

Catch-Up Premium Funding Report

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COVID CATCH UP PREMIUM FUNDING OVERVIEW

The total value of the Covid 19 Catch-Up Premium Funding allocated to Southend High School for Girls was £72000

In 2020/21, the DfE allocated a £650 million catch-up premium to ensure that all pupils, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, would be able to catch-up on lost learning opportunities due to the pandemic. Although the school can determine how this funding is spent, the Education Endowment Foundation has published guidance on effective interventions to support schools and this can be found [here](#). The DfE's own guidance regarding the Covid Catch-Up Premium can also be found [here](#).

This report sets out how Southend High School for Girls spent this funding so that our pupils received the support needed to make substantial progress in all areas.

CHALLENGES

Referencing our principles of **safe, happy, successful**, we are confident that students are safe due to the outstanding pastoral care provided throughout the year and including lockdown. However, some students have been affected by issues around mental health. Some students have also been affected by not making expected progress through the curriculum. School leaders have identified the following areas in need of 'catch-up' because of the pandemic.

- Access to the curriculum and learning with resources and ICT.
- Due to remote learning and working in subject bubbles, students have not had the wealth of learning, opportunities, and experiences we would normally provide in the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty. There is also an added consequence germane to mental health, where these subjects are particularly important.
- The pandemic has impacted upon some students' progress through the curriculum where, in lower school, they are still at 'Emerging' and have not progressed in knowledge and skills to developing or a level of proficiency.
- Wellbeing and engagement in school life is also an issue identified by school leaders because of the pandemic. This is particularly the case in Years 8 and 10.

There are some students whose progress in their GCSE and A Level programme has been affected by the pandemic and remote learning. PPE data will provide the target list for leaders to support with catch-up.



STATEMENT OF INTENT

QUALITY OF EDUCATION: CLOSING THE CURRICULUM GAP

- Identify gaps in the curriculum due to the pandemic.
- Provide a range of catch-up subject specific learning resources.
- Emphasis on practical activities such as experiments and drama workshops.

QUALITY OF EDUCATION: CLOSING THE PROGRESS GAP IN LOWER SCHOOL YEARS 7-9

- Identify cohorts of students working at 'Emerging' in subjects.
- Provide catch-up tutoring where appropriate.
- Provide catch-up resources where appropriate.
- Monitor and track progress.
- Monitor and track progress in the subject self-evaluation QA programme.

WELLBEING, BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDES

- Identify issues around engagement with behaviour and rewards data for targeted students.
- Use the mechanisms in the pastoral team for bespoke support for individual students.
- Identify issues around mental health specifically compounded by the pandemic.

IDENTIFIED ACADEMIC UNDERPERFORMANCE: CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP AT GCSE AND A LEVEL

- Use mock examination results to identify underperforming students.
- Provide appropriate catch-up and resources.
- Monitor and track progress through line management in subject areas and SLT.

VULNERABLE AND PUPIL PREMIUM STUDENTS

- To reduce the attainment gap between our disadvantaged pupils and their peers.
- Targeted planning for pupil premium students and those pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEND).
- Monitor and track wellbeing and progress.



SPENDING SUMMARY FOR 2020/21

Covid Catch-Up funding was a one-off premium paid by the government during the 2020/21 school year to help pupils catch up on learning missed due to Covid. Any balance unspent was carried forward towards future spending to assist with bridging this gap going forwards. Here we will demonstrate how the funding was spent during 2020/21 as well as 2021/22 and the impact this has made to our students.

ITEM	COST £	OBJECTIVE	OUTCOME
Tassomai Ltd – Software Programme introduced for all GCSE students.	1620	Tassomai is an online learning programme designed to help students to study more effectively. The app assists in their revision and study towards GCSE.	To raise the attainment of GCSE pupils and to assist in closing any gaps in Learning caused by Covid-19. Better work ethic for students encouraging excellent results at GCSE.
IT Equipment including the purchase of banks of laptops (approx. 120) and laptop trolleys for use in classrooms.	34314	To further develop the IT Provision within school.	To raise the attainment of all pupils and to assist in closing any gaps in Learning caused by Covid-19. Better work ethic for students encouraging excellent results at GCSE.
Total expenditure for 2020/21	£35934		

£36066 of Covid Catch-Up Premium Funding was carried forward to 2021/22.



