

Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2024-2025 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	Darton Academy
Number of pupils in school	1128
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	24%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2024-2027
Date this statement was published	22/09/24
Date on which it will be reviewed	04/01/25
Statement authorised by	J Spencer
Pupil premium lead	H Gregory
Governor / Trustee lead	R Gregory

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£276150
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year£276150If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year£276150	

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Our intention is that all pupils at Darton Academy, irrespective of their background or challenges they face, make good progress and achieve high attainment across the curriculum in line with other pupils nationally and within the academy. The pandemic was very challenging for all pupils and our strategy focus is on closing gaps that have widened even further due to academy closure.

Our pupil premium strategy is designed to support disadvantaged pupils to achieve and make progress in all subjects. Historically disadvantaged pupils have needed additional support in Ebacc subjects and our strategy addresses this. The strategy aims to improve outcomes for pupils of all abilities. We will consider the challenges faced by vulnerable pupils, such as those who have a social worker and young carers, and those with SEND

High-quality teaching is at the heart of our approach, with a focus on areas in which disadvantaged pupils require the most support. This is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantage attainment gap and at the same time will benefit all pupils in our school. Implicit in the intended outcomes detailed below, is the intention that non-disadvantaged pupils' attainment will be sustained and improved alongside progress for their disadvantaged peers.

Our strategy is also integral to wider school plans for education recovery, notably in its targeted support through one to one tuition and additional support for pupils whose education has been worst affected, including non-disadvantaged pupils. 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 pupils excel.

To ensure they are effective we will:

- Ensure disadvantaged pupils are challenged in the work that they're set
- Act early to intervene at the point need is identified by meeting regularly and conducting RAG meetings for KS4 pupils
- Analysing the performance of KS3 pupils after each trust assessment.
- Measuring impact towards the end of each term and publishing this on the academy website
- Adopt a whole school approach in which all staff take responsibility for disadvantaged pupils' outcomes and raise expectations of what they can achieve
- · Using a reading RAG to identify the weakest readers in KS3 and intervene with impact

Challenges

This details the key challenges to achievement that we have identified among our disadvantaged pupils.

1	Curriculum
	Achievement gaps exist on entry. The average scaled score for maths is PP 101.48 and Non PP 104.8 for other pupils and for reading is 102.8 PP vs 104.7 for other pupils.
	The curriculum must be implemented securely and consistently by all teachers for disadvantaged pupils so that they can develop detailed knowledge and skills and, as a result, achieve well.
2	Literacy and Mathematics
	On entry, reading, writing, communication and mathematics skills are lower for PP pupils than 'others'. If pupils are not able to read at an age-appropriate level and fluency, they will be incapable of accessing the rest of the curriculum and they will rapidly fall behind their peers.
3	Language – Word Gap
	Assessment data for disadvantaged pupils on entry demonstrates that disadvantaged pupils have a more limited vocabulary. The word gap means that pupils eligible for PP may have a lower level of language available to them to understand taught materials, engage in classroom discussions (as it requires verbal reasoning) and social activities. This can also affect their understanding of social nuance and the pragmatic use of language, meaning navigating social situations can be more difficult.
4	Personal Development
	On entry some PP pupils lack the cultural capital required to access the highest grades within their subjects and consequently need to engage in 'out of the classroom experiences' to unlock this potential.
5	Behaviour
	PP pupils are overrepresented when receiving 'Consequences', detentions and sessions in The Reflections Room (C5). This detrimentally affects their academic progress.
6	Attendance
	There is historically a higher percentage of disadvantaged pupils than non- disadvantaged pupils, who are persistently absent (absent for 10% or more sessions from school).
	Attendance rates for pupils eligible for PP in 2023-24 was 87% vs. 92.3% for non-PP pupils. This reduces their hours in school and impacts negatively on their progress and attainment. This is better than national 88.9% PP and 92.8% for non-PP, but we must reduce the in-school gap. Persistent absence was 41.5% for PP pupils compared to 18.4% for overall. National PA was 15.3% for non-PP in 2023/24
7	Parental Engagement
	The attendance of parents / carers of PP pupils at Parent Consultation Evenings is typically lower than that of 'others'. This means that these parents / carers are not fully aware of their child's current academic progress or how best to support them.
8	Home Learning
	Homework completion and attendance at additional study sessions is lower for PP pupils than it is for 'others'.
9	CEIAG

	Some pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium lack aspiration relating to further and higher education and also future career opportunities.
10	Mental Health and Physical Health
	The mental health of disadvantaged pupils has declined further after the pandemic, with an increase in referrals to external agencies for support.
	The physical health of disadvantaged pupils must also be a focus throughout the year. Pupils must lead healthy lifestyles.

