

Our Ref KC/ch/Pupil Premium

September 2019

Dear Parent/ carer

RE: Pupil Premium Funding 2019/20

As you may be aware, the Academy receives additional funding for your child, referred to as Pupil Premium Funding.

The pupil premium was introduced by the Coalition government in April 2011 to provide additional funding for disadvantaged pupils. The premium was introduced because disadvantaged students tend to perform (attainment) below the level of “other” (non- disadvantaged) students.

A pupil will be defined as disadvantaged if they are:

- Eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) or have been at any point in the last six years; or
- Looked after continuously for 1 day or more; or
- Adopted from care

The Pupil Premium is for disadvantaged students; its allocation has no relation to a pupils’ ability or prior attainment.

The pupil premium is paid to schools as they are best placed to assess what additional provision their pupils need and therefore what the funding might best be used for.

Ofsted inspections (Government’s method of assessing the performance of a school) report on how the schools’ use of the funding affects the attainment of their disadvantaged pupils with particular focus toward;

- the attainment of the pupils who attract the funding
- the progress made by these pupils
- the gap in attainment between disadvantaged pupils and their peers; referred to as “others”

The “gap” that is referred to is the difference between the results of a school’s disadvantaged students and non-disadvantaged students (others) at GCSE level (attainment in year 11).

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At Queen Katharine Academy, whilst we appreciate the importance of examination success, our focus is also concerned with developing confident and resilient youngsters who feel assured in everything that they do. We believe that if our disadvantaged students are good learners then the results will come!

We are fully committed to the educational success and achievement of **all** of our learners and we recognise that some students may need additional resources and interventions to help them achieve their personal goals and ambitions. The essential point is to ensure that disadvantaged status does not hinder the potential of our students' to achieve.

As part of our whole Academy strategy, I am writing to inform you that we will be purchasing basic equipment for all students to receive at the start of the academic year in September. This will include a pencil case, pens, pencils, eraser, sharpener, coloured pencils, highlighters, maths equipment and a scientific calculator. In addition, for sixth form students only, we will also be distributing two folders, dividers and a USB stick.

For those students studying at GCSE, Btec and Alevel we will be purchasing any revision guides recommended by their teachers.

Students will be required to sign for the equipment and resources. It will be their responsibility. Once it is lost or misplaced, it will be the responsibility of the child to replace the lost items.

We will also fund one school trip per student throughout the year that has educational value, for example, trips organised by subjects to enhance the classroom learning. Trips to theme parks or similar venues will not be funded by the PP fund. These trips have to be organised and authorised by Academy staff. Application to have a trip funded through Pupil Premium should be made to Kirsty.cleworth@qka.education.

We will also contribute £50 towards the purchase of school uniform and Physical Education kit per student per academic year. You should ensure you mention the PP fund when purchasing from our school uniform shop.

If you have any queries with regards to this, please do not hesitate to contact me using the email address above.

Yours sincerely

Kirsty Cleworth

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