

Pupil Premium Parent Report

(Sep 2016-Aug 2017 and projection for Sep 2017-Aug 2018)

Overview of the school

Total number of students on roll in Years 7-13 = 1109. Total number of students on roll in Years 7-11 = 789

Total number of pupils eligible for Pupil Premium Grant (Sep 2017) – 69 students in Years 7 to 11 (i.e. 9%)

Total amount of Pupil Premium Grant projected for year 2017-18 = £62,275 (compared with £65,000 in 2016-17)

Nature of Pupil Premium support 2016/2017

We invested in an enhanced system of tracking and intervention which would benefit Pupil Premium students in particular.

We identified specific learning obstacles in specific subjects and financial obstacles to accessing specific learning opportunities offered outside the common curriculum.

We endeavoured to tailor support to the individual needs of the Pupil Premium students.

Specific support areas where intervention was deployed last year included:

One-to-one learning support in Maths and English to support numeracy and literacy

One-to-one supported study to aid learning in other subject areas

Financial support for equipment, trips and music tuition

One-to-one pastoral support from the school's pastoral team

Impact of Pupil Premium spending 2016/2017

All Pupil Premium students were able to complete their courses.

In 2017 Pupil Premium students at TBGS achieved GCSE grades which were in line with Pupil Premium students of similar ability nationally; however, they did not make as much progress as non-Pupil Premium students at TBGS. Non-Pupil Premium students achieved, on average, almost half a grade per subject higher than students of similar ability in other schools. In other words, there is a gap of almost half a grade per subject between Pupil Premium and Non-Pupil Premium students at TBGS.

The progress of Pupil Premium students who did not sit public examinations in 2017 was also closely monitored. In Year 10 Pupil Premium students performed marginally better against their targets in the end-of-year assessment than their non-Pupil Premium peers. In Years 7-9 Pupil Premium students made marginally slower progress against expected targets compared with non-Pupil Premium students.

Pupil Premium Support in 2017/2018

Persistent absenteeism, was identified as the most likely cause of a relatively modest GCSE performance by a very small number of Pupil Premium students. New systems to encourage consistency in monitoring and responding to attendance issues across pastoral houses have been introduced in response.

TBGS will continue to pursue a similar strategy of tracking the progress of Pupil Premium students to identify where additional support, academic or pastoral, is needed and then regularly reviewing identified needs.

Counselling Service at Torquay Boys' Grammar School

We have extended our ability to respond to individual needs in a flexible way by investing in a full-time counselling service which will enhance the pastoral care that is already available to students at Torquay Boys' Grammar School. The cost of the pastoral team is part-funded from Pupil Premium income.

Academic Intervention at Torquay Boys' Grammar School

A robust system of academic monitoring and individualised intervention has been enhanced through the growth of the intervention team and the creation of an intervention hub. Newly appointed Progress Leaders will focus on early identification of obstacles to learning and coordination of interventions.

If you would like to know more about Pupil Premium, please contact the school for further information.