Pupil premium strategy statement

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium (and recovery premium for the 2022 to 2023 academic year) funding to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged pupils.

It outlines our pupil premium strategy, how we intend to spend the funding in this academic year and the effect that last year's spending of pupil premium had within our school.

School overview

Detail	Data
School name	The Nicholas Hamond Academy
Number of pupils in school	710
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	43.24% PP (28.03% FSM, 11.7% Service)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2021/22 to 2024/25
Date this statement was published	December 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	September 2024
Statement authorised by	Mr M Woodhouse, Exec. Principal
Pupil premium lead	Miss E Thomason
Governor / Trustee lead	Mr S Conner

Funding overview

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£194,580
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£52,440
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	£247,020.

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan

Statement of intent

The vision for all Pupil Premium (PP) students at TNHA is that they achieve the very best outcomes. This means ensuring that all PP students experience quality first teaching, are supported to be the very best that they can be, participate fully in the cultural experiences TNHA offers (including creative arts and sports opportunities), attend school regularly and are prepared for life outside of education, socially, emotionally and academically. There will be a whole school approach to promote the attainment and progress of PP students.

The PP plan is written using research-based strategies from the EEF <u>Using pupil</u> premium | EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) and the work of Marc Rowland (Addressing educational disadvantage the Essex way).

The TNHA PP strategy will focus on the following areas:

- 1. Provide students with lessons of the highest standards
- 2. Identify gaps in learning and support students to make progress
- 3. Ensure that all students are able to access learning opportunities by improving reading and numeracy levels.
- 4. Support student behaviour to ensure students are engaged in their learning.
- 5. Promote good attendance of PP students
- 6. Support the positive mental health of PP students.

The key focus of the PP strategy is to provide high quality teaching for all PP students, especially in the areas where greatest support is needed. Teaching and Learning work will be centred around providing outstanding teaching in all lessons, ensuring appropriate challenge for PP students and overcoming barriers caused by lower levels of reading, including improving students' vocabulary, oracy and writing.

The PP plan over the next 3 years must a) address gaps in learning caused by absence from school (covid legacy), b) promote good attendance in school and manage incidents where this is not possible, c) support student behaviour and engagement in school, including plans to support the positive mental health of PP students, and d) accelerate the progress of those students not at expected levels.

To support this work, we will be using the National Tutoring Programme to enable students with poor attendance at school to catch up with their peers.

Any interventions put in place for PP students will be regularly evaluated and their impact considered. This strategy recognises that there is no single intervention that

will address the gap between PP and Non-PP achievement, but the success of this strategy is based on a variety of strategies, that happen in all areas of the academy, to ensure that PP students are able to fully access the curriculum (social, emotional and academic) and be successful.

"It's a thousand little moments that lead to great attainment for disadvantaged pupils rather than those big, shiny interventions." Marc Rowland.

Challenges

This details the key challenges to achievement that we have identified among our disadvantaged pupils.

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Our attendance data shows that the attendance of disadvantaged students is below that of Non-PP students.
	Pupil Premium attendance for 2022/23 was 88.45% (89.94% for NPP)
	Pupil premium persistent absence was 53%. (20% for NPP)
2	Ensure behaviour of PP students allows all to access lessons- reduce low level disruption in lessons, reduce FEX and PEX of PP students.
	In 2022/23 the % of FEX that were PP students was 56%. (this is 2% down on the previous year).
3	Teacher observations and data from academy assessments suggest a number of PP students are working below ARE in KS3 and have gaps in their knowledge that need to be addressed.
	2022 GCSE Results, P8 score of PP students was -0.26 compared to -0.05 for Non-PP students. (Gap -0.21)
	2023 GCSE results, P8 score of PP students was -0.73 compared to -0.51 for Non-PP students. (Gap -0.22)
4	SEND PP students do less well than their non-send, non-PP peers.
	The 2019 GCSE exam results show that SEND PP students achieved a P8 score of -0.98. In 2019 approx. 60% of PP students had a SEND need.
	The 2022 GCSE exam results show that SEND PP students achieved a P8 score of -0.89. In 2021 approx. 20% of Year 11 PP students had a SEND need.
	The 2023 GCSE exam results show that SEND PP students achieved a P8 score of -0.61. In 2021 approx. 38% of Year 11 PP students had a SEND need. Although improving, PP SEND students still perform below non PP students.
5	KS2 SATS/ recent NGRT tests suggest that reading, comprehension and vocabulary are below expected levels in KS3 students.

