



The Latimer Arts College Pupil Premium Strategy Statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium funding for 2024/5 academic year, which is used to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged students. It outlines our pupil premium strategy, how we intend to spend the funding in this academic year and the impact that last year's spending of pupil premium had within our school.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	The Latimer Arts College
Number of students in school	1033
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible students	18.5%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	2023 to 2026
Date this statement was published	October 2025
Date on which it will be reviewed	October 2026
Statement authorised by	Kathryn Murphy, Principal
Pupil Premium Lead	Steve King, Assistant Principal
Chair of Governors	Sue Wood

Funding overview (based on census October 2024)

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£205,325
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
School-Led Tutoring funding allocation this academic year	£0
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years	£0
Total budget for this academic year	£205,323



Part A: Pupil Premium Strategy Plan Statement of intent

At The Latimer Arts College, we all share one key aim: for each individual to secure personal success by aiming for excellence in all that they do. We place no boundaries on ambition, no limits on aspirations and no barriers in the way of achievement. We work together to ensure that everyone in our learning community feels respected, valued and is provided with every opportunity to be the best that they can be. To achieve this, we actively encourage our students to develop the qualities and skills that will prepare them for life-long success. Our aim is to encourage each person to uphold both our Latimer values of **Honesty, Excellence, Ambition, Respect and Teamwork** and the fundamental British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs. We want all to make a positive contribution to both our local community and wider society.

The aim of our pupil premium strategy is to support disadvantaged students to achieve that goal, including those who are already high attainers. We will also consider the challenges faced by other vulnerable students, such as those who have a social worker and young carers. The provision we have outlined in this statement is to support their needs. Our aim is underpinned by the relentless passion for ensuring all disadvantaged and vulnerable students have the essentials to support their learning and well-being therefore, do not feel any different to their non-disadvantaged peers.

Quality first teaching is at the heart of our approach: this is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantaged attainment gap and at the same time will benefit all students in our school. Implicit in the intended outcomes detailed below, is the aim that non-disadvantaged students' progress matches that of their disadvantaged peers.

Our approach will be responsive to common challenges and individual needs, rooted in robust diagnostic assessment, not assumptions about the impact of disadvantage. The approaches we have adopted complement each other to help students achieve excellence.

We will:

- Ensure all disadvantaged students have the essentials to support their learning and well-being
- Adopt a whole school approach in which all staff take responsibility for disadvantaged student outcomes and ensure high aspirations
- Identify where intervention is required early and ensure proven strategies are used to narrow the gap
- Work closely with parents and carers to ensure there is a holistic approach to student attainment ensuring all parents and carers have the tools needed to access and give students the support required
- Enable all disadvantaged students to access the rich extra-curricular provision on offer

NB: When making provision for socially disadvantaged students, we recognise that not all students who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged and that not all students who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals. We reserve the right to allocate Pupil Premium funding to support any students or groups of students the school has legitimately identified as being socially disadvantaged.

We aim to do this through:

- Regular robust monitoring of qualitative and quantitative data to ensure accurate and timely identification of students in need of support



- Regular robust monitoring of attendance, behaviour and extra-curricular participation
- Ensuring that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all the students and that where students have specific needs that these are addressed through high quality, evidence-based adaptations or interventions led by appropriately trained staff
- Ensuring all disadvantaged students are ready to learn through access to a breakfast club, uniform/or basic equipment they may need, IT equipment for home learning and access to our lunchtime and after school homework support
- Ensuring that all disadvantaged learners have access to high quality pastoral and mental health support
- Ensuring that disadvantaged learners have access to frequent and high-quality careers guidance and associated opportunities

Achieving these objectives:

The range of provisions available at The Latimer Arts College include, but are not limited to:

- Regular monitoring of progress and implementation of intervention from the Senior Leadership Team, Progress Leaders, the SENDCo, House Leaders, wider Pastoral Team and the PP co-ordinator (CST)
- Quality First Teaching
- Literacy and Numeracy support which includes in class support and small group withdrawal with Literacy and Numeracy specialists
- Academic mentoring
- Continued use of the breakfast club and “rest and refuel” to ensure vulnerable learners are prepared for the day
- Tracking and monitoring attendance to provide intervention and support where a need is identified
- Frequent interaction with parents and carers regarding support for uniform, equipment, extra-curricular activities, revision resources and curriculum support
- Providing laptops to support with access to home and remote learning
- Providing priority access to independent careers advisors
- New for 2025/6-enshrining the above into a school wide ***Pupil Premium Promise***.



