

## Pupil Premium

The Pupil Premium is currently funding given to schools so that they can support their “disadvantaged” pupils and close the attainment gap between them and their peers. The pupils who qualify for the funding are those who currently receive Free School Meals (FSM), pupils who have received Free School Meals in the last six years, pupils whose parents are in the UK Armed Forces and those who are or have been looked after (in care).

In Thomas Mills High School Pupil Premium funding is dispersed in a variety of ways. The funding is used to provide targeted support and guidance for individuals where and when it is needed rather than used as a blunt instrument loosely aimed at all with the label of “Disadvantaged”.

All pupils attending Thomas Mills High School receive high-quality teaching in the classroom to enable them to achieve their full potential. Pupil Premium funding is used to provide additional measures to ensure this aim.

In **2015-2016** there were 82 pupils eligible for the additional funding and the school received an allocation of **£73,250**.

This was used to contribute to:

- The cost of materials in assessed projects / controlled assessments in Design Technology, Art and other subjects as necessary.
- The cost of school trips including educational visits, foreign exchanges, revision seminars and excursions and events during activities week will be supported according to the formula:

*a) 100% support for trips costing up to £50*

*b) 50% support for (at least one \*) trip(s) costing more than £50*

*\*Number of trips supported according to perceived need/at the discretion of the Headteacher.*

- Employing a Higher Level Learning Support Assistant for small group literacy sessions
- Reducing set sizes in English Language in Year 11
- Provision of specific careers guidance to encourage and support aspirations of disadvantaged pupils
- Supply of additional examination preparation and revision materials
- Instrumental lessons
- Regular individual mentoring / intervention sessions with a member of SMT
- Professional counselling as required

In **2016-2017** There are 86 pupils eligible for the funding and the school is due to receive an allocation of **£79,475**.

These funds will be used as noted above to fulfil the aim of enabling all pupils attending Thomas Mills High School (including those who are disadvantaged) to achieve their full potential.

## Impact

	2014	2015	2016*
Total number of pupils in cohort at end of KS4	169	172	167
Number of disadvantaged pupils in cohort	19	12	12
English & Maths at C+ - National	55	56	62
English & Maths at C+ - National disadvantaged	36	36	43
English & Maths at C+ - TMHS other	73	73	67
English & Maths at C+ - TMHS disadvantaged	42	58	33
Total point score - National - disadvantaged	289.6	295.1	41.02
Total point score - National - other	388.1	366.6	49.34
Total point score - TMHS other	507.4	495.6	54.8
Total point score - TMHS disadvantaged	432.8	468.8	44.17
% Ebacc - National	24	24	24
% Ebacc - TMHS other	50	46	39
% Ebacc - TMHS disadvantaged	16	33	8
Value added - TMHS other	1035	1027.8	0.29
Value added - TMHS disadvantaged	1032.2	1031.7	-0.32

\* Methodology for calculating VA changed in 2016 to Progress 8. Point scores in 2016 reflect Attainment 8

NB: Small cohorts of disadvantaged pupils can result in skewed data. Care must be taken when analysing such data.