



St. Anselm's College Student Premium Strategy Statement 2022-25

This statement details our College's use of student premium (and recovery premium) funding to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged students.

It outlines our student pupil premium strategy, how we intend to spend the funding and the outcomes for disadvantaged students last academic year 2023-24.

Current College overview

Detail	Data
Number of students in school	788 (11-16)
Proportion (%) of student premium eligible students	12.9% (102 students)
Academic year/years that our current student premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2022-2023 2023-2024 2024-2025
Date this statement was published	Nov 2022 (updated Oct 2024)
Date on which it will be reviewed	October 2025
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Student premium lead	Mr C Willis
Governor / Trustee lead	Mr A Whiteley

Funding overview 2024-25

Detail	Amount
Student premium funding allocation this academic year	£106,050
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£0
Student premium (and recovery premium*) funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable) <i>*Recovery premium received in academic year 2021 to 2022 can be carried forward to academic year 2022 to 2023. Recovery premium received in academic year 2022 to 2023 cannot be carried forward to 2023 to 2024.</i>	£0
Total budget for this academic year <i>If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year</i>	£106,050

Part A: Student premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

Intent:

Our intent is that 'all' students, irrespective of their background or challenges they face, experience a highly ambitious curriculum **and are supported and encouraged in applying to the College**. That 'all' students make at least good progress and achieve high attainment across the curriculum, preparing them for post-16 study. In addition to this, that the ingredients within the principle of 'PP First' are evident in all lessons - 'Seat First, Challenge First, Question First and Support First'. We will consider the challenges faced by vulnerable students, such as those who are looked after, services children and young carers.

Implementation:

Our strategy will be rooted in robust diagnostic assessment and supported by evidence from a range of sources namely the EEF toolkit. Successful implementation will be a staged process, continually monitored and may need to be adapted along the way.

We will implement a tiered approach, which will involve:

- Quality first teaching and learning
- Targeted academic support
- Wider strategies support including outreach to primaries

Impact:

The tiered approach is proven to have the greatest impact on closing the disadvantage attainment gap and at the same time will benefit the non-disadvantaged students in our College. It will also assist in increasing the proportion of disadvantaged students who apply for and successfully pass the Entrance Examination. The strategy will be aligned with existing practices to ensure a sustained impact. Impact will be evident from a range of both qualitative and quantitative sources, we will act early to intervene at the point need is identified. All staff will take responsibility for disadvantaged students' outcomes and raise expectations of what they can achieve, this will form part of the performance management for staff which will be reviewed termly. There will be a culture of resilience, determination and success amongst disadvantaged students.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Equity of access to the College in the application process: the demographics of the current school population indicates that disadvantaged students are under-represented given our catchment area, suggesting that are less likely to apply to the College and/or are less likely to pass the Entrance examination when they do apply
2	Levels of Literacy & Numeracy: Despite passing an entrance exam, we have identified that a number of our disadvantaged students require support with their literacy and numeracy skills.
3	Overall progress/attainment: Most recent data suggests that levels of progress and attainment across the curriculum for disadvantaged students are at least in line with their peers but this remains an ongoing area of focus as this has not always historically been the case and disadvantaged students have at times been on the wrong end of an attainment and progress gap
4	Reading ages: Reading assessments indicate that a number of disadvantaged students have lower levels of reading comprehension than their peers. This affects their progress in all subjects.
5	Attendance: Attendance data over the last year indicates that the attendance of disadvantaged students is lower when compared to their peers especially those who are PA. Assessments and observations indicate that absenteeism is negatively impacting disadvantaged students' progress.
6	Social, emotional & mental health well-being: observations and discussions with students and families have identified social and emotional issues for many students, such as anxiety, depression and low self-esteem. This is partly driven by concern about catching up lost learning and exams/future prospects, and the lack of enrichment opportunities due to the pandemic. These challenges particularly affect disadvantaged students, including their attainment.
7	Partial School Closure: Assessments, observations and discussions with students and families suggest that the education and wellbeing of some of our disadvantaged students have been impacted by partial school closures to a greater extent than for other students. These findings are backed up by several national studies, for example, the EEF, who state that the progress of high-ability disadvantaged students has been most affected by the pandemic.

