending our Pupil Premium?

At The Swanage School we believe that raising self-esteem is as important as direct assistance with numeracy and literacy. A happy, confident student, wearing their uniform with pride and able to participate fully in the life of the school, stands a greater chance of high academic attainment.

To support this approach we spent our 2016-17 allocation on:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running a Homework Club every day after school, where students are able to use the school's facilities and are supported by a teaching assistant. The Education Endowment Foundation's toolkit supports our view that homework has a consistently positive impact for secondary school students. • Providing additional support through small group learning in literacy and maths to assist those students in need of additional support. • Using and sharing teaching strategies for meta-cognition and self-regulation, effective feedback and peer tutoring. Examples of these approaches include our Inspiration Station, our three pronged approach of teacher assessment, peer assessment and self-assessment, our Big Brother and Big Sister mentor network, and the inter-year and inter-school peer coaching activities undertaken by our students. These approaches are highly effective. • Banning the use of mobile phones in school time which has been shown by a research project ["Ill Communication: The Impact of Mobile Phones on Student Performance"] carried out by the Centre for Economic Performance at the London School of Economics to have a positive and significant impact on the learning of students, and especially disadvantaged students. 	<p>Approximately £66,000</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsidising uniform (70% discount), enabling all students to dress smartly for school • Subsidising small-group instrument lessons (70% discount) enabling all students to learn to play a musical instrument • Subsidising educational trips, visits and activities for students currently registered for Free School Meals, enabling all students to participate in all activities. Our programme of Project Based Learning, Challenge Days and school trips and visits provide opportunities for our students to participate in outdoor adventure learning, and arts participation and often involve collaborative learning. The Education Endowment Foundation has found that these types of activities have a positive impact on students' attitude to learning and self-confidence as well as on academic attainment. • Subsidising transport to school 	<p>Approximately £9,000</p>

How will we measure the impact of Pupil Premium on our students?

At The Swanage School we monitor the progress of each student and compile a report for our Governing Body every half term. We use this data to identify groups of students and to compare each group with the national, local and school averages. We expect to see the same high levels of progress in all students, regardless of whether they are eligible for Pupil Premium.

Below is a summary of the GCSE results achieved by our students in receipt of Pupil Premium funding in 2016-17 as well as the previous year.

	2016 - 2017	2015 - 2016
Number of Pupil Premium students	15	11
Progress 8	-0.52	0.01
Attainment 8	34.3	Not comparable
Percentage of pupils achieving 9-5 in English and Maths	27%	Not available
Percentage of pupils achieving a grade 5 in English	27%	Not available
Percentage of pupils achieving a grade 5 in Maths	33%	Not available
Percentage of pupils achieving a grade 9-4 in English and Maths	47%	45%
Percentage of pupils achieving a grade 4 in English	73%	Not published
Percentage of pupils achieving a grade 4 in Maths	55%	Not published
Percentage of pupils entering the English Baccalaureate	33%	45%
Percentage of pupils achieving the English Baccalaureate	7%	0%