

Pupil premium strategy statement - Bentley Wood High School

This statement details Bentley Wood High School's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2024 to 2025 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
School name	Bentley Wood High School
Number of Secondary pupils in school (current on roll)	1,136 (Year 7 – 11)
Number of pupil premium eligible pupils in school	301 (Year 7 – 11)
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	26.5% (Year 7 – 11)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3-year plans are recommended)	2024/25 – 2026/27
Date this statement was published	October 2024
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2025
Statement authorised by	Ms N Akbar
Pupil premium lead	Mr K Robinson
Governor / Trustee lead	Alison Moore

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£316,050
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£12,500
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	£328,550

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Pupil Premium Statement of intent

At Bentley Wood all students receive a high-quality education that promotes their development and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities, and experiences of later life. The curriculum must remain broad and ambitious with all students being taught a wide range of subjects, maintaining their choices for further study and employment.

'No child misses out' is one of the core values of Bentley Wood High School. This is based on our whole school ethos and CARE values. It is our intent that students are not disadvantaged by their socio-economic background and are therefore able to achieve in line with all other students nationally. We also strive to close the gap in achievement between disadvantaged students and their peers at Bentley Wood.

Bentley Wood's strategy plan is evidence based and draws its structure and rationale from the Department for Education, Educational Endowment Foundation, and wider educational research. The impact of the plan is evaluated annually and subsequently adapted to ensure students continue to benefit. The structure of the plan acknowledges the variety of barriers that disadvantaged students may face and how they can be addressed. The first section of the plan focuses removing barriers through quality first teaching, then targeted support and finally wider pastoral interventions. Each section of the strategy plan is fully costed and evaluated to ensure value for money and a continued positive impact for our students.

Key priorities:

1. The quality of education through Bentley Wood's broad and balanced curriculum, implemented through effective teaching, remains outstanding. This ensures students, including those who are disadvantaged, can make excellent progress through the curriculum.
2. Accurate and robust assessment will ensure any underachieving students are identified quickly, enabling targeted intervention to be put in place to support their progress.
 - Pastoral care will continue to ensure that behaviour and attendance is excellent. Disadvantaged students will be supported to fully participate in all curricular and extra-curricular activities available to them.

Monitoring evaluation and review

Further to this, the school's robust half termly Monitoring, Evaluation & Review (MER) process will also play a vital role in monitoring the impact of the curriculum on the rapid progress of disadvantaged students. As part of both the pastoral and academic MER, leaders regularly review the progress of key groups of students to ensure they are making the required levels of progress, and where this is not the case are taking effective steps to address this. This continuous reviewing, monitoring, and adapting the curriculum ensures disadvantage students catch up rapidly.

Challenges

Key challenges to achievement that Bentley Wood High School have identified among our disadvantaged pupils.

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	When students enter the school, we scrutinise KS2 outcomes and our baseline GLS assessment. Information is also collected from feeder schools. For disadvantaged students who have scores below the national average we want to ensure that they make rapid progress through the KS3 curriculum. This will then support them to catch up further with their peers at KS4.

2,	School disruption due to the impact of the pandemic has impacted the primary education of those transitioning to Bentley Wood. Levels of literacy, numeracy, oracy and reading of disadvantaged students have been identified as areas with gaps. We need to build upon current strategies, targeting identified disadvantaged students to rapidly develop these skills through a well-planned curriculum and engaging interventions.
3	Evidence based teaching and tuition for years 9, 10 & 11 disadvantaged students, including those with SEND, who need the most support to gain further knowledge and skills through the curriculum to catch up with their peers. These strategies to include metacognition and retrieval practice. Progress data to inform students to be appropriately targeted. Professional development provided for teachers and support staff to further improve their implementation of the planned curriculum.
4	Excellent attendance and punctuality have historically been a strength of the school. Nationally student absence has risen since the pandemic. We want to ensure through continued close working with families and high expectations that disadvantaged students have excellent attendance and punctuality to school.
5	Historically Bentley Wood High School has had excellent attendance to parents' evenings. We want to build further on this by working with parents of disadvantaged students those who can be hard to reach.
6	The recent disruption to the economy has increased some of the socio-economic barriers that some families face. This in turn has impacted the mental health and overall personal development particularly of disadvantaged students. Strategies to continue to be implemented to promote good mental health and to ensure that the numbers of disadvantaged students attending enrichment continue to rise and are high.