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
 (A) CURRICULUM OFFER - The curriculum is ambitious and is designed to give particularly disadvantaged pupils the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life. This ensures that pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium make rates of progress that are at least in line with 'other' non-PP pupils nationally. The work given to pupils is demanding and matches the aims of the curriculum in being coherently planned and sequenced towards cumulatively sufficient knowledge. 	Analysis of the evidence gathered through the routine monitoring of the quality of edu- cation will demonstrate work is demanding and matches the intention of the curriculum for all pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium. Analysis of Years 7 to 11 will show that there are no gaps in progress between pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium and 'other' non-PP pupils. Where gaps exist, these will be closing rapidly. The Most Able Pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium will attain the highest results in national tests, grades (7-9) at equivalent, or better, rates than 'other' non-PP pupils. Monitoring and evaluation of work through learning walks, drop-ins and book scrutiny will show that PROUD is in place. Pupils' work across the curriculum is of good qual- ity. PP pupils are able to articulate what they are learning and why they are learning it.
 (B) LITERACY- High levels of progress in reading and writing for Year 7 and 8 pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium. Current benchmark – starting point – pupils have sat GL assessment reading test. Data to follow. PP pupils in KS3 achieve in line with, or even better than non-PP pupils in the Delta Academies Trust core common assessments. (December/June trust wide assessments) 2nd benchmark (trust assessment) will be added in December: 	All new Year 7 and 8 pupils [2024 entry] eligible for PP will have a reading age that is at least in line with their chrono- logical age by the end of KS3. Pupils eligible for PP in Year 7 and 8 make more progress by the end of the year than 'other' pupils, in English and mathematics in order to catch up. We will evidence this using: Reading ages in October, December, March and June (GL assessment read- ing tests), Reading RAGS. Y7 & 8 English and maths trust assessment results

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(C) LANGUAGE – WORD GAP	All new Year 7 and 8 pupils [2024 entry] eligible for PP will have a reading age that is at least in line with their chronological age by the end of KS3. PP pupils with a reading age below their
	chronological age will receive intervention during English lesson using 'Reading Plus' platform to support reading comprehen- sion.
	Students will be encouraged to read a range of genres and materials via the reading routes initiative at KS3.
	Students will be exposed to the Secondary Reading Strategy as a Teaching and Learning directive to enable students to have access to challenging, quality, age appropriate texts. We will evidence this using: Reading ages in October, December, March and June (GL assessment reading tests), Reading RAGS. Y7 & 8 English and maths trust assess- ment results Tracker of completion of reading routes.
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(D) PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT - Disadvantaged pupils acquire the knowledge and cultural capital that they need to succeed in life.	PP pupils regularly attend a wide range of out of classroom experiences including af- ter school clubs. Proportionate number of pupils who par- ticipate in extracurricular visits and pro- grammes are disadvantaged. All PP pupils will engage with the acad- emy, tutor, assembly and 'EPC' pro- gramme to develop their interest in in- vestigating and offering reasoned views about moral and ethical issues.
	The Experiences 5-year plan maps the visits, rewards, competitions, and opportunities pupils receive over 5 years. The plan is designed to expose pupils to a range of new experiences, considering our local context, for example many pupils will not have experienced a live theatre performance.
	Our "This Is Culture" programme (Y7) ensures that pupils are exposed to the best that has been thought and said. For example, pupils learn about music from the classical music of Mozart to the modern rap music of Dr Dre.
(E) BEHAVIOUR - Significant improvements in the attitudes and behaviour of an identified co- hort of pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium will ensure that they are less frequently re- moved from lessons and therefore able to achieve well. This will be reflected in national	Evidence gathered from the routine monitoring and evaluation will show that pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium in Years 7-9, particularly boys, are engaged by high quality lessons that deliver the academy's curriculum intent.

tests and examinations that meet government expectations, or in the qualifications obtained. Vulnerable disadvantaged pupils with behaviour at risk of deteriorating will be identified in Y6 so that support can be offered as early as possible.	Analysis of behavioural data showed a reduction in the average number of negative behaviour events logged per pupil. Benchmark for PP pupils = 5.31 compared to 2.82 for all pupils. Analysis of behavioural data will show a reduction in the average number C4 disruption to learning incidents logged per pupil. Benchmark for PP pupils (2023/24) = 14.54 compared to 3.74 for all pupils.
 (F) ATTENDANCE - Improved attendance rates for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium / Free School Meals [FSM]. Sept.23 Benchmark 2023-24– Barnsley PP at- tendance = 82.6%, National PP attendance = 85.4% (Secondary) 	Reduce the number of persistent absen- tees (PA) amongst pupils eligible for PP to national average (2023/24 = 41.9) or below. Barnsley average = 51% 2023/24 PP who were PA = 41.9% Improve overall attendance rates of pupils eligible for PP to 94% or above (in line with non-PP).
PP attendance at Darton 2023-24= 87% com-	
pared to 94% for all pupils. (G) PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT - Increased parental engagement including improved at- tendance rates for parents / carers of pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium at Parent Con- sultation Evenings.	The parents / carers of pupils eligible for PP attend at least one event.
(H) HOMEWORK - Improved homework com- pletion through the use of Knowledge Organ- iser (KO), Hegarty Maths and GCSEPod. Homework will support the alteration of the long term memory of disadvantaged pupils. Homework will support the development of un- derstanding and pupils will connect new knowledge with existing knowledge. Improved attendance at enrichment study sessions for pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium. This will ensure that they are better prepared for na- tional tests in Year 11 because they have de- veloped and sustained good study habits and enhanced their knowledge of the subjects they are studying.	Behaviour data will show that sanctions are low for poor use of KO/Sparx/GCSEPod. Disadvantaged pupils are rewarded in weekly assemblies Y11 after school enrichment sessions are attended by all pupils in receipt of the pu- pil premium. Parents attend Pie Night.
 (I) CEIAG - Pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium show increased self-esteem, ambition and aspiration in relation to their life beyond the academy. Pupils are tracked throughout their time at the academy and placed on a careers pathway monitored by academy staff and Progress Education. This will lead to improved aspiration. Benchmark – National NEET PP = 9% DA 2021-22 = 0% 	Regular feedback from questionnaires demonstrates that pupils have a clear, well thought out plan with a firm progression pathway in mind. Monitoring and evaluation of tutor and EPC lessons shows that pupils under- stand progression pathways and are able to analyse and evaluate their own options.