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Extension of Tassomai Subscription until 30/06/22	£405	Tassomai is an online learning programme designed to help students to study more effectively. The app assists in their revision and study towards GCSE.	To raise the attainment of GCSE pupils and to assist in closing any gaps in Learning caused by Covid-19. Better work ethic for students encouraging excellent results at GCSE.
PiXL & PiXL 6 Membership PiXL is a large network made up of thousands of schools, colleges, and education providers, spanning all Key Stages to collaborate and share best practice.	£6175	To provide resources and network opportunities for all members of the school.	Better strategies to achieve widely important goals.
Massolit – High quality, curriculum linked video lectures for GCSE and A Level English	£450	To provide students with excellent supporting resources for English.	Students will achieve better understanding of the curriculum content and this will improve grades at GCSE and A Level.
Royal National Theatre Connections Company Membership Connections Fees & Bursaries National Theatre	£300	The opportunity for school theatre groups to stage new plays written for young people by some of theatre's most exciting playwrights and to perform in leading theatres across the UK.	Drama students will have the opportunity to learn and perform to audiences, something that has been very difficult during the pandemic.



InnerDrive Mental Skills Workshop for Year 11 Students	£2907	To develop effective study habits and provide strategies to manage exam stress.	Students have more effective strategies to use in their exam preparation.
Inner Drive – Set of books on effective study habits. All Year Groups	£1755	To accompany the follow up sessions in form time and to share these approaches with students in other year groups.	To achieve a high level of student exam preparation skills in all year groups.
Up Learn Online Course for Chemistry, Physics, Economics, Maths, Psychology	£10000	Guaranteed A/A* or money back for students who complete the course! To close the gap in attainment caused by the pandemic for students in Years 12 and 13.	Opportunity for all students to achieve the highest grades possible, despite the difficulties faced during the pandemic.
Economics & Business Additional revision materials and Practice papers for Years 12 & 13	£544	Targeted in-class and additional intervention for Economics and Business students.	Better understanding of the curriculum leading to improved grades for students.
Sociology Year 13 Tutor2U Exam Skills Books – Theory and Methods/ Mass Media	£311	Exam skills practice for students to undertake during independent study time.	Improved exam technique, developed confidence leading to better examination grades.
Media Studies GCSE Revision books	£468	Catch up and consolidation of curriculum studies.	Better understanding of the curriculum leading to improved grades for students.



Media Studies GCSE Class Plan and Online Workshop	£65	Catch up and consolidation of study in class.	Better understanding of the curriculum leading to improved grades for students.
Sociology Tutor 2U Examination Skills Workbooks	£155	To provide additional resources for students – to bridge any gaps in attainment caused by the pandemic.	Students will achieve better understanding and improved grades at A Level.
Bollywood Brass Band Workshops Years 10 and 11	£700	Building on the wealth of learning, opportunities, and experiences we would normally provide in the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty.	Better student engagement with the subject and improved wellbeing.
PE – Kung Fu Self Defence Workshops with Meridian Kung Fu http://meridiankungfu.com/	£250	Building on the wealth of learning, opportunities, and experiences we would normally provide in the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty. Enrichment activity designed to experience and learn new and valuable skills.	Better student engagement with the subject and improved wellbeing and health benefits for students.
EST Online Safety Training for Students	£1000	Educating pupils so that they remain aware of the risks and issues.	Safeguarding our pupils and ensuring their safety both in and out of school.
Southwest Grid for Learning Whisper Online Safety Training	£450	Educating pupils and parents so that they remain aware of the risks and issues	Safeguarding our pupils and ensuring their safety both in and out of school.