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	RAG Review October 2024
All PP students make excellent educational progress achieving a positive P8 score by the end of KS4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupil Premium Yr.10 P8 in line with expectations - no less than -1.0 Positive Pupil Premium P8 	Overall P8 for PP is 0.07 (non PP -0.01)
		Overall P8 for PP was +0.18 compared to all +0.11
All PP students secure the literacy and numeracy skills required to make at least expected progress at KS3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading and spelling age is in line with chronological age in Years 7 All PP students making at least expected progress in English in Years 7, 8 and 9 Secure use of appropriate technical vocabulary in all subjects in Years 7, 8 and 9 All PP students making at least expected progress in Maths in Years 7, 8 and 9 Level of numeracy required in all subjects is secure in Years 7, 8 and 9 	13 of 18 PP students RA improved over the course of the year by an average of 9 months.
		Year 7 PP 40.9% (All 55%) Year 8 PP 92% (All 82%) Year 9 PP 100% (All 96.8%)
		This continues to develop with a focus on subject specific literacy – disciplinary literacy is a key priority – Improvement Plan 24/25
		Year 7 PP 90.9% (All 82.6%) Year 8 PP 84% (All 80.7%) Year 9 PP 88.9% (All 82.8%)
		This continues to develop with a focus on subject specific numeracy. Focus on consistent pedagogical approach to numeracy skills cross curricular.
Attendance of all PP students is in line with national or better.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half-termly improvement in attendance for all PP students All PP attendance is in line with all students 	End of year attendance (July 2024) was 93% PP (95% all)
		Year 7 PP 95.7% (All 95.6%) Year 8 PP 94.2% (All 94.2%) Year 9 PP 94% (All 94%) 1 PP student had an attendance of less than 90% compared to 14 non-PP.
All PP students engage in co- and/or extra-curricular activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 80% of PP students engage in co- and extra-curricular activities Student Voice activities indicate that PP students are engaged in College life, are motivated and have high aspirations. 	Engagement in co- and extra-curricular activities is highest in KS3. New tracking system in place Sept 24 which will enable a more rigorous tracking and monitoring process for all groups of students.

To achieve and sustain improved a positive mental health and wellbeing for all students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student voice reports that PP students feel safe and are happy in school • Student Voice activities indicate that PP students are gaining confidence, resilience and positive attitudes to their study and future goals • Destinations data show that students have successful future career pathways. 	Student voice is positive – see Questionnaire May 24
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		10 of 18 students remain at the College 6 th form, others have gone to other settings. 56% of PP students stay at SAC in comparison with 70% of non PP. This will be a focus for 24/25.
The proportion of applications to the College for the Year 7 cohort of Sept 2026 from disadvantaged students will be more representative of the proportion of all young people locally who are disadvantaged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Atom’ application support programme launched with feeder Primaries • Pupil Premium, data captured on applicants for Sept 2026. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atom link now on College website • Communications to parents and to primaries to follow

Activity in this academic year

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

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £32,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>Purchase of standardised diagnostic assessments – CATs £10.40 per student.</p> <p>(Sept 2022 – current Yr10/11 with no SAT data)</p>	<p>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:</p> <p>Standardised tests Assessing and Monitoring Student Progress Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p>	<p>1,2,3</p>
<p>Enhancement of our Maths teaching and curriculum planning</p> <p>We will fund provision of a Maths teacher to support teaching and learning in the classroom and when necessary provide one to one support.</p>	<p>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:</p> <p>Teaching mathematics at key stage 3 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> <p>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:</p> <p>KS2 KS3 Maths Guidance 2017.pdf (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	<p>1,2</p>
<p>Improving literacy in all subject areas in line with recommendations in the EEF Improving Literacy in Secondary Colleges by providing bespoke CPD for the literacy co-ordinator.</p> <p>To develop a culture of reading across the College.</p>	<p>Acquiring disciplinary literacy is key for students as they learn new, more complex concepts in each subject:</p> <p>EEF Improving Literacy in Secondary Colleges</p> <p>Reading comprehension, vocabulary and other literacy skills are heavily linked with attainment in maths and English:</p> <p>word-gap.pdf (oup.com.cn)</p> <p>‘Now the whole school is supporting reading’ Oct 2022</p>	<p>1,2,3</p>