	NEET figures for pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium are better or below na- tional level. Careers award (Prospects) is maintained yearly. This helps to ensure that high quality impartial CEIAG raises the aspirations of disadvantaged pupils identified as being at risk of NEET.
 (J) MENTAL HEALTH - The mental health of disadvantaged pupils improves throughout the year. Mental health issues are quickly identified by the inclusion team and strategies are put in place. Disadvantaged pupils can access appropriate external agencies for support with mental health and wellbeing issues. 	Achievement, behaviour and attendance data shows that pupils identified as suffer- ing with mental health issues are accessing support and improving throughout the year. Wellbeing questionnaires are completed frequently and demonstrate pupils are re- ceiving the correct support and it results in a positive outcome.
(K) PHYSICAL HEALTH - The physical health of disadvantaged pupils improves throughout the year. Pupils lead healthy lifestyles, and the academy follows the 8 key principles, pro- moted by PHE in their 2020 publication on in- creasing physical activity in schools: Develop and deliver multi-component interventions, En- sure skilled workforce, Engage student voice, Create active environments, Offer choice and variety, Embed in curriculum, teaching and learning Promote active travel, Embed moni- toring and evaluation.	Disadvantaged pupils learn how to make healthy choices about the food they eat and physical activity they participate in. Pupils enjoy healthy nutritious meals at school. Pupils learn how to source and prepare bal- anced meals. Attendance to after school PE enrichment sessions is high for PP pupils. PP pupils engage in a wide range of differ- ent types of physical activity. The achievement of PP pupils increases due to healthy lifestyle choices.

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.

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £153,086

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
SLT PP Lead	High quality leadership and management is essential to the implementation and continual evaluation of the PP strategy.	1-10
	SLT leads are accountable to the AAB and to the principal. Challenge through line management and monitoring by the principal. Attendance, behaviour, participation and achievement gaps between disadvantaged and non- disadvantaged pupils will diminish.	
	The lead will ensure the enrichment attendance spreadsheet is maintained	

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	and leads to regular and effective communication with parents, meaning greater engagement with effective enrichment.	
	Following on from RAG meetings, the SLT lead for PP will ensure actions are rapid and interventions are effective.	
SLT QofE Lead	High quality leadership of Quality of Education will ensure that quality first teaching is a priority and monitored regularly. This will include QA of teacher grab files and work scrutiny of PP students, ensuring teacher accountability. The SLT lead for quality of education will maintain a drive to improve adaptive teaching across the academy.	
Literacy Resource Centre Manager Literacy coordinator Reading Champion	Both members of staff work together to oversee targeted intervention for KS3 pupils using the accelerated reader programme, Lexia, Miskin FreshStart, Reading Plus, along with the planning and implementation of the whole school literacy strategy. Launch the trust strategy "Reading Routes". Improving Literacy in Secondary Schools EEF (educationendow- mentfoundation.org.uk)	1,2
CPD	High quality CPD is delivered each week by specialists. Staff are also able to participate in CPD provided by the trust at Education House through the Education Exchange. <u>Evidence review: The effects of high- quality professional development on</u> teachers and students - Education	1-9
	Policy Institute (epi.org.uk)	
Director Support EBACC. Maths and English	Delta subject directors in English, maths, science, geography, Spanish and French will teach groups of tar- geted disadvantaged pupils. This strat- egy is of moderate cost and has high impact based on summer 2024 results.	1
	Review	
Impact Term 1	Director support for PP students:	
	Impact of Director support for PP students:	
	Up to Assessment 1 - Maths Director withdrawal = 22 pupils Average progress for all director withdrawa assessment = 15 marks Average marks progress for all cohort = 11 PP pupils – Director withdrawal	
	Pupil Marks progress from Y10 assessmer	nt

	Average progress for Director withdrawal PP pupils from Y10 assessment = 18 marks Average marks progress for all PP cohort = 6 marks This demonstrates that the PP pupils who were with the Maths director performed better than the PP cohort in general.
Impact Term 2	
	Director support for PP students: Impact of Director support for PP students:
	QA - PP QA book looks:16th September - Year 114th November - KS310th February - Year 103rd March - KS317th March - KS422ND April - Year 9 Lesson drop ins - PP spotlight28th April - Year 9 PP books6th May - Year 9 PP Student voice
Impact Term 3	

Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: £97,498

Activity	Activity Evidence that supports this approach	
Targeted aca- demic support and monitoring	•	
One to One support	Departmental intervention for those pupils identified as underachieving One to one staff in Maths and English to pro- vide subject specific intervention. 'Small group tuition has a +4 month impact on attainment of disadvantaged students'. <u>One to one tuition EEF</u> (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	1,2,4,5
Strategic de- ployment of Teaching Assis- tants in Eng.	Supporting the attainment of disadvantaged pupils: articulating success and good practice research report (2015) suggests 'Deploy the best staff to support disadvantaged pupils;	1,2,4,5