SEND Mindfulness Therapy for Year 8 to 10 high needs pupils that are not reaching their true potential due to post Covid stress and self-doubt – designed to help pupils with their social, emotional, and mental health.	£880	Qualified Therapy sessions for high need pupils.	Pupils will emotionally be in a better place to access learning, friendships, and academic success.
Inner Drive – Study Skills Program for Year 10 to include one workshop on 13-06-22 together with follow up activities.	£3297	To develop effective study habits at all stages of education.	Students will have more effective study strategies to use in their exam preparation.
GCSE Physics Online Years 9-11	£499	To provide additional resources for students – to bridge any gaps in attainment caused by the pandemic.	Students will achieve better understanding and improved grades at GCSE and A Level.
Art – Specialist Art Workshops for Year 10 and 12 Students. Guest artists including Adebajji Alade. Workshops held in July 2022.	£947	Building on the wealth of learning, opportunities, and experiences we would normally provide in the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty.	Better student engagement with the subject and improved wellbeing.
Renaissance Learning UK Limited Accelerated Reader Literacy Package and training for use in school.	£3356	Accelerated Reader is a web-based system that helps to boost children’s reading. It includes the star reading test which will report a student’s reading age and other diagnostic information. It then has the accelerated reader system which is where a student can use the	Although they will have passed the 11+ their reading development and choice of books will have been limited by the pandemic due to time missed from primary school and the closure of libraries. To be able to access the breadth and depth of curriculum at a grammar school it is



		<p>information from the reading test to choose books that are appropriate for where they are in their reading journey i.e., in the challenge zone. Once they have read the books, they can then check their understanding using the AR quizzes. Staff are then able to use this information to provide appropriate development targets and interventions in order that all student's reading can improve. There are various reward schemes that can also be operated from this system. In the academic year 2022-2023 we will be implementing this system for the new year 7s.</p>	<p>important that they have as well-developed reading skills as possible.</p>
<p>Psychology</p> <p>Tutor2U – Year 13 Revision Materials</p>	<p>£920</p>	<p>Catch up and consolidation of study in class.</p>	<p>Better understanding of the curriculum leading to improved grades for students.</p>
<p>Drama Resources</p> <p>New Views Playwriting</p> <p>Home New-Views</p>	<p>£300</p>	<p>Building on the wealth of learning, opportunities, and experiences we would normally provide in the</p>	<p>Better student engagement with the subject and improved wellbeing.</p>



		Creative and Performing Arts Faculty.	
Total Spent	£36134		
Total spent in both years	£72068		

SCHOOL LED TUTORING GRANT FOR 2021/22

The School-Led Tutoring Grant was introduced by the government as part of the National Tutoring Programme for 2021/22. Southend High School for Girls received a ring-fenced grant to source our own tutoring provision for those disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils who missed the most education due to Covid 19. The pandemic resulted in some significant gaps in teaching and disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils were particularly impacted.

A dedicated team of staff at SHSG were able to identify those students who had been most affected by the pandemic. They put into place several structured interventions for those students. Additional tutoring time was made available to each student by way of targeted academic support and their progress actively monitored throughout the process. Detailed records of the pupils concerned, and the hours of tutoring delivered were recorded in the School Led Tutoring Government Return.

For 2021/22 our School Led Tutoring Grant allocation was £9720. We successfully delivered 100 hours of targeted tuition to 205 Year 11 students.

RECOVERY PREMIUM ALLOCATION for 2021/22

The Recovery Premium is provided by the government to boost pupil premium funding for those most disadvantaged students and for those students who have suffered most because of Covid.

For 2021/22 Southend High School for Girls received £11600 in Recovery Premium funding which supplemented our Pupil Premium expenditure as outlined in our Pupil Premium spending summary.

This funding can be directed where it is needed most as decided by the school and unlike the School Led Tutoring Grant, spending is not ringfenced and is therefore not limited to those pupils who attract the funding alone.

RECOVERY PREMIUM ALLOCATION for 2022/23



For 2022/23, Southend High School for Girls are due to receive £19596 in Recovery Premium funding.

Please refer to our Pupil Premium Spending Strategy for 2022/23 for further details about how we intend to spend these funds over the course of the coming year.