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
Through a well-planned, sequenced curriculum to maintain and exceed the high progress & attainment 8 scores (2019) for disadvantaged students by the end of KS4.	<p>Progress 8 to be at least 1 or above for disadvantaged from 2025 to 2028</p> <p>Entry to EBacc, maintained at 95% and above for all students, including disadvantaged 2025-2028</p> <p>Expected outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4+ English and Mathematics - 82% • 5+ English and Mathematics - 67% • Entered for EBacc - 96% • Attainment 8 – 59.8
To build on our ambitious curriculum ensuring that planning includes specific strategies to scaffold up for disadvantaged students. This means they know more and remember more which results in a build-up of their knowledge. Implementation includes specific resources to support this to ensure end points for all students are aligned.	<p>Half termly established Monitoring, Evaluation & Review programme provides evidence of the highest quality teaching that impacts on disadvantaged students knowing and remembering more. Differences between groups diminish. Subject knowledge is excellent, and Rosenshine's principles of learning are applied.</p> <p>Student focus groups with middle and senior leaders' evidence that disadvantaged students can recall knowledge and speak enthusiastically about their learning.</p> <p>Documented information from learning visits, specifically provide evidence about a well-</p>

	planned sequenced curriculum that is ambitious for disadvantaged students and impacts positively on the development of their knowledge and skills.
To achieve and sustain excellent attendance and punctuality is maintained by disadvantaged students.	Building on high attendance from previous years. Attendance of disadvantaged students 2024/25 to be 96% or in line with peers. Persistent absence of all students is below 10% and the figure among disadvantaged students being no more than 2% lower than their peers
Ensuring parents/carers of disadvantaged students are fully engaged with their daughter's education.	Attendance of disadvantaged students to parents evening is 96% and in line with their peers. Hard to reach parents/carers are in regular contact with the school-parent engagement records.
Ensuring levels of literacy, oracy and reading sufficient to engage fully with their broad and ambitious curriculum.	Results of GLS assessments, comparative marking, internal assessments show that the gap in reading, and literacy levels is diminishing and there is a smaller disparity between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged peers. Teachers and leaders also see the evidence of improvement through book scrutinies and when speaking with students about their learning.
To sustain continuously improving well-being for all students including those who are disadvantaged. Ensure all students, including those who are disadvantaged, have full access to enrichment and careers guidance.	All students, including disadvantaged take part in at least one trip and/or enrichment during each academic year. Participation in enrichment grows year on year, particularly amongst disadvantaged students. Activities around promoting good mental health are particularly promoted for non-disadvantaged and disadvantaged students. Disadvantaged are fully represented in leadership responsibilities and receive an equal number of rewards to their peers. Work placements for disadvantaged students are rich experiences. Funding supports students to have access to a wider range of experiences.

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.

Section 1. Quality First Teaching

Budgeted cost - £95,579

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>CPD for curriculum planning</p> <p>CPD days and department meetings throughout the year have dedicated time to review curriculum plans to meet individual needs with a focus on disadvantaged students. This ensures that each student has a broad and balanced curriculum tailored to their strength and interests as well as supporting CPD, recruitment and retention. The school's monitoring, evaluation, and review (MER) cycle systematically checks the impact of the CPD.</p> <p>Co-teaching</p> <p>Support disadvantaged/SEND students and provide additional 1:1 explanations and teaching support within the classroom. HoD's and SLG ensure teachers are allocated to classes where they will have the greatest impact on learning and ensure continuity for students.</p> <p>Collaborative planning</p> <p>To further develop teaching and curriculum planning, in line with the DfE and EEF guidance, by funding the provision for a representation of teachers to have additional joint planning time. Teachers share pedagogy and strategies with a focus on disadvantaged students and those with SEND.</p> <p>The implementation of these plans is triangulated through our MER to ensure disadvantaged students progress well through the intended curriculum.</p> <p>Diagnostic assessment and curriculum adaptation</p> <p>Diagnostic assessment is used systematically across the curriculum to assess how students are progressing through the intended curriculum. HODs and teachers review the curriculum intent regularly and make appropriate adaptations to ensure it is well matched to the needs of the students.</p>	<p>Examples from the EEF Guide to Pupil Premium shows that schools with a major focus on teaching and learning secure the best outcomes for disadvantaged students.</p> <p>Joint planning and co-teaching – effect size 0.19(Hattie 2009)</p> <p>Ofsted subject reviews (2021)</p> <p>EEF – Diagnostic assessment: Evidence insights</p>	<p>5</p> <p>2</p> <p>1&2</p> <p>1&2</p>