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maths and sci-	develop skills and roles of teachers and TAs	
ence	rather than using additional staff who do not	
	know the pupils well'.	
After school	A comprehensive after school revision pro-	1,2,4,5
Revision	gramme in place for all disadvantaged pupils.	
Classes	Attendance is encouraged through regular re-	
	wards and updates.	
	Attendance is monitored daily and communi-	
	cated to parents. A new spreadsheet for regis-	
	tration is developed.	
	Extending school time EEF (educationen-	
	dowmentfoundation.org.uk)	
Reading Inter-	The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF)	2
ventions	has recently conducted research into reading	
	interventions. The study found that Year 7	
	pupils who were offered effective reading in-	
	terventions made 5 months' additional pro-	
	gress in reading compared to other similar	
	pupils	
Alternative Pro-	Following an identified need, pupils are	1,4,5
vision The El-	provided with alternative provision, which is	
land Academy	designed to meet their individual learning	
and Core	requirements and ensure that they are able to	
	make strong progress, as a result of a learning	
	climate which is better suited to their needs	
	and abilities.	
	Alternative provision - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)	
Learning Man-	2 days per week equivalent. The support teams	4,5,6,8
agers	will offer focussed support to PP pupils	
	including welfare checks, parental contact,	
	multi- agency work, small group work,	
	mentoring, lesson drop ins, link referral,	
	counselling, RP, EWO support and uniform.	
	Behaviour interventions EEF	
	(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	
Holiday Re-	Holiday revision and intervention sessions	1,5,6,8
vision Clas-	have historically led to improved achievement.	
ses	Parents of PP pupils will be telephoned by the	
	Year 11 learning manager to ensure that	
	attendance is high.	
	Students will be personally invited to attend.	
	Summer schools EEF (educationendow-	
.	mentfoundation.org.uk)	5.0
Parent Engage-	"It is not about hard to reach families, but	5,6
ment Events	hard to reach schools". Crozier and Da-	
	Vies.	
	Engage parents/carers with the importance of	
	study through events aimed at the parents of	
	disadvantaged pupils. Resources and equip-	
	ment will be provided. Welcoming and posi-	
	tive environment.	
	Attendance to the events will be tracked and	
	parents/families of disadvantaged pupils will	
	be invited and appointments booked for	

	them.						
	Parental engagement EEF						
	(educationendowmentfoundation.org.u						
Cognitive Sci- ence ap- proaches to	All staff will deliver high quality teaching and learning opportunities for students der pinned by an understanding the De Principles of learning	un-					
learning	<u>Cognitive science ap-</u> proaches in the classroom - A re- view of the evidence.pdf						
	(d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net) Review						
Impact							
Term 1	Targeted 1:1 Maths/English						
	For English: 4 out of 21 involved were PP (19%)						
	PP attendance is 50% on average – PF	P attended provision better than					
	Non-PP students. Non PP attendance						
	For Maths:						
	13 out of 37 were PP (35%)						
	PP attendance is 34% on average Non PP attendance is 34% on average.						
	The Subject Director English: Core support whilst team teaching (X Band) 6 students were targeted – every student improved by half a made a full grade of progress. Subject Director withdrawal from Core (Y Band) 3 students targeted – all students improved by over 16 mark						
	Reading Interventions Literacy data						
	 In year 7, 33 students are in the category for being the low readers. 10 of those students (30%) are PP. 						
	 In year 8, 38 students are in the lowest category, 14 (37%) of those students are PP. 						
	 In year 9, 20 students are in the those students are PP. 	e lowest category, 7 (35%) of					
Impact Term 2	Impact of reading intervention						
	September Average SAS	April Average SAS					
	Year 7 101 (107)	102 (109)					
	Year 8 99 (105)	100 (107)					
	As a result of the reading interventions, ranked 3 rd across the trust based on the stanine. This has improved from last ter	e numbers of pupil in each					

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Pupils in each stani	ine by academy	/	
Academy	Pupils	Average SAS	
Darton Academy	33	104.7	
DELTA	1045	5 100.3	
		ade some improvements in their average as risen in April 10 101.3 as their SAS.	e
Home learning dat	a:		
HT4 – Completior Maths: 72%, PP 5 Science: 42%, PP English: 25%, PP	57%, SEN 60% 27%, SEN 34 14%, SEN 16	9% 34% 6% - only Y10	
MFL: 29%, PP 20	%, SEN 21%	o O	
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5 students – all up	-	e	
SD withdrawal fr 5 students improv	•	Band) st 15 marks across the paper.	
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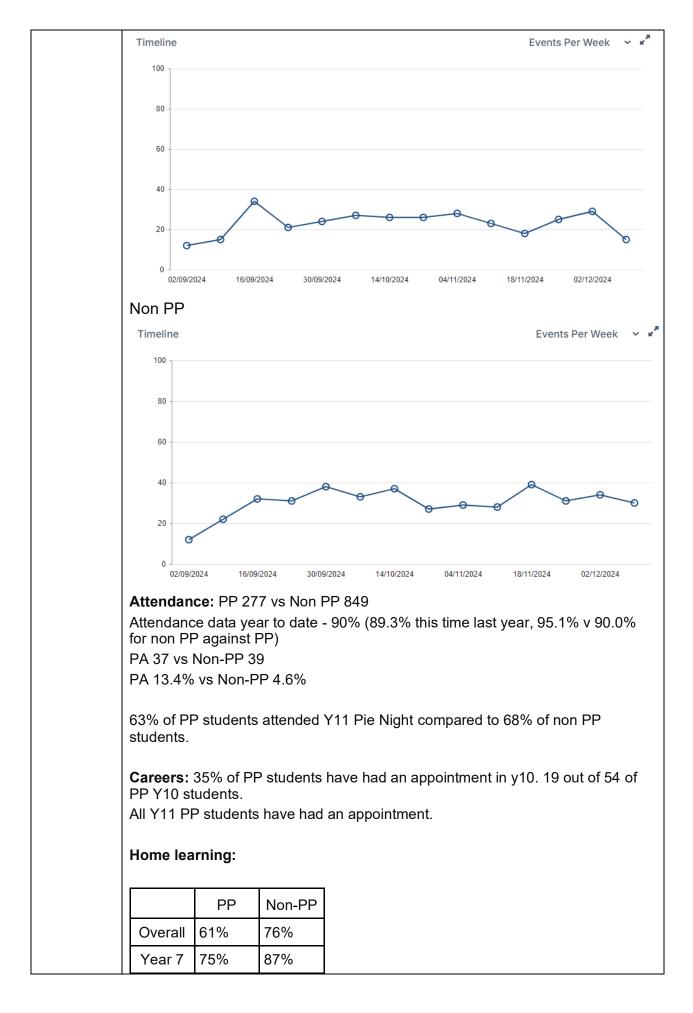
Impact Term 3	

Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £109,182

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Provision of High Quality Careers guidance in line with targets and aspi- rations	Disadvantaged pupils in years 10 and 11 have access to high quality and frequent careers information and guidance via Progress Careers <u>Aspiration interventions EEF</u> (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	3,4,5,8
The Bridge and PLC	The Bridge and PLC support team (2 mem- bers of staff) will offer focussed support to PP pupils including personalised curriculum, one to one behaviour support, welfare checks, pa- rental contact, small group work, mentoring, lesson drop ins, counselling and RP. <u>Small group tuition EEF</u> (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	3,4,5,8,9
Dallowgill Residen- tial PP sub- sidy	The residential visit is an activities-based reward for attending after school enrichment sessions. It will give PP pupils the opportunity to participate in activities that they would not have previously. <u>Outdoor adventure learning EEF (educa-</u> tionendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	1,2,4,5,10
Food In- gredients	Ingredients provided for disadvantaged pupils. Historically pupils have made more progress with resources provided when necessary. The food is automatically ordered and distributed to all year groups with a higher proportion given to KS4 pupils. Pupils will learn how to cook nutritionally balanced healthy meals.	1,9,10
Attend- ance Team and EWO	Behaviour and attendance interventions – moderate impact for moderate cost – The Edu- cation Endowment Foundation (EEF) Earlier parental and agency support im- proves outcomes. To close the attendance gap between PP and Non-PP. Attendance officer will work closely with the learning managers to ensure that phone calls, parental meetings and focus	1,5,6

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	support plan		II devise atteno e meetings.	Jance		
Attend- ance Re- wards	Attendance- Attendance- works.org)	Norks-Estab		1,5,6		
Minibus and Driver	The driver is has integral home visits. dation (EEF) agency supp ing behaviou have modera	elationships The Educationstates earlie ort improves r and attendates	1,5,6			
Higher Educatio n Visits	The DFE report on Strategies to raise Aspirations in Pupil Premium students (2019) suggested that pro-active work to develop partnerships and links with universities and other external organisations (e.g., local employers) that can provide support for aspiration-raising and career development activities.				3,4,5,8	
Online Subscrip- tions	Subscriptions to teaching and learning re- sources, Sparx, GCSE Pod and LanguageNut. The EEF states Homework has a positive im- pact on average (+ 5 months), particularly with pupils in secondary schools. In the most effec- tive examples homework was an integral part of learning, rather than an add-on.				1,7	
Pupil Pre- mium Champion	An aspirant leader has been appointed to champion and promote the visibility of PP Pu- pils across the academy. The PP champion will monitor and ensure consistency of practice. The PP champion will ensure that the stand- ards of good practice are maintained through QA cycles. The pupil premium champion will support by adding additional capacity to focus directly on disadvantaged pupils. <u>Cognitive science approaches in the class- room - A review of the evidence.pdf</u> (d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net)				1,2,3,5,6,7	
			Review			
Impact Term 1						
	C4 DtL	Y11	Y10	Y9	Y8	Y7
	PP	34	59	104	102	24
	Non-PP	83	68	205	261	41



	Year 8 54% 74%
	Year 9 43% 68%
	Year 10 56% 75%
	Year 11 73% 77%
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	Enrichment: 24% of all students in our school are PP and out of all the 3443
	sessions attended, 22% were attended by PP students.
Impact	Behaviour:
Term 2	C4 DTL PP INCIDENTS BY YEAR GROUP
	Type 7 8 9 10 11 Total
	C4 Disruption to Learning 69 76 140 31 27 343
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	Type 7 8 9 10 11 Total
	C4 Disruption to Learning 150 237 223 33 53 696
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	Attendance: PP 277 vs Non PP 849 Attendance data year to date – 88.3% (88% this time last year, 93.1% v 88.3 for
	non PP against PP)
	PA PP 24 vs Non-PP 87
	Absence band > 50% < 85%
	PP 54 vs Non PP 79
	PP YtD
	93.8%
	91.0%
	90.3%
	89.0%
	89.5% 88.8% 88.6% 88.3% 88.3%
	Nov 2024 Jan 2025 Mar 2025

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			19%		22%	18%	19%	16%	1

Total budgeted cost: £ £359,766

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

Pupil premium strategy outcomes

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils* in the 2023 to 2024 academic year.