Challenges

Challenge	Details of the key challenges
1	Attendance Our analysis shows that disadvantaged students need additional support to ensure better attendance. Our attendance for the academic year 2024 to 2025 for all students was 91.2%, which was slightly worse than the National average of 91.4% (FFT National data). Our attendance for our disadvantaged students was 85.8% compared to 86.2% (FFT National data). Whilst we have narrowed the gap compared to National disadvantaged students, the aim is for the gap to be narrowed compared to non-disadvantaged students (our figures for non- disadvantaged students were 92.5% compared to the National figure of 93.3%).
2	Mental Health and Wellbeing Within our school setting over the last academic year the number of students needing additional support with social and emotional needs or mental health support has seen a significant increase. This also includes ensuring that a student's basic needs are met in terms of food and clothing and mentoring support.
3	Raising Aspiration Career aspirations and ambition for further or higher education, including Russell Group universities or apprenticeships, is not sufficiently high enough for some students and some of this stems from low aspirations within the family.
4	Parent and Carer Engagement Our analysis shows that the parents and carers of disadvantaged students, as well as those with English as a second language, are less likely to engage with the school and attend school events, including virtual events. This includes engagement in behaviour and attendance intervention, as well as academic support.
5	Quality First Teaching Improving teacher knowledge and skills of the range of strategies to support disadvantaged learners in the classroom and strategies for success and improving professional development opportunities for all staff to access to support disadvantages students is a priority (hence the PP promise introduction).
6	Technology and Study Support Access Not all students have access to electronic devices or Wi-fi at home to have access to online programmes provided by the school to support study and complete homework. Alongside this many parents and carers do not have the understanding of how to access and configure technology to support with home learning.
7	Closing the Maths and English gap For 2024 Year 11 results saw PP perform well both compared to national and to non-PP within the school. Overall progress for PP students was +0.24 – well above national. The gap between PP and no PP in the school was -0.08, again far better than the national average. In Maths PP outperformed non-PP with a progress score of almost +0.4. Within English there was a slightly bigger gap than overall at approx. -0.2, however PP students still made above national progress at +0.2 For 2025 there are no progress measures and therefore data is less readily available for comparison. Raw figures made on attainment as outlined below.



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.

	Priority Area	Success criteria
1	Improved Attendance	- Attendance for all will be above the national PP figure with persistent and severe absence being below the national average - The attendance gap between disadvantaged students and their non-disadvantaged peers will be eradicated - The percentage of disadvantaged students who have persistent or severe absence will be significantly below national PP figures
2	Mental Health and Well Being	- The school will have implemented a strategic Mental Health and Well Being Programme, led by a qualified Senior Mental Health Lead - Those students who indicate on our Student Voice questionnaire that they would like additional uniform and/or well-being support have all been offered relevant support - There will be strong partnerships with local services that offer support and advice for Mental Health and Well Being
3	Raising Aspirations	- The Compass Tool and the Gatsby Career benchmarks will indicate that we deliver a comprehensive careers programme and that we are fully compliant - All disadvantaged students who meet the academic profile for Level 3 study will undertake this - No disadvantaged students will be NEET - Prioritising of disadvantaged students for careers interviews
4	Parent and Carer Engagement	- Disadvantaged students' parent's/carers attendance at events is above 75% (the figure for non-disadvantaged parent/carers engagement) - A robust system to ensure parents and carers have access and the skills to use the technology to engage in school activities is in place
5	Quality First Teaching	Learning snapshot data, lesson observations, student voice and progress data indicate that: - All students have access to high quality teaching and learning - All teachers know their disadvantaged students (Pupil Premium Promise) - All teachers can articulate a strategy they have explicitly implemented to support disadvantaged students - Book sampling indicates consistency in standards of learning task completion for disadvantaged students
6	Technology and Study Support Access for All	- All disadvantaged students have access to the technology and learning resources they need to enable them to access home learning, online support programmes and complete homework - In addition we will continue to support students with extra curricular visits and opportunities
7	Closing the English and Maths Gap	- Disadvantaged students' Progress and Attainment 8 scores continue to be at least in line with their non-disadvantaged peers (above average) - Disadvantaged students' progress in English and Maths is at least in line with their non-disadvantaged peers (above average)



Activities in the current academic year

This details how we intend to spend our pupil premium (and recovery and school led tutoring premium funding) **this academic year** to address the challenges listed above.