<p>Continued investment in teaching staff at all stages of their careers to ensure the highest standards of quality first teaching are maintained and further development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECT programme; to include training on disadvantaged students • Whole school training software aimed at supporting teaching such as Microsoft Teams • Embedding three-part homeworks. Ongoing monitoring of home learning and intervention via 'Microsoft Teams' where appropriate to support successful completion for disadvantaged students 	<p>EEF Toolkit –</p> <p>'Feedback: +8 months,</p> <p>'High impact'</p> <p>"homework: +5 months,</p> <p>moderate impact'</p>	<p>1, 2, 3, 5 and 6</p> <p>1 & 2</p>
<p>Subject knowledge CPD</p> <p>Subject reviews</p> <p>OFSTED published its subject reviews and its aim is 'that the reviews will support and inform those leading the thinking on subject education in our schools. Professionals from the education sector will also be able to see the research that is informing our conception of a high-quality education in a variety of subjects'.</p> <p>These subject reviews are informing the work carried out by departments which informs ongoing curriculum development with a focus on disadvantaged students</p>	<p>Principles behind OFSTED's research reviews and subject reports https://tinyurl.com/52en53zy</p> <p>National council of teachers of mathematics</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>IT strategy – supporting disadvantaged students with 1:2:1 device</p> <p>Bentley Wood High School is in the process of transitioning to every student having their own laptop device to support with their learning. To support disadvantaged families to access this provision we are ensuring that any student whose family is not able to sign up can use a device at school and therefore not be disadvantaged. Families whose daughter is categorised as pupil premium, will receive a reduced contribution rate so that they can take the device home at the end of the day.</p>		

Section 2. Targeted academic support

Budgeted cost - £179,031

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Specific subject interventions and support for disadvantaged students' years 7-11</p> <p>Additional funding for specific departmental and/or pastoral initiatives/intervention. HOD / HOY submit a 'Disadvantaged Student' bid outlining the: initiative/intervention; students; cost; short term impact and medium-term impact. Each request is reviewed by the collaborative committee before approval.</p>	<p>EEF toolkit, Mentoring + 2 months impact. Parental involvement + 3 months. Peer tutoring +5 months. Small group tuition + 5 months.</p>	<p>1 & 2</p>

<p>IT Strategy</p> <p>Training and use of PowerBI to analyse student outcomes and engagement with enrichment to further improve specific targeting of students which require academic or pastoral intervention.</p>		1, 2, 3, 5 and 6
<p>Transition – reading books for new Yr 6</p> <p>All new students transitioning from their primary school to Bentley Wood were sent a reading book and a learning journal book to complete during the summer holidays. This initiative is aimed at assessing the literacy levels of students coming into the school, as well as ensuring that students are continuing with their reading over the summer break</p>	<p>Brookings.edu research on 'Summer learning loss'</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/2hk76z2e</p>	1
<p>Baseline assessments (GL assessments)</p> <p>All students in Year 7 and selected students in Year 8 complete the GL assessments CAT4 in the first half of the Autumn term to establish a baseline and understand achievement across key groups. CAT4 also includes KS2 indicators to ensure the school has the necessary information on the students transitioning from primary schools. The CAT4 also provides reading indicators with additional information on students' reading abilities.</p> <p>Year 8 students selected to sit the CAT4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who did not complete the assessment in year 7 • Disadvantaged/SEND students to identify where progress has/has not been made <p>Students with the lowest 20% mean CAT score from Year 7 to identify where progress has/has not been made</p>	<p>GL assessment 'transitioning from primary school'</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/fu7uczpn</p> <p>EEF – Diagnostic assessment. Evidence insights</p>	1 & 2
<p>Improve the literacy, numeracy and reading ages of disadvantaged students from their starting points. To provide bespoke tuition for individual students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh start phonics programme • Year 7 and 8 disadvantaged students receive support through the Elevate program each Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. • Year 7 and 8 numeracy support • Year 7 & 8 reading intervention • Specialist English tutor employed to work with students to support with their literacy (at Key Stage 3) and their English Language and Literature GCSEs (at Key Stage 4). • Early stage EAL students supported through small group literacy and TA support. • Embed reading across the curriculum to raise ambition • 1: 3 6-week literacy tuition. • Literacy support for year 7 and 8 students who have fallen below the expected standard of reading in the GLS assessments (ROR/MEM) • Thursday P8 Mathematics for Year 11 students. 	<p>Sutton document</p> <p>'Improving literacy improves overall student outcomes.</p> <p>Reading ages increase skills, especially spelling and comprehension.</p> <p>Students are more able to access materials across the curriculum</p>	1.2 & 5