	KS2 Reading SAT scores, for Year 7 show 38 students working below ARE on arrival at TNHA, 23 of these are PP students.
	NGRT tests show that 39% of Year 8 students were still not at ARE by the end of Year 7 and 33% of Year 9 students were not at ARE at the end of Year 8.
6	Since school closures during COVID, an increasing number of PP students have suffered from mental health issues and anxiety. This has had a big impact on attendance and progress.

Intended outcomes

This explains the outcomes we are aiming for **by the end of our current strategy plan**, and how we will measure whether they have been achieved.

Intended outcome	Success criteria
Improved attainment/ progress of PP students across the curriculum at the end of KS4.	By the end of the current strategy plan, PP students will be performing at the same level as their Non-PP peers and will have an attainment in line with the National Average.
	Academy targets, based on FFT 20, for Summer 2025 are 75% 4+ in English and Maths.
Improved attainment/ progress of PP SEND students across the curriculum at the end of KS4.	By the end of the current strategy plan, SEND PP students will be performing at the same level as their Non-PP peers and will have an attainment in line with the National Average. All SEND PP students at KS4 with achieve their target grades at the end of the curriculum.
Improved reading comprehension among PP students in KS3.	Reading comprehensions tests (NGRT) taken twice every year show an improvement in the progress of students reading below their chronological age. Quantitative data shows interventions are effective. We aspire for all current Year 7 students to
	reach their chronological age in reading by the end of KS3.
	Students in Year 8 and 9 will show good progress from starting points.

To achieve and sustain improved attendance for all students, especially PP students.	Sustained high attendance in 2024/25. Attendance of PP students matches that of Non-PP students and is at least National Average.	
To achieve and sustain improved behaviour for learning of all students, especially PP boys.	Sustained reduction in behaviour incidents- C3 warnings, FEX and PEX of PP students, especially boys. 2024/25 data shows this is now in line with Non-PP peers and has significantly reduced from 2021/22.	
To achieve and sustain good mental health and wellbeing for all students especially PP and vulnerable.	 Sustained levels of mental health and wellbeing. Measured by: Reduced number of referrals to pastoral team/ other agencies for mental health concerns. 	
	 Student voice surveys show high levels of engagement in the academy, rating wellbeing highly. 	
	 Increased numbers of PP students engaging in extra-curricular activities and opportunities. 	

Activity in this academic year

This details how we intend to spend our pupil premium (and recovery premium funding) **this academic year** to address the challenges listed above.

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £ 160,000.

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Teaching/ Support staff	The Sandringham Research School and Marc Rowland (see podcasts) highlight the importance of quality teach- ing in all lessons across key stages as one of the most important factors in the attainment of disadvantaged stu- dents.	1,2,3
	Relationships and high expectations, along with teacher expertise and subject knowledge are crucial for good progress. Sufficient staffing to provide smaller group sizes, additional mentoring and quality tutoring are all shown to be effective.	
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CPD- quality first teaching	Using the EEF Teaching and learning toolkit we have identified strategies with high impact on learning and progress (<u>Teaching and Learning Toolkit EEF</u> <u>(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</u> . The T&L group, whilst working on academy wide	1,2
	strategies, will include a focus on Feedback, Metacognition and Self-regulation.	
	The EEF research suggests that there is evidence to suggest that feedback involving metacognitive and self- regulatory approaches may have a greater impact on disadvantaged pupils and lower prior attainers than other pupils.	
	This promotes clear and actionable feedback, using metacognitive strategies, to inform understanding of students' specific strengths and areas for improvement.	
£2000	Inclusive pedagogy including explaining, modelling and questioning are crucial (reserachschool.org.uk) and will included in the work of the T&L group over the next 5 terms.	
Purchase of diagnostic assessments in literacy,	Standardised tests can provide reliable insights into the specific strengths and weaknesses of each pupil to help ensure they receive the correct additional support through interventions or teacher instruction:	3
numeracy and reading.	Standardised tests Assessing and Monitoring Pupil Progress Education Endowment Foundation EEF	

Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: £ 32,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
National Tutoring Programme Tuition partners	Evidence from the EEF shows that small group tuition is effective, the smaller the group the better. Some studies suggest that greater feedback from the teacher, more sustained the engagement in smaller groups, or work which is more closely matched to learners' needs explains this impact. Tuition partners from the National Tutoring Programme have been sought to work with PP students , 1:3, on core subjects including Maths and English.	2,3
Online tuition £15,000	Online revision programmes- GCSE Pod and, Pixl. Focus on Year 10 and 11 students in English, Maths and Science. <u>Small group tuition EEF</u> (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	
Breakfast/ afterschool club	According to the DfE breakfast clubs guidance, evidence shows that providing a healthy school breakfast at the start of the school day can contribute to improved readiness to learn, increased concentration, and improved wellbeing and behaviour. Providing disadvantaged students with a breakfast each day will contribute to academic outcomes, reduce days absent from school and significantly add to student wellbeing. <u>Breakfast clubs programme 2021-2023 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u> Why we are needed Magic Breakfast	4,5
£5,000	National School Breakfast Programme - Family Action (family-action.org.uk) Adding to this provision by encouraging students to stay in afterschool clubs, will also reduce	

	incidents of social issues outside of school and will provide disadvantaged students with a safe space outside of the school day.	
Behaviour strategies	The average impact of behaviour interventions is four additional months' progress over the course of a year. EEF evidence suggests that behaviour interventions can produce moderate improvements in academic performance along with a decrease in problematic behaviours. Approaches such as improving teachers' behaviour management and pupils' cognitive and social skills are both effective. Additional CPD will be provided by the academy to ensure all staff are confident and effective at managing behaviour in the classroom. Behaviour interventions EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	4
Reading interventions (inc. Sparx reader)	The academy has this year, implemented a 3 year literacy strategy to include vocabulary, reading, oracy and writing. Research from the EEF suggests that reading comprehensions strategies that involve the teaching of explicit approaches and techniques a pupil can use to improve their comprehension of written text can add up to 6 months to a student's progress. We also know that, on average, disadvantaged children are less likely to own a book of their own and read at home with family members, and for these reasons may not acquire the necessary skills for reading and understanding challenging texts. Low levels	2,3
£10,000	of literacy on entry to the academy are evident trough SAT/ CAT tests. <u>Improving_literacy_in_secondary_schools.pdf</u> (publishing.service.gov.uk) The average impact of reading comprehension strategies is an additional six months' progress over the course of a year. <u>Improving Literacy in Secondary Schools: 7</u> recommendation in EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)	

Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £ 54,000

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Purchasing uniform for students/ resources for lessons to include art materials, cookery ingredients, revision guides and reading books.	Although not proven to add significant value to a student's progress, assisting PP students with costs incurred buying uniform, resources for learning and revision books will enable PP students to participate fully in academy life and join in activities. The EEF states that, wearing a uniform is not, on its own, likely to improve learning, but can be successfully incorporated into a broader school improvement process which includes the development of a school ethos and the improvement of behaviour and discipline.	5
£15,000	Providing all PP students with a reading book will also enable students to join in with reading activities and practice reading skills following interventions.	
Extra curricular activities such as cultural visits, sports activities, STEM clubs, intervention and revision activities. £20,000	Arts participation, outdoor adventure learning and physical activity have all been identified by the EEF as low cost, moderate impact interventions. <u>Teaching and Learning Toolkit EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)</u> Making funding available to enable PP students to join cultural visits, sporting activities and trips will significantly improve student engagement and as a result their attendance and behaviour in the academy.	4,5
<i>BFL/</i> self regulation of students. £4,000	Research shows that teaching students how to express their feelings in appropriate ways, to consider the consequences of their actions and how to develop positive relationships is crucial for strong student achievement. <u>https://www.thehighlyeffectiveteacher.com/how- to-develop-self-regulation-in-your-students/</u> The academy is developing a comprehensive rewards system to support behaviour for learning and encourage good behaviours in students. Funding to support this is needed.	4
Wellbeing/ mental health self-help to assist students	Observations in the academy have shown that an increasing number of students, especially after the lockdown, have struggled with their mental health and anxiety around examination time. A significant number of students in Years	All