Teaching: Budgeted cost: Approx. £127,725

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Assessment Purchase of standardised diagnostic assessments Training for staff to ensure assessments are interpreted correctly	Standardised tests can provide reliable insights into the specific strengths and weaknesses of each student to help ensure they receive the correct additional support through interventions or teacher instruction: Standardised tests Assessing and Monitoring Pupil Progress Education Endowment Foundation EEF	5, 7
Use of Data Embedding the use of progress tracking data analysis in all classrooms to identify early underachievement and make strategic rapid interventions. Progress data will be updated on a regular basis to ensure timely review and either adaption or re-selection of key subgroup students. This will be monitored through leadership monitoring and evaluation processes and department quality first teaching sessions.	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/feedback	5,7
Quality First Teaching The school will embed new initiatives and reforms that recognise the importance of teacher quality such as the Early Career Framework and the new National Professional Qualifications Regular Quality First Teaching professional development training sessions to enhance teaching and learning and ensure consistency for all students.	Supporting high quality teaching is pivotal in improving children's outcomes. Research tells us that high quality teaching can narrow the disadvantage gap. There is a growing consensus that promoting effective professional development (CPD) plays a crucial role in improving classroom practice and student outcomes, https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/effective-professional-development	5



Continued purchase of the Walkthrus Toolkit which provides evidence informed teaching strategies to enhance teachers' skills and knowledge to embed the five-step guides to great teaching and learning	https://schoolsweek.co.uk/teaching-walk-thrus-five-step-guides-to-instructional-coaching/ Principles of Instruction https://www.aft.org/sites/default/files/periodicals/Rosenshine.pdf	
Literacy Whole school embedding of the EEF Improving Literacy in Schools, with a focus on disciplinary literacy Targeted vocabulary instruction in all subjects and implementation of whole school strategies to support language acquisition: Continued purchase of Bedrock. Increased opportunities for extended writing through our Independent Practice (Climates of Learning) (ALT) strategy and regular opportunities for retention of knowledge (ROK) and closing the gap activities. Precision teaching strategy for small group intervention.	Improving Literacy in Secondary Schools EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	7
Numeracy Enhancement of our maths teaching and curriculum planning in line with DfE KS3 and EEF guidance with a focus on a mastery approach Renewal and delivery of White Rose Intervention Continued dedicated employment of a HLTA to support Maths Continued purchase of calculators	The DfE non-statutory KS3 guidance has been produced in conjunction with the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics, drawing on evidence-based approaches: Teaching mathematics at key stage 3 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) To teach maths well, teachers need to assess students' prior knowledge and understanding effectively, employ manipulatives and representations, teach problem solving strategies, and help students to develop more complex mental models: KS2 KS3 Maths Guidance 2017.pdf (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	7
Positive Attention Launch of Pupil Premium Promise to all teachers. Drive to ensure PP students are prioritised in terms of attention, praise, support, feedback, seating and instruction as well as using staff	Disadvantaged learners in our schools are not... Unity Research School	5



newsletters and briefings to maintain the spotlight on the educational gap and disadvantage that PP students will face on a daily basis.		
--	--	--

Targeted academic support: Budgeted cost: Approx. £22, 218

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Tutoring Targeted Maths tuition using internal staff, teaching and non teaching.	Tuition targeted at specific needs and knowledge gaps can be an effective method to support low attaining students or those falling behind, both one-to-one: One to one tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) And in small groups: Small group tuition Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	1, 3, 5, 7
Intervention Groups Tutoring to include small group support in maths and English classes and identified individual subject support. This will include additional staff hours for intervention by use of trained staff in Maths/Science/Literacy including use of Precision teaching.	Small group tuition teaching strategy from the EEF teacher toolkit. <i>“The average impact of the small group tuition is four additional months’ progress, on average, over the course of a year. Evidence shows that small group tuition is effective and, as a rule of thumb, the smaller the group the better.”</i>	1, 7
Ace Your Exam Programme Revision books will be distributed alongside the Ace Your Exam Programme which includes: • Parent/Carer pathways and curriculum engagement evening. • Student Assemblies and Personal Development Sessions	This is a strategy that has been used year on year to ensure all students have access to the same high quality of revision resources.	1,2,3,4,5,6,7



• 1:1 Careers support • Study Skills sessions for students, parents and carers • Additional revision resources/apps		
Enrichment and Extended learning Home learning and catch up support available at breakfast club, at lunchtimes and after school through the School's 'Aspire' facility	Homework strategy from the EEF teacher toolkit " <i>Homework has a positive impact on average (+ 5 months), particularly with students in secondary schools</i> ".	1, 5, 6, 7

