



Backwell School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Pupil Premium Entitlement

I am writing to inform you that our records indicate your child is entitled to Pupil Premium funding. This funding is designed to help families with financial support and is available for children who have been registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years, those who have been or are in the care of the Local Authority and where parents are/or have been employed within the Armed Services.

I have enclosed a document which details the financial, and non-financial support, which can be offered to students by the school. This document is designed to help families be aware of some of the support available, but is by no means exhaustive. The school decides how the majority of the funding is to be allocated but we endeavour to offer additional support where possible dependent upon each student's personal situation.

As a school we are committed to ensuring all families have access to a wide range of enrichment activities, clubs and trips. We have created a charter outlining our aspirations for supporting pupil premium families (again enclosed). I can assure you we work with the utmost discretion so that only you, your child and the school are aware of any support put in place.

There have been recent changes made by the Local Authority which now requires families, eligible for free school meals, to apply on a termly basis. The Authority has communicated this directly to families but our information pack includes the web link where you can register online. If you are unsure about how to apply for free school meals, please contact the school.

Finally we have tried to identify key dates throughout the academic year relevant to pupil premium support and hope that the key events summary is a useful reminder.

If you have any questions regarding any of this, then please do not hesitate to contact me via mailbox@backwellschool.net.

Yours sincerely

Dan East Assistant Headteacher



Pupil Premium offer 2017-18

Backwell School produces an annual report detailing where the funding for Pupil Premium students is both spent, and forecasted to be spent, for the forthcoming year. The information below details some of the financial support that can be offered to students in school. There will always be adhoc support given where possible, depending on each student's personal situation. This form is designed to help families be aware of some of the opportunities of support available, but is by no means exhaustive.

Area of support	Level of funding support from the school	How do families access this support?
School canteen	All Pupil Premium students are entitled to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A free breakfast allowance everyday (to the value of 50p – this would include porridge for example) • A free breaktime snack everyday (to the value of 50p) Students entitled to free school meals can have the above as well as their allowance for a lunchtime meal.	Free school meals are applied for through North Somerset local authority via: http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals Families will need to reapply every school holidays. Families do not apply for the breakfast and breaktime allowance, it is automatically granted to students with Pupil Premium status.
School uniform	Price and Buckland are the schools nominated uniform supplier. All families entitled to Pupil Premium are offered a voucher code up to the value of £75 yearly to support their son/daughters uniform purchase. For this year it will be available from April 2018, but will be reviewed annually. Parents should contact Price and Buckland directly and order through them.	All links to ordering school uniform can be found through the Backwell School webpage: http://www.backwellschool.net/School-Uniform-new Price and Buckland ordering: http://www.pbuniformonline.com/
Residential school trips and enrichment week	Pupil Premium students are able to claim financial support towards the overall cost of a trip and can do this by contacting the Student Service Team. Additionally, families who are in receipt of Child Tax Credits may also be able to claim an allowance from the School for further financial assistance.	Families need to complete the financial assistance form which can be found at: http://www.backwellschool.net/Pupil-Premium

Music lessons	Students are offered support towards peripatetic music lessons (on a variety of instruments) and singing lessons. The funding covers up to a maximum of half the annual costs, which does significantly reduce them. This can be accessed by speaking to the Head of Music.	Music lessons are organised by the Music department and letters are sent by the Departments to parents. Any additional contact with the Music department can be made through mailbox@backwellschool.net
GCSE revision materials	Depending on your son or daughter's GCSE subjects all Pupil Premium students are entitled to receive free revision guides.	A form is available from Student Services, or students can speak to their individual teachers. Once the form has been completed, it is signed off by the Assistant Headteacher and returned to the Student Services Office where revision guides will be ordered or sourced from the School Shop.
Additional academic support	The school itself, funds support specifically within the Maths and English department. All Pupil Premium students are able to access small group and one to one support, aimed at their individual needs, whether they are finding some aspects difficult or are already fluent. This academic support is personalised for all. Letters are sent home for this by departments and it is recommended that all students engage with this support.	Maths and English organise this intervention within their respective departments. Families do not need to organise anything but are welcome to contact departments with any enquiries: mailbox@backwellschool.net
Post 16 bursary	Students entering full-time Post 16 study may be eligible for different types of financial support. There are a number of eligibility criteria's (including young people in care, disabled young people, and young people in receipt of FSM etc.) Students are encouraged to apply if they think they might qualify.	Applications are made using the 16-19 Bursary Fund application form at the start of the academic year. This can be found at: www.backwellschool.net/informationadviceandguidance
Other financial support	Support is also given to