

**HINCKLEY ACADEMY AND
JOHN CLEVELAND SIXTH FORM CENTRE**

PUPIL PREMIUM



GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

2020-21

.....levelling the playing field

YEAR 11

Why am I receiving this guide?

Your son/daughter is or has been in receipt of free school meals in the last 6 years, or is/has been in local authority care, or has a parent who is in the armed forces.

What is the Pupil Premium?

This is extra funding provided by the government to help schools support the learning of students for whom any of the above apply.

What is it used for?

The extra funding is used by schools in a number of different ways. Individual schools choose ways which they know will work for their students, and which take into account individual needs and circumstances. These ways include using staff hours to support learning in and out of the classroom, providing learning resources, organising booster programmes, improving key skills such as literacy and numeracy, raising aspirations, contributing to extra-curricular activities and increasing communication with parents, amongst other things.

How can it help my child?

We would urge your son/daughter to take advantage of all the opportunities on offer to them, and ask that you encourage them to do so as well. By doing this they are more likely to make good progress and achieve good grades in their GCSEs by the end of Year 11. This will mean they have a better chance of moving on to a college and/or university course of their choice, and give them better future career prospects and life chances.

What can you do as a parent/carer?

- ✓ Ensure that your child attends school regularly.
- ✓ Look at your child's work and assessment reports as often as you can.
- ✓ Talk to your child about their school work and their assessment grades.
- ✓ Make sure your child is completing his/her homework regularly, and with a high level of effort.
- ✓ Contact the school whenever you feel that your child needs support with their work or with some other part of their school life.
- ✓ Let us know if there is something outside of school which might affect your child's learning
- ✓ Encourage your child to aim high, both at school and with their future ambitions.
- ✓ Come to our 'meet the team' events.
- ✓ Attend parents' evenings.
- ✓ Encourage your child to take all opportunities on offer to them, to broaden their horizons, have new experiences, learn new skills and develop their self-confidence.

What does Hinckley Academy do?

Mentoring support

We have a number of Learning Advisers and an Intensive Support Officer who provide one-to-one, small group and in-class mentoring support. Please contact the **Y11 Learning Adviser** if you feel there is a need for your child to work on a specific study skill, or where there is a need for help and guidance with one or more subjects. If your son/daughter is on the SEND register however, please contact the **SEND/Disadvantaged Learning Adviser**, or the **SEND Co-ordinator**. In some cases, students are referred to, and supported by, our **Intensive Support Officer**.

Y11 Learning Adviser:	Rachel Sales	rsales@hajc.leics.sch.uk
SEND/Disadvantaged Learning Adviser:	Jess Wood	jwood@hajc.leics.sch.uk
Intensive Support Officer:	Yasmin Hutchinson	yhutchinson@hajc.leics.sch.uk
SEND Co-ordinator	Jo Mungovan	jmungovan@hajc.leics.sch.uk

A number of our 6th Form students act as mentors to provide help with individual subjects. If you feel your son/daughter needs some subject-specific mentoring in this way, this can be arranged through our **Learning Advisers**.

All pupil premium students meet with a **Learning Adviser**, or another key worker, in September. From this meeting a 'passport' is produced which all teachers have a copy of. This passport includes information the student would like teachers to know, such as things they find hard to do or struggle with, anything they think would help them with their learning, and any long-term goals they have.

Exam preparation and intervention

Subjects run support sessions during the year. The times and rooms will be advertised around the school and on Firefly. You may receive letters, emails or phone calls from teachers or heads of department to let you know that some of these sessions are on.

Trips and visits

We use some of the pupil premium grant to provide contributions to school trips, activities and visits. The level of contribution will depend on both the type of trip and individual circumstances. Arrangements for trip payments and contributions are made via **Nicky Boulton** (nboulton@hajc.leics.sch.uk) in the library.

Learning resources, equipment, uniform and transport

We provide disadvantaged students with free revision and study guides for all their subjects in Y10 and Y11. We also provide some equipment, where this has been mislaid or where a genuine need arises, and exam packs. These resources are arranged through the **Learning Advisers**.

In some cases we can provide support for the replacement of some uniform and PE kit, where a genuine need arises, particularly for those students currently in receipt of free school meals. If this is needed, you should discuss this with your son/daughter's pastoral leader:

Year 11 Pastoral Leader	Mandy French	mfrench@hajc.leics.sch.uk
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In some cases contributions can be made to school transport costs. This is usually limited to students who are currently in receipt of FSM. However, other individual circumstances can be taken into account.

We also provide ingredients for home economics practical lessons. If there are any other specific needs, please discuss these with the relevant **Learning Adviser** or **Pastoral Leader**.

Access to remote learning

Where students are out of school for prolonged periods of time and have limited or no access to suitable remote learning devices at home, we are often able to lend out laptops to ensure students do not fall behind with their learning. Please contact the appropriate **Learning Adviser** if you need support.

Raising Aspirations:

We use a range of outside speakers, together with university and careers visits, to help our students to aim high. Your son/daughter will be able to access these for free.

Extra-Curricular:

Contributions may be possible towards extra-curricular activities, for example Duke of Edinburgh Award subscriptions, in-school music lessons, sporting costs, etc. Please contact the appropriate **Learning Adviser** or **Pastoral Leader** with any requests for help.

Attendance:

Poor attendance is a major barrier to the progress of disadvantaged students. Our **Learning Advisers** and **Intensive Support Officer** will liaise closely with you to ensure that attendance is kept at a high level, working together with you to overcome any barriers to regular attendance.

Key Dates 2020-21

Y11 Assessment Point 1	Week beginning 9 th November
Y11 Parents' Evening	Thursday 5 th November
Y11 Mock Exams	To be confirmed
Y11 Assessment Point 2	Week beginning 14 th December
Y11 Mock Exam Evening	Wednesday 13 th January
Y11 Assessment Point 3	Week beginning 12 th April
Y11 GCSE Exams	To be confirmed

Note: some of the above may be subject to change due to any COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.

***The pupil premium can only make a difference to your child's learning and future life chances if you work in partnership with us here at Hinckley Academy.
We look forward to meeting you soon.***

Mr G Price
Assistant Principal and Pupil Premium Co-ordinator