during the exam period. £5,000	10 and 11 are struggling with mental health issues. Additional support, using academy staff and external agencies, can be put in place to address these issues. <u>https://ofqual.blog.gov.uk/2019/03/15/what- can-schools-do-about-examination-and-test- anxiety/</u>	
Embedding good attendance in the academy and reducing persistent absence.	Attendance/ pastoral staff receive training and time to develop and implement new procedures. This will include increasing parental engagement of students with poor attendance/ PA, increasing home visits, and better communication of attendance issues. Our attendance data shows that the attendance of Pupil Premium students is below that of Non- Pupil Premium Students. Attendance and Persistent Absence for Pupil Premium students are below National Average. PP attendance has yet to recover following Covid. Attendance incentives and a new rewards programme are in place for 2023-24 to help raise the profile of attendance and encourage good practice.	5
Contingency fund. £5,000.	Based on our experiences we have identified a need to set a small amount of funding aside to respond quickly to needs that have not yet been identified.	All

Total budgeted cost: £ 258,570.

Part B: Review of outcomes in the previous academic year

Pupil premium strategy outcomes

This details the impact that our pupil premium activity had on pupils in the 2022 to 2023 academic year.

Overall PP performance in Year 11 declined in 2022/23. Some of this is attributed to the lower attendance rates of PP students this year (detailed below).

However, improvements in reading/ literacy at KS3 remains good (data below), and PP student's participation in extra-curricular activities has continued to increase.

Impact of this approach	Actual Spend
An increase in staffing in the English department to reduce class sizes at GCSE and provide literacy lessons to all students at KS3.	Included in staffing budget- see point 2 below.
2019 PP Basics 4+ 63%, 5+ 41%	
2022 PP Basics 4+ 66%, 5+ 40%. 2023 PP Basics 4+ 32%, 5+ 16%	
PP results in 2022/23 saw a decline. Some of this is attributed to lower attend- ance following covid. PP attendance in 2022/23 was 88%, persistent absence was 38.2%.	
The academy is prioritising attendance in 2023/24.	
(Reading data analysis in point 3 below)	
toolkit we identified strategies with high impact on learning and progress	£3000 towards costs of teacher CPD and work with the ATTI.
(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk).	Cost of staffing the PP strategy and mon- itoring the perfor- mance and wellbeing
	 department to reduce class sizes at GCSE and provide literacy lessons to all students at KS3. 2019 PP Basics 4+ 63%, 5+ 41% 2022 PP Basics 4+ 66%, 5+ 40%. 2023 PP Basics 4+ 32%, 5+ 16% PP results in 2022/23 saw a decline. Some of this is attributed to lower attend- ance following covid. PP attendance in 2022/23 was 88%, persistent absence was 38.2%. The academy is prioritising attendance in 2023/24. (Reading data analysis in point 3 below) Using the EEF Teaching and learning toolkit we identified strategies with high impact on learning and progress (Teaching and Learning Toolkit EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk).

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

	academy wide strategies, focussed on	of PP students in- cluded in overall staff-
	questioning The ATTI provided training, through collaborative working, to all subject areas and in specific areas such as SEND, behaviour, safeguarding and attendance. Staff from TNHA attended this training.	ing budget: £158,000.
3. Purchase of di- agnostic assess- ments in liter- acy, numeracy and reading.	CATs and reading assessments- PP students were tested in autumn 2 and spring 2 and their progress measured. In Year 7, 51% of PP students improved their reading ages from Autumn 1 to Spring 2. 47% of PP students performed at expected levels or above. In Year 8, 43% of PP students improved their reading ages from Autumn 1 to Spring 2. 61% of PP students performed at expected levels or above.	£ 1721.22 cost of NGRT and CATS as- sessments.
	In Year 9, 39% of PP students improved their reading ages from Autumn 1 to Spring 2. 56% of PP students performed at expected levels or above.	

Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Activity	Impact of this approach	Actual Spend
 National Tutoring Programme 1 x Academic mentor 	The mentor worked with a group of 23	Total NTP spend £1500. Academy con- tribution £ 4500 + £300 equipment.
	Comparing progress from Year 10-11: Year 10 predictions: P8 -1.19	

	A8 32.63	
	Maths VA; -1.68	
	English VA: -1.07	
	Year 11 actual results:	
	P8: -0.81	
	A8: 33.25	
	Maths VA; -0.56	
	English VA: -1.07	
	As you can see, the overall progress and attainment of the 23 students in the mentoring programme improved between Year 10 and the end of Year 11. The most significant improvement was seen in maths (although still below expectations, their progress improved from -1.68 to -0.56)	
2. Breakfast/ afterschool club	breakfast club before school, at break	Total cost of breakfast resources in 2022/23 £37.54 each week x 36 weeks= £1500
	breakfast club each day.	
	transportation provided by academy. Some impact on Year 11 progress, access to catch up sessions following Covid. Most significantly there was a huge impact on the opportunities for	Contributions towards extra-curricular visits £12000. After school transpor- tation to surrounding villages £8,100
	students to join in with afterschool clubs in creative arts and PE. 42% of PP students participated in at least one extra-curricular activity in CARTS and 65% of PP students	
	participated in at least 1 extra- curricular activity in PE.	

3.	Behaviour strategies	Behaviour of PP students has been a focus for the pastoral team. Using work by Tom Bennett and Sam Strickland, the pastoral team have put in place robust systems to support positive	
		behaviours. As a result, there is some strong evidence to show it has started to work:	
		88 Students were FEX in 2022/23- 54 of these were PP students. 1 PEX in 2022/23- 0 of these were	
		PP.	
4.	Reading and Homework club	TNHA, the learning resource centre	Afterschool transporta- tion provided (see notes in point 2 Break- fast/ Afterschool club).
		See data above regarding progress of PP students in reading.	

Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Activity	Impact of this approach	Actual Spend
students/ resources for lessons to include art ma- terials, cookery ingredi- ents, revision guides and	PP fund to request school uniform, learn- ing resources and subsidies towards ex-	Contributions to PP mu- sic lessons: £600 Total uniform costs £700
	Students have benefitted from the op- portunities provided by PP funding, es-	Cost of revision guides for PP students: £1500 PP sundries: £500

	Feedback from a Yr 10 PP student: I chose Music as an option for my GCSE's. It is ex- tremely helpful to be able to have individual music lessons as well as GCSE music lessons- my GCSE grade will be much higher because of this extra help. The school helps pay to- wards these lessons. I am very grateful for the opportunity.	
Extra curricular activities such as cultural visits, sports activities, STEM clubs, intervention and revision activities.		Cost of after-school in- terventions minibus: £800.00
	(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) Making funding available to enable PP students to join cultural visits, sporting activities and trips will significantly im- prove student engagement and as a re- sult their attendance and behaviour in the academy.	
BFL/ self regulation of students.	opportunities for an increased number of	£3500 towards rewards shop, leadership badges and rewards incentives.
Wellbeing/ mental health self-help to assist stu- dents during the exam period.	To choolinge and motivate students, and	£1000 contribution to Maximise.