<p>Library assistant to support extended opening hours in the week and weekend</p>		
<p>Small group tuition Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 targeted for support via 1 to 8 small group tuitions aimed at supporting disadvantaged students and helping them catch-up on missed learning and close the attainment gap. Students have been identified in collaboration with HODs. Tuition delivered by teaching staff. In x15 1hr session blocks. Students supported with resources to help boost their chances of exam success.</p> <p>1:2:1 targeted academic tuition takes place with specific students.</p> <p>High Attainers (2024-25) Will focus on ensuring that the disadvantaged most able achieve outcomes in line with their peer.</p> <p>Exam marking (2024-25) Will further develop teachers subject knowledge which will in turn support their implementation of the curriculum.</p> <p>Enrichment honorarium (2024-25) Will focus on further improving our enrichment provision, house system and DofE. Further improving engagement of disadvantaged students in enrichment.</p> <p>SEND honorarium (2024-25) Funding of a selection of Teachers and Teaching Assistants to meet regularly to specifically make adaptations to the curriculum for disadvantaged students with SEND. Strategies and pedagogy to be shared at whole staff CPD.</p> <p>Behaviour Curriculum (2024-25) Will focus on further improving learning habits to support the impact of teaching.</p> <p>St Johns Aspire (2024-25) Will focus on improving access and exposure of disadvantaged students to universities.</p>	<p>EEF research into the effectiveness of small group tuition https://tinyurl.com/4ewhpi5a</p> <p>EEF toolkit 'one to one tuition' - High impact for moderate cost https://tinyurl.com/y45br7bb</p> <p>DfE Character Framework 2019</p> <p>Ofsted SEND review (2021)</p>	<p>1&2</p> <p>1, 2&3</p> <p>1&2</p> <p>1&2</p>
<p>Transition – bridging work To ensure that students continue to learn over the summer holidays between specific years, they are required to complete bridging work in each subject. Bridging work is set for the following transition points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 10 to 11 • Year 11 to 12 <p>On returning to school in September this transition work is assessed by teaching staff and recorded on</p>	<p>One Education - 'the importance of a good transition' https://tinyurl.com/mhwe7rb4</p>	<p>1 & 5</p>

Arbor. This is then followed up with by the HOY/HOD where necessary to ensure students are making a good start to the year.		
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Section 3. Wider strategies

Budgeted cost - £53,940

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Supporting students emotional and social needs, including regulating behaviour strategies Pastoral Support Plans for disadvantaged students. Strategies include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselling. • Mentoring • Lunchtime walks • Meeting with mental health Ambassadors • Meeting with HOY/Deputy HOY • Safer schools' officer • Breakfast club <p>Bentley Wood High School has also been involved with Public Health Questionnaires for Harrow.</p>	EEF Toolkit 'behaviour interventions: +4 , social & emotional learning+4 months, moderate impact'	1, 2, 3 & 4
<p>Maintain and further improve excellent attendance. No disadvantaged students will be persistently absent (less than 90%) School Attendance officer To monitor and track attendance across the school, supporting families to improve attendance and punctuality. Building links with the vulnerable hard to reach families to establish.</p> <p>Deputy HOYs to target and intervene with students who have poor punctuality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fortnightly attendance meeting with pastoral leadership teams, attendance data analysed, interventions evaluated. • Individual attendance action plans for vulnerable students. • Attendance and punctuality panels. • Attendance and punctuality weekly SLG agenda item • Attendance and punctuality letters. • Attendance officer and pastoral teams contact students whenever there is an unexplained absence. • Budget for attendance rewards. 	EEF Toolkit 'parental involvement +3 months, moderate impact' Progress is sustained Attendance below 93% has a significant impact upon progress and academic attainment.	1,2 & 3
<p>Ensure that finance is not a barrier for participation in school activities.</p> <p>All disadvantaged students receive subsidised music sessions.</p> <p>School trip and resources grants Supporting students to develop an in-depth interest in a subject or activity. Supporting disadvantaged students with finance to enable to</p>	EEF toolkit Arts and Sports participation +2 months.	6