Wider strategies: Budgeted cost: Approx. £55, 382

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Attendance and Behaviour Embedding principles of good practice set out in Department for Education's <u>Working Together to Improve School Attendance</u> that are not currently in place Assistant Attendance Officer appointed to improve student attendance and support families to identify barriers to school attendance. External consultant C Henry working to provide CPD and support to the newly revised Attendance team (Spring 2025 onwards)	The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with schools that have significantly reduced persistent absence levels.	1, 2
Raising Aspirations Embed a School Careers Programme so that students who are disadvantaged can engage fully with extended learning opportunities that enable them to develop socially, culturally and academically. The programme will include: • Independent Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG)	The Gatsby Benchmark sets out a framework of eight guidelines about what makes the best careers provision in schools and schools. https://www.gatsby.org.uk/education/focus-areas/good-career-guidance https://www.gov.uk/government/news/careers-guidance-for-modern-country-unveiled	2,3,4,7



• Employer Engagement, Higher Education Awareness/Visits and other relevant activities. • Access to national programmes that target careers education and guidance, for example: National Skills Live, Apprenticeship Show • Support for all able disadvantaged students to attend a university visit/to undertake a university taster programme. • Access to 'enterprise events' to develop employability skills and enhance student skills linked to financial awareness.	https://www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/careers-leaders/gatsby-benchmarks/	
Technology & Study Skills Provide technical support for disadvantaged and EAL students and parents/carers. This will include: auditing what technical support students/parents and carers need to access the curriculum in school and from home and providing routers and laptops where appropriate focusing on Key Stage 4 in the first instance. Parent/carer engagement support will also be put on for EAL parents and any needing technical support to access home learning and the home support package, including correspondence from school and the school learning platforms.	The Digital Divide https://www.sec-ed.co.uk/best-practice/coronavirus-digital-divide-disadvantaged-children-pupil-premium-technology-remote-teaching/ The most disadvantaged pupils are less likely to be engaged in remote learning: https://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/news/disadvantaged-pupils-less-engaged-in-remote-learning	6
Aspiration, Wellbeing and Mentoring Targeted mentoring through 121 sessions and lunch clubs promoted to Disadvantaged students (TRV training) Offer of fitness and sporting activities through lunchtimes to motivate disadvantaged students who cannot access commercial fitness facilities (TRV training) Targeted offer of breakfast and break food and drink to ensure disadvantaged students are nourished and prepared for the day ahead	Aspiration interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) National School Breakfast Programme - scale-up evaluation EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	2,3
Parent Engagement Embed regular opportunities for parent engagement events to support home learning and to build relationships with the school and parents/carers. ACE your exams evening.	Parent engagement has a positive impact of an additional 4 month's progress. There are also higher impacts for pupils with low prior attainment.	4



	https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learningtoolkit/parental-engagement	
--	---	--

Pupil Premium Spending Summary	
Teaching	£127, 725
Targeted Academic Support	£22, 218
Wider strategies	£55, 382
Total budgeted cost:	£205, 325



Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

Attendance

Our Cumulative Attendance for all students at the end of the academic Year 2024/5 was **91.2%** this was just in line with similar FFT schools 91.3%.

Disadvantaged student attendance was **85.8% (a drop from last year)** compared with FFT data at **86.2%**. Year 11 was the year group that pulled us below our national standard. Our improvements have been with disadvantaged students in Year 7, Year 8, 9 and 10. Our focus will continue to be disadvantaged students in particular Year 10 and Year 11 to support outcomes. FSM attendance for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 was above national for all years towards the end of the summer term, with year 10 being 0.5% above FFT national for FSM. Year 11 was the only outgoing year group that brought us down below FFT national due to some complex individual cases. However positive progress was made at the start of the year (autumn term) with FSM attendance being 89.3% compared to national average of 88.3% according to DFE data. Highlighting how we need to consider more how we sustain PP attendance longer.

Our focus for the current year will also include working with our families to ensure the attendance gap closes, by implementing the principles of good practice set out in Department for Education's [Working Together to Improve School Attendance](#) that are fully embedded in school attendance practice and a restructure of our Pastoral team has been implemented and in addition to the attendance officer appointed in 23/4, a new role of attendance support officer was appointed to particularly focus on our PP students for 24/5.

Progress

For Cohort 2025, there remains a gap in attainment for disadvantaged students. There are no national P8 comparative figures. However the figures below show for Attainment 8 a remaining gap:

Overall	
PP	3.50
Non PP	4.65
English	
PP	4.1
Non PP	5.0



	Maths		
	PP	3.5	
	Non PP	4.6	

Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider
Academic Tutoring	Kerry Flack and John Padwick tutoring
Academic Mentoring	TRV training
Wellbeing and Fitness Coaching	TRV training
Wellbeing and Mental Health support	Souster Youth
Alternative Provision	Greenpatch Youthworks Kettering