<p>We will fund one to one and small group English tutoring with an English teacher two days per week.</p> <p>To provide bespoke CPD for staff to enable them 'To teach students <i>how</i> to read'.</p>	<p>'Inspire a love of reading and enhance literacy skills' National College Webinar</p>	
<p>Whole school focus on developing metacognition – bespoke CPD for teachers</p>	<p>Evidence from the EEF suggests the use of 'metacognitive strategies' – which get Students to think about their own learning – can be worth the equivalent of an additional +7 months' progress when used well.</p>	1-6
<p>We will continue with the role of PP Champion</p>	<p>The PP Champion will support and mentor PP students. Analyse data and provide interventions as and when needed.</p>	1-6

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

Budgeted cost: £28,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>To liaise with the librarian develop a targeted reading intervention for disadvantaged students who need additional help with reading, to comprehend texts and address vocabulary gaps. Including those who are high attainers.</p> <p>To develop 'Reading for Pleasure' within our PP students.</p>	<p>Reading comprehension strategies can have a positive impact on students' ability to understand a text, and this is particularly the case when interventions are delivered over a shorter timespan:</p> <p>Reading comprehension strategies Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF</p> <p>EEF Toolkit states that students who received catch up intervention 'Develop more positive attitudes towards College and rapidly increase their reading ages'</p>	1,2,3
<p>Engaging in a Maths Tutoring Programme to provide a blend of tuition, mentoring and College-led tutoring for students whose education has been most impacted by</p>	<p>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:</p> <p>One to one tuition EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</p>	1,2

the pandemic. A significant proportion of the students who receive tutoring will be disadvantaged, including those who are high attainers.	And in small groups: Small group tuition Toolkit Strand Education Endowment Foundation EEF	
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Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £22,850

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
<p>To continue to provide directed time for the Mental Health Lead to support specific PP students.</p> <p>To continue to provide support from an academic mentor and youth worker to address and support behavioural, emotional, social concerns and most importantly to support with bereavement counselling.</p> <p>To provide CPD in RP for Pastoral Leads</p>	<p>EIF's report on adolescent mental health found good evidence that mental health interventions support young people's social and emotional skills and can reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression: Adolescent mental health: A systematic review on the effectiveness of College-based interventions Early Intervention Foundation (eif.org.uk)</p> <p>EEF: 'Behaviour interventions' Seek to improve attainment by reducing challenging behaviour, including aggression, violence, bullying, substance abuse and general anti-social activities'.</p> <p>The EEF Toolkit suggests that targeted interventions matched to specific students with particular needs or behavioural issues can be effective, especially for older students.</p>	4,5,6
<p>To continue to provide directed time for the Attendance Lead to support disadvantaged students.</p> <p>This member of staff will get release time to develop and implement new procedures - to meet with the LA attendance officer.</p>	<p>The DfE guidance has been informed by engagement with Colleges that have significantly reduced persistent absence levels.</p> <p>EEF Toolkit – 'The association between parental engagement and a child's academic success is well established'. There is a strong correlation between attendance and GCSE outcomes.</p>	4,5,6

Part B: Review of the previous academic year

Outcomes for disadvantaged students

GCSE Outcomes 2024		St. Anselm's College 2024	St. Anselm's College 2023	National 2024
PROGRESS 8	All	0.11	0.29	
PROGRESS 8	Disadvantaged	0.18	-0.42 (-0.18 for students educated on site)	
ATTAINMENT 8	All	55.64	58.2	
ATTAINMENT 8	Disadvantaged	57.11	54.0	
9-5 % EN & MA	All	72.0	79.5	
9-5 % EN & MA	Disadvantaged	72.2	66.7	
9-4 % EN & MA	All	91.3	96.8	
9-4 % EN & MA	Disadvantaged	83.3	85.7	
ENGLISH P8	All	-0.17	-0.01	
ENGLISH P8	Disadvantaged	-0.05	-0.81	
MATHS P8	All	0.41	0.56	
MATHS P8	Disadvantaged	0.78	0.20	

All PP students achieved at least a Grade 9-4 in GCSE Maths. All PP students achieved at least a Grade 9-4 in GCSE English except three students, one of whom accessed AP. All are now successfully enrolled in post 16 courses for the next stage in their education.