<p>them to purchase resources (i.e., food teach, arts resources, books etc.)</p> <p>Participation in trips and activities contributes to a student's participation and self-esteem. Supporting disadvantaged students with finance to enable them to take part in trips and activities. School financial support is usually 50% of the trip cost, however this is assessed on an individual basis and on the total cost of the trip if it exceeds £100.</p> <p>Specific British Sign Language club for x15 students</p>		
<p>Parental engagement</p> <p>Schools and parents have a shared interest in doing the best for their children. Using the recommendations from the EEF report on improving parental engagement, leadership training took place to improve understanding and increase communication. To arrive at the EEF recommendations, the best available international research was reviewed and consultation with teachers and other experts took place.</p>	EEF parental engagement guidance report (2018)	

Total pupil premium budgeted cost - £328,550

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

Pupil premium strategy outcomes (based on SISRA so may change when DFE is released)

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on students in the 2023 to 2024 academic year where 27% of the cohort are classed as disadvantaged.

<p>Progress 8 for disadvantaged students in 2023-24 is 0.68, demonstrating sustained impact over the last three years despite the challenges faced by the COVID-19 pandemic. The following key performance measures for disadvantaged students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress 8 Disadvantaged 0.68 • Attainment 8 Disadvantaged 51.9 • Av EBacc APS Disadvantaged 4.92 • % Disadvantaged attaining 5+ EBacc 43.3% (TBC once DFE data published) <p>Disadvantaged students at Bentley Wood high School achieve better outcomes in all measures compared to all students nationally.</p> <p>Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic Bentley Wood High School was in the top 20% of school in the country for attendance. Although overall attendance in 2023-24 was higher than in preceding year at 94.64% (93.44% for Pupil premium), it was higher than the national average at 91.2% for all students' secondary schools. The attendance of disadvantaged students was also higher than other schools nationally. It is acknowledged that the attendance of disadvantaged students was below that of their peers at the end of 2023-24. As a result, ensuring excellent attendance for all groups of students continues to be a school priority in 2024-25.</p> <p>Throughout the school year 'pupil premium' and 'recovery premium' funding supported leaders in providing further targeted support to disadvantaged students, those with SEND and students with</p>
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safeguarding concerns. Through our whole school monitoring, evaluation and review (MER) cycle we have ensured that quality first teaching, targeted support and wider support strategies have been implemented effectively and continue to have an impact on all disadvantaged students.

Bentley Wood High School's pupil premium and recovery premium statement has identified the key challenges for our context following this evaluation. The intent and implementation of this statement will sustain and further develop the excellent outcomes of disadvantaged students.

Externally provided programmes

Names of any non-DfE programmes purchased in the previous academic year.

Programme	Provider
Online tutoring service	MyTutor

Appendix 1

Student achievement overtime

		2024	2023	2022	2019
Basics 9-4	Non disadvantaged	81.5	81.3	87.4	86.6
	Disadvantaged	70	71.7	68.9	63.6
	Gap	<u>11.5</u>	<u>9.6</u>	18.5	<u>23.0</u>
Basics 9-5	Non disadvantaged	61.7	66.7	76.8	66.9
	Disadvantaged	43.3	50.9	55.7	33.8
	Gap	<u>18.4</u>	<u>15.8</u>	21.1	<u>33.1</u>
Attainment 8	Non disadvantaged	57.6	59.09	65.37	61.53
	Disadvantaged	51.9	51.65	55.57	50.64
	Gap	<u>5.7</u>	<u>7.44</u>	9.8	<u>10.89</u>

Further information (optional)

Please see individual impact analysis for departmental/pastoral pupil premium applications.