

Evaluation of Provision for Pupil Premium Students 2016/17

Number of students using SSC for academic and emotional support and how quickly they return to class - No PP students have remained in the SSC long term. All are offered support from the SSC but this has only been needed in very short term cases.

Number of PP students making expected progress or better in a range of subjects including Maths and English - Data week information highlights there is still a gap between PP and non-PP students, so targeted intervention will remain in place.

Career progression post 16 and post 18 - 0 recorded NEET's September 2017

Take up among PP students of extra-curricular activities - 11 students took part in the climbing course, learning a new skill and increasing self-confidence.

Number of students who achieve EDCL and their grades - 100% pass grade of Distinction* for all PP students.

Attendance - PP students 92.6% vs school average of 95.7%. Learning mentors will focus on attendance in 2017/18

The Ofsted Monitoring Inspection in July 2016 noted that 'some impact on closing gaps is evident but this is not a consistent picture'. There was less emphasis on supporting higher ability and middle ability PP students and this will be improved with the introduction of learning mentors. Learning mentors have shown increase in attendance and attainment in several subjects. Learning mentor scheme continued in September 2017 for all PP students.

Continuing strategies that have worked to some extent are close monitoring with good data, attendance monitoring and rewards, small class sizes, differentiation in the classroom by ask and outcome, literacy and numeracy support.

New strategies, used include Learning Mentors, priority marking and feedback and a renewed catch up focus in English. GCSE Health and Social Care was put into the curriculum as an extra option and 3 PP students did this course, achieving grades B and C.

All PP students were offered an 8 week climbing course at Llangorse Climbing Centre and several completed the course. All PP students had extra careers interviews and a school organised visit to the Open Day at Hereford & Ludlow Colleges.