Embedding good attend- ance in the academy and reducing persistent ab- sence.	Attendance/ pastoral staff receive training and time to develop and implement new procedures. This will include increasing parental engagement of students with poor attendance/ PA, increasing home visits, and better communication of attendance issues. Our attendance data shows that the attendance of Pupil Premium Students is below that of Non-Pupil Premium Students. Attendance at TNHA is lower following covid. This mirrors the national and regional figure. Attendance 2019/20: PP- 93.81% Non PP- 96.47% Persistent Absence 2019/20: PP- 19.19% Non PP- 10.94% Attendance 2021/22: PP- 86.5 Non PP- 88.05% Persistent Absence 2021/22: PP- 52% Non PP- 38% Attendance 2022/23: PP- 88.45% Non PP- 89.94% Persistent Absence 2022/23: PP- 53% Non PP- 20%	Attendance rewards: £500- (plus also the re- wards incentives listed previously)

Externally provided programmes

Please include the names of any non-DfE programmes that you purchased in the previous academic year. This will help the Department for Education identify which ones are popular in England

Programme	Provider
N/A	

Service pupil premium funding (optional)

For schools that receive this funding, you may wish to provide the following information:

Measure	Details
How did you spend your service pupil premium allocation last academic year?	Service PP grant used to fund afterschool bus transportation to ensure students could access after school clubs and interventions. Shift patterns and lack of local transport links make this hard for students from the local RAF base. Monies towards academic mentoring (through NTP programme) and revision guides also made available.
What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	Service students achieved well and make good progress. The P8 score for service students was -0.39. 52% of students achieved a grade 4 or more in English and Maths, 30% achieved a grade 5 or more.

Externally provided programmes

Programme	Provider
Raising attainment of KS4 students in English. Gaps in students' knowledge due to poor attendance caused by mental health/ anxiety.	MyTutor.

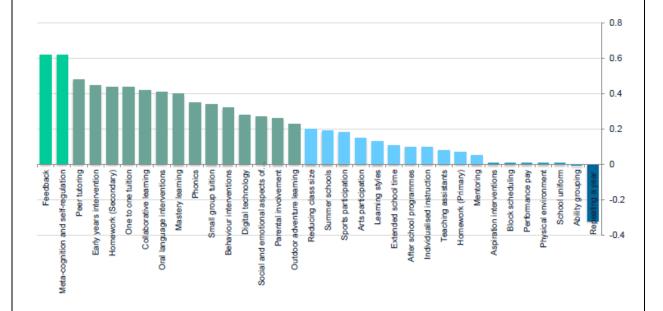
Service pupil premium funding (optional)

Measure	Details
How did you spend your service pupil premium allocation last academic year? What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	Service PP grant used to fund afterschool minibus transportation to ensure students could access after school clubs and interventions. Shift patterns and lack of local transport links make this hard for students from the local RAF base. Monies towards academic mentoring (through MyTutor programme) and revision guides also made available. Participation in Higher Education programmes, aimed at Service children, provided by UEA outreach.

Further information (optional)

Much of our PP Strategy is based around the research and findings of the EEF. Teaching and Learning Toolkit | EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk). When planning the new strategy, with a focus this time on a 3 year plan, we spent significant time analysing the performance of students and the interventions in place. 2019 data shows that the previous PP strategies had limited impact on the progress of PP students. A Trust wide strategy to PP, involving meetings and webinars provided mch 'food for thought'. Added to this are our concerns about the re-engagement of students following lockdown. Access to technology and in school support meant that the learning of PP students remained effective during the lockdown. A focus for the academy is the engagement in school (attendance and learning) and the social skills needed for students to function effectively as part of a larger community.

Much of the current thinking around PP students focuses on the improvement in the quality of teaching in the academy. The diagram below (taken from the EEF) has informed our planning and helped to prioritise T&L foci.



Alongside the creation of a 3 year PP strategy we are also launching #TNHAreads (our new literacy strategy) and a newly formed Teaching and Learning group. These will follow a similar timescale and, although not exclusively focussed on PP students, will have significant impact on the progress of PP students.

The #TNHAreads strategy looks at vocabulary and reading opportunities in the first 3 terms. This also involves improving diagnostic testing opportunities and interventions. The strategy then moves on to oracy and speaking and language interventions, and finally into writing. This strategy will significantly help the progress of KS3 students who have arrived in Year 7 with gaps in their learning due to Covid 19.

The academy has also appointed a 'Raising Standard Leader' to manage the progress of groups (including PP) and quality assure the interventions carried out in the academy.