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Disadvantaged	2024
Progress 8	-0.18
Attainment 8	35.85
Entering Ebacc.	21%
5+ in Eng. and maths	29%
4+ in Eng. and maths	46%
4+ English and maths Gap PP v non-PP	26%
5+ English and maths Gap PP v non-PP	25%
English Lang. 5+	46%
English Lang. 4+	61.9%
English Lit. 5+	36.2%
English Lit. 4+	58.6%
Maths 5+	33.3%
Maths 4+	50.8%
5+ Sci.	16.1%
4+ Sci.	42.9%
Progress 8 English	0.18
Progress 8 Maths	-0.07
Progress 8 EBacc	-0.37
Progress 8 Open	-0.35

Priori	ities for 2024-25		
	Desired outcomes and how they will be measured	Success criteria	Outcome 2023/2024
Α.	The curriculum is ambitious and is designed to give particularly disadvantaged pupils, the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life. This ensures that pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium make rates of progress that are at least in line with 'other' non-PP pupils nationally.	Analysis of the evidence gathered through the routine monitoring of the quality of education will demonstrate work is demanding and matches the intention of the curriculum for all pupils eligi- ble for the Pupil Premium. Analysis of Years 7 to 11 will show that there are no	Academy departmental re- views highlighted disadvan- taged pupils were supported well. Department QA has high- lighted that PROUD is in place and pupils' work across the curriculum is of

	The work given to pupils is de- manding and matches the aims of the curriculum in being co- herently planned and se- quenced towards cumulatively sufficient knowledge.	gaps in progress between pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium and 'other' non- PP pupils. Where gaps ex- ist, these will be closing rapidly. The Most Able Pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium will at- tain the highest results in na- tional tests, grades (7-9) at equivalent, or better, rates than 'other' non-PP pupils. Monitoring and evaluation of work through learning walks, drop-ins and book scrutiny will show that PRIDE is in place. Pupils' work across the curriculum is of good quality. PP pupils are able to artic- ulate what they are learn- ing and why they are learn- ing it.	 good quality. The departmental QA has highlighted that strategies to intervene for priority pp pupils, are not routinely embedded across all classrooms in all areas. Summer 2024 results show that PP pupils perform less well -0.21 when compared with non pp pupils and the gap is widening compared to 2023. There was a 1% reduction (from 2019) in the gap between PP and non-PP pupils (Eng. and maths 4+). High prior attaining PP pupils have performed well in national tests. There have been improvements in all baskets, with English improving by half a grade over the previous year and open basket by almost 1 grade. Achievement gaps still exist between PP and non-PP for Y7-Y10 pupils. Trust assessments (Dec/June) have highlighted that gaps exist at KS3 in all subjects. HODs will analyse this data and devise comprehensive plans for PP pupils. All teaching staff will engage with CPD to support the implementation of a new PP strategy to track and monitor interventions for pp students.
В.	High levels of progress in read- ing and writing for Year 7 and 8 pupils eligible for the Pupil Pre- mium. Current benchmark – starting point – pupils have sat GL as- sessment reading test. Benchmark October 2020 GL data for Y7 and Y8 PP pupils in KS3 achieve in line	All new Year 7 pupils [2024 entry] eligible for PP will have a reading age that is at least in line with their chronological age by the end of Year 7. All Year 8 pupils [2024] eligible for PP will have a reading age that is at least in line with their chrono- logical age by the end of Year 8. Pupils eligible for PP in Year 7 and 8 make more	Verage SAS Average SAS Improvement 102.52 94.54 104.85 49.91 5600 97.00 77.00 90.04 102.52 47.77 5500 6600 5600 97.50 102.52 47.77 5600 97.50 96.00 102.52 47.77 5600 59.00 75.00 6600 102.52 47.77 5600 75.00 49.00 75.00 46.00 102.52 47.77 5600 75.00 96.00 75.00 46.00 102.52 47.77 40.00 5600 75.00 45.00 107.39 49.04 49.04 49.04 49.04 49.04 49.04 49.04 49.04 49.04 49.00 4

PP pupils in the Delta Acade- mies Trust core common as- sessments. (December/June	mies Trust core common as- English and mathematics in			Reading RAG demonstrated significant improvement for PP students.			
trust wide assessments)	We will evidence this using:		Ye	ar 7 Stanine 1	-3		
,	Reading ages in Octo-		Number	Ave	rage SAS		
	ber, December, March	ALL	46	77.3	82.11		
	and June (AR and GL	PP	19	81.5	84.6		
	assessment reading	SEND	9	69	71.1		
	tests)						
	Y7 & 8 English and maths						
	trust assessment results		Ye	ar 8 Stanine 1	-3		
			Number	Ave	rage SAS		
		ALL	41	81.1	82.3		
		РР	16	82.1	83.3		
		SEND	13	79.0	79.6		
				Year 9			
			Number		age SAS		
		ALL	33	82	88.2		
		PP	15	79.2	82.7		
		SEND	14	79.5	88.5		
				Year 9			
			Number		age SAS		
		ALL PP	33 15	82 79.2	88.2 82.7		
		SEND	13	79.5	88.5		
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		SEND	10 7	9.00 93.55	+14.55		

