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PUPIL PREMIUM POLICY 2013

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A good education is the key to improving young people's life chances. This is particularly true for children from low-income families, who are far less likely to leave schools with good GCSE results than other children. The Pupil Premium, which is additional to the main funding that Latymer receives, will address these inequalities by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most. The aim of the policy is to ensure that the students achieve their full potential and that they can fully participate in the life of the school.

1. The school will identify and update the "Pupil Premium" cohort for Years 7 to 11. This is based on information provided by the Finance Office of students who are or have ever been eligible for Free School Meals, "looked after" children or members of the armed forces' children.
2. The school will review the academic progress of the cohort by using existing school reporting systems. Where underachievement is identified ensure that appropriate support/intervention is offered by liaising with Heads of Learning, tutors, Heads of Department, the Learning Support Team and Sixth Form subject mentors.
3. The school will identify the known career/university intentions of the cohort and provide information on relevant opportunities and support available to achieve this aspiration.
4. The school will develop and maintain the web portal containing the relevant school policies and the opportunities available to students.
5. The school will organise a sixth form/ex-student mentor for everybody in the cohort. Where possible the mentor and student should be matched on the basis of career/degree aspiration.
6. The school will ensure that the cohort's parents are informed of the available support and opportunities for students from low income families. Eg the Sutton Trust Summer Schools.
7. The school will automatically fund any payments for materials and trips that are considered to be part of the Latymer curriculum, once parent/carers have completed a permission slip for the activities for the academic year. Thus removing the need for parents of the PP students to apply for financial support separately for each activity. Eg revision guides additional art/design materials, Cwm trips and field trips.
8. The school will try to ensure that the PP students can participate in the rich extra-curricular life of the school. This could include the part funding of one non-curricular school trip during their time in Years 7 to 11 inclusive, funding of instruments and music lessons and funding of equipment and clothing. The amounts should be distributed fairly and within the limits of the total budget.
9. The school will complete an annual report on how Pupil Premium funding has been allocated and this will be published on the website.