

Denbigh High Schools' Pupil Development Grant Statement

The purpose of the Pupil Development Grant is to improve the educational attainment of pupils from low income families and who are entitled to free school meals (eFSM). Schools are expected to maximise the use of this funding by introducing sustainable strategies which will quickly lead to improved outcomes for pupils entitled to free school meals.

As a school, we want to learn from the best practice in Wales and beyond by:

1. Planning interventions that focus on improving the attainment of pupils from deprived backgrounds, regularly monitoring pupils' progress and evaluating the impact of the intervention.
2. Integrating plans for the effective use of the PDG into the School Development Plan, basing our practice on sound evidence and including them as part of a whole school strategy.
3. Balancing whole school strategies with targeted interventions to ensure that all learners entitled to free school meals benefit as individuals, whilst the whole school also develops its ability to support every learner to achieve their full potential.

In 2017-18 Denbigh High School were allocated a total Pupil Development Grant of £92,000

Denbigh High School has a comprehensive plan, agreed and monitored by GwE and Denbighshire Local Authority, to promote high expectations attainment and progress and to remove barriers to learning for pupils entitled to this funding.

We have used the funding available to:

- Fund the employment of a Behavior Support Assistant to support FSM pupils with not only all aspects of behavior but with parental involvement, peer tutoring, social aspects of learning.
- Part fund the employment of an Assistant Headteacher to plan and track FSM pupils to raise attainment levels and thus raise levels of literacy and numeracy skills. Some resources' will be purchased to support this role.
- Part fund a Youth worker to engage and motivate FSM pupils to promote good attitudes to learning.
- Fund Alternative Curriculum's where required.

- Fund additional tuition, vocational courses and associated costs for FSM pupils to increase attainment levels and ensure all pupils leave school with qualifications.
- Fund a contribution for peripatetic music provision for GCSE FSM pupils.
- Fund a contribution to accelerated learner to help improve literacy.
- Supply cover to ensure the relevant training for staff involved to ensure the PDG grant is used to its full potential and uses best practice and innovative methods to engage FSM learners.

It is not appropriate for the school to publish a more detailed plan as it could identify individual pupils.