			Majority of pupils progressing at the expected rate or higher, where they were not before.Image: Control of the expected rate or higher, where they were not before.Image: Control of the expected rate or higher, where they were not before.Image: Control of the expected rate or higher, where they were not before.Image: Control of the expected rate or higher, where they were not before.Image: Control of the expected rate or higher, where they were not or a set or improve their vocabulary.A distinction to be made be- tween the word gap and lit- eracy to support students who struggle to follow two step instructions and to sup- port those struggle to en- gage in their learning owing to a word gap.Pupils benefit from additional intervention to check their reading comprehension through the use of interactive platforms such as a reading plus. Their progress is tracked over the year by their teacher and the reading champion. Phonic development to be tracked digitally and interventions implemented.
C	High levels of progress for pu- pils eligible for the Pupil Pre- mium in non-EBACC qualifica- tions. PP pupils achieve in line with or better than non- PP pupils in GCSE/BTEC/OCR Nationals.	All PP pupils will actively engage with their non EBACC courses; re- sources and materials will be provided for all practical components. Pupils will engage well in their non-EBACC courses. Pupils will work well with their teachers and attitudes to learning will be positive. Staff will track effort of pupils over the year as part of the PP strategy.	PP pupils in non-EBACC subjects performed less well than their non PP counter- parts0.43 Some non – EBACC qualifi- cations demonstarted excel- lent outcomes for PP pupils: Photography +0.23 Drama +0.73 Sports Studies +0.06 Health and Social Care +1.37 HoDS will share their best practice during CPD.

		Progress of PP pupils and non PP pupils will be closely monitored and QA cycles will be used to identify barriers to pro- gress. QA demonstrates that PP pupils are supported when engaging in meta- cognitive skills.	A new approach to tracking and monitoring the effective- ness of interventions for PP pupils will be used by all staff as part of QA cycles.
D.	Disadvantaged pupils acquire the knowledge and cultural capital that they need to suc- ceed in life.	PP pupils regularly attend a wide range of out of classroom experiences in- cluding after school clubs. Correct proportion of pu- pils who participate in extracurricular visits and programmes are disad- vantaged. All PP pupils will engage with the academy, tutor, as- sembly and 'Life' programme to develop their interest in in- vestigating and offering rea- soned views about moral and ethical issues. PP pupils will be invited to academy, trust and extracur- ricular events to support their high levels of attain- ment.	Correct proportion of pupils who participated in extracurricular activities were PP pupils.63% of PP pupils at- tended after school clubs, which was in line with the percentage of all pupils attending after school clubs.The Latin Excellence Pro- gramme was launched with Y9. 33% of the co- hort are disadvantaged and are engaging with an enrichment opportunity to visit Italy funding using PP spending.2023/24 plan included focus on cultural capital for all pu- pils. Launch of "This is cul- ture" with Y7 at tutor time and on blue line. This is cul- ture was a success with 90% of students that were ques- tioned on the blue line, able to demonstrate increased cultural awareness. Weekky average 128 118 109 101 101 101 101 102 101 102 102 103 104 104 105 105 106 106 107 108 109 109 101 101 101 101 101 102 101 102 101 102 101 102 101 102 101 101 102 101 102 101 101 101 101 101 102 101 101 101 102 101 101 102 101 101 102 101 101 101 101 102 101
Ε.		Evidence gathered from the	
	an identified cohort of pupils el- igible for the Pupil Premium	routine monitoring and evalu- ation will show that pupils eli- gible for the Pupil Premium in Years 7-9, particularly	

sons and therefore able to achieve well. This will be re- flected in national tests and ex- aminations that meet govern- ment expectations, or in the qualifications obtained. Vulnerable disadvantaged pu- pils with behaviour at risk of deteriorating will be identified in Y6 so that support can be offered as early as possible.	quality lessons that deliver the academy's curriculum in- tent. Analysis of behavioural data will show a reduction in the average number of C4 detentions given to PP pupils and a reduction in the average number of days of exclusion per dis- advantaged pupil in an ac- ademic year.	There was not a reduction in the number of instances of disruption and other poor choices by pp pupils. C4 Disruption to Learning Non PP Events: 4485 Per pupil: 3.74 PP Events: 1873 Per pupil: 6.18 C4 Other Non PP Events: 3989 Per pupil: 4.23 PP Events: 2287 Per pupil: 7.55 PP pupils require a higher level of support to access learning, engage with their learning and regulate. The SEMH HLTA will be used to deliver targetted intervention to support pupils to address the word gap and aid emotional regulation through greater understanding of social stories.
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F.	Improved attendance rates for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium / Free School Meals [FSM].	Pupils that ended the previ- ous year as PA will receive earlier intervention. Pupils will be identified and sup- port by their learning man- ager and PP champion. School staff will understand the 'push' and 'pull' factors that drive individual pupil attendance with targeted families. These will be rec- orded and shared with staff. Logged and recorded	PUPL PREMUM PF Evolvents President President President Notes Not
		via CPOMS. Parental correspondence around their child being persistently absent will be timely and occur in the first half term. Tracked and rec- ord as part of ASP pro- cess.	20% of pupils on an ASP did not improve their attendance – more timely intervention will occur and the use of early help assessments where appropriate to improve pupil attendance and offer family
		Reduce the number of per- sistent absentees (PA) amongst pupils eligible for PP to 9.3% or below (Nat. Ave. PP = 24.6\%, non-PP = 9.3%). Improve overall attend- ance rates of pupils eligi- ble for PP to 97% or above	support.
		Evidence of ASP put into place to support PP pu- pils who are at risk of be- coming PA. (Post Covid national av- erage = 82%)	
G	Increased parental engage- ment including improved at- tendance rates for parents / carers of pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium at Par-	The parents / carers of pu- pils eligible for PP attend at least one event with a par- ticular focus on Parents' Evening for each pupil.	The launch of the parent fo- rum was a success with 25% of those that attended the fo- rum were parents/carers of pp pupils.
	ent Consultation Evenings.	Evidence from bookings made prior to staff inter- vention to assist bookings	85% of PP families attended Pie night. Those that were not able to attend were sup- ported by Learning Manager and resources distributed.
			73% of parents attended Op- tions Evening. All PP pupils received additional options guidance.