Maths outcomes significantly improved from the same time last year and although there is still a gap between PP and NPP in Maths, all PP students made good progress. PP Maths has improved from -0.60 in 2019 to -0.21 in 2022 and again in 2023 with a positive P8 of 0.20, culminating in a significant improvement in 2024 of 0.78. Suggesting that bespoke interventions and strategies implemented made significant impact. The enhancement of our maths teaching and curriculum planning coupled with supporting teacher release time to embed key elements of the guidance has had a positive impact. Providing funding to access resources and 'Mastery Maths Training' has also improved the overall quality of teaching and learning in the classroom in Maths.

Training a member of staff to become a mental health and wellbeing lead has also had a very positive impact in raising awareness of mental health and wellbeing across the College. Our PP students had access to mentoring

and counselling as and when needed. In addition to this working collaboratively with external agencies, the College supported many PP families with social, emotional and financial support. This not only cemented relationships between home and school but also had a positive impact on other barriers to learning for our PP students including getting to College daily, not having breakfast or the correct uniform. Being able to remove such barriers improved attendance obviously but ultimately improved overall outcomes. It allowed students to come to College to learn and not have to worry about other external factors.

Attendance:

Year	Whole %	Non PP %	PP %
2019-2020	94%	94%	92%
2020-2021	93%	93%	92%
2021-2022	94%	93%	91%
2022-2023	92%	92%	90%
2023-2024	95%	95%	93%

Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider
CARITAS – Family Support	Head Office Wheatland Lane, Wallasey, Wirral CH44 7ED info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk 0151 652 1281
Action for Children - Counselling Services	www.actionforchildren.org

Service student premium funding (optional)

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

Measure	Details
How did you spend your service student premium allocation last academic year?	Both Yr11 service students made good progress +1.70 and +2.26. Funds were used to support one to one tuition and the purchasing of all revision guides/resources for GCSE exams.
What was the impact of that spending on service student premium eligible students?	Students made progress in line with expectations and the end of each key stage.

School Led Tutoring 2023-24

- NTP: Total Received: £7,087.50
- £6,000 spent on IMPRESS online Maths and English Tuition. 10hrs of English and 10hrs of Maths GCSE tuition for every Yr.11 student (163 students)
- £1,087 spent on MFL and Science School Led Tutoring in College – Small group tutoring and one to one.

Impact Summary 2023-24

- 18 'PP' students in Yr11 2023-24: P8: +0.18 compared to 'All' P8: +0.11.
- The GCSE maths cohort has made significant progress year on year from -0.60 in 2019 to +0.79 in 2024.
- Although there is still a gap in English, the 'PP' P8 has improved significantly from -0.81 last year to -0.05 this year 2024 and is expected to continue to improve.
- PP students attend College and are punctual. Attendance for PP students is above the National and local average: 93% PP. A gap exists between PP and 'All' 93% compared to 'All' at 95%, this area of improvement is a key whole College priority this year 2024/25.

Moving forward 2024/25:

- To continue to reinforce the 'PP First Strategy' - Seat First, Challenge First, Question First and Support First.
- To meet regularly with all PP students, to build strong relationships to ensure all barriers to learning are addressed swiftly and that progress is sustained.
- To continue to ensure quality first teaching and learning in every classroom.
- To maintain a focus on Mastery maths and review numeracy skills cross curricular.
- To maintain a focus on improving extended writing skills and developing literacy with a focus on disciplinary literacy.
- To further develop reading for pleasure and enhance opportunities for reading across the curriculum.
- To develop links with targeted P.S with high % of FSM offering free online tutoring via 'ATOM' for the entrance exam.
- To continue with the assertive mentoring programme in Yr.11.
- To continue to offer bespoke SMEB support.
- To support and encourage applications to the College from disadvantaged students