



Denbigh High School's Pupil Development Grant (PDG) 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 2020-2021 Denbigh High School were allocated a total Pupil Development Grant of £100,050.

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:

- Support Learning Mentor roles to develop resilience, confidence and positive behaviour in learners.
- Provide monitoring and intervention to improve and maintain learner attendance and punctuality.
- Support extra-curricular activities e.g. trips, Music, Art, Duke of Edinburgh Award, etc. for those pupils identified as eligible.
- Provide Youth Worker to support vulnerable learners, with behaviour and/or emotional concerns, providing counselling and support through alternative provision.

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