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			55% PP attendance to Y11 Parents Evening compared to 70% Non PP.
	. Improved homework completion through the use of Knowledge Organiser (KO), SPARX Maths and Science and GCSEPod. Homework will support the alteration of the long-term memory of disadvan- taged pupils. Homework will support the development of un- derstanding and pupils will con- nect new knowledge with exist- ing knowledge. Improved at- tendance at enrichment study sessions for pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium. This will en- sure that they are better pre- pared for national tests in Year 11 because they have devel- oped and sustained good study habits and enhanced their knowledge of the subjects they are studying.	Behaviour data will show that sanctions are low for poor use of KO/Sparxy/GCSEPod. Disadvantaged pupils are rewarded in weekly assemblies. 27% of Y11 after school enrichment sessions are at- tended by pupils in receipt of the pupil premium. Parents at- tend one or more af- ter school event per year.	 Home learning completion (KO) was an area of devel- opment for all students. New strategy to be used to report home to parents to improve completion rates of all pupils and especially those with disadvantage. 55% completion rate for pp in HT6, improved from 41% in HT3. Increased focus needed to support pupils. PP initiative to direct pupils to homework enrichment via the PP strategy.
	Pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium show increased self- esteem, ambition and aspira- tion in relation to their life be- yond the academy. Pupils are tracked throughout their time at the academy and placed on a careers pathway monitored by academy staff and Progress Careers. This will lead to im- proved aspiration. Benchmark – National NEET PP = 9% Darton 2023/24= 0%	Regular feedback from questionnaires demon- strates that pupils have a clear, well thought out plan with a firm progression pathway in mind. Monitoring and evaluation of tutor and PSHE lessons shows that pupils under- stand progression path- ways and are able to ana- lyse and evaluate their own options. NEET figures for pupils eligible for the Pupil Pre- mium are above national level with 100% of leav- ers in education, employ- ment or training. Careers award (Pro-	All PP pupils received two careers advisor appoint- ments. 87% of PP pupils attended PD careers day vs 93% for All. Pupil voice demonstrated that the careers education met the needs of the pupils. Pupil voice highlighted that pupils would like access to employers from a wider range of sectors- finance, le- gal, medical.
		spects) is maintained yearly. This helps to en-	

		sure that high quality im- partial CEIAG raises the aspirations of disadvan- taged pupils.			
J	The mental health of disadvan- taged pupils improves through- out the year. Mental health is- sues are quickly identified by the inclusion team and strate- gies are put in place. Disadvantaged pupils are able to access appropriate external agencies for support with men- tal health and wellbeing issues. Pupils are selected to partici- pate in an academic and pas- toral mentoring programme. This will improve the mental health of some of the most vul- nerable pupils in the academy.	Achievement, behaviour and attendance data shows that pupils identified as suf- fering with mental health is- sues are accessing support and improving throughout the year. Wellbeing questionnaires are completed frequently and demonstrate pupils are receiving the correct sup- port and it results in a posi- tive outcome.	In Y8-Y11 there dents on a Way assessment, 8 were pupil prer year. Of those 8 require a risk a All 6 of those w Wave 1 or 2 risl ment now are 8 ported by CAM wouldn't look t Wave until this plete.	ve 1 or of thos mium l 8, 2 no ssessr vho are k asses being s HS so o revie	2 risk se ast longer nent. on a ss- up- we w their
ĸ	The effort of disadvantaged pupils will correlate with their attainment. Staff will support pupils and establish strong re- lationships. There will not be a correlation with poor effort and poor attainment as staff will mitigate any barriers to effort through continued tracking and monitoring using whole school approaches. Staff will record the approaches that they have used to intervene with disad- vantaged pupils and in doing so will ensure that they remain a priority.	Staff will review the out- comes of PP pupils vs. non pp pupils after every data point. Staff will track and monitor the effort of pupils and will invite pupils to home learn- ing enrichment where there are concerns regarding ef- fort, engagement and work production.	Students offered sessions Students who have accessed 121 % who have ac- cessed 121 Av weekly attend- ance	Maths 45 26 57.78 36%	Eng- lish 20 17 85 40%

Service

There are 5 service students on roll at Darton Academy.

pupil premium funding (optional)

For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information:

Measure Details	
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How did you spend your service pupil premium allocation last academic year?	The service pupil premium was pooled with the main pupil premium budget.
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	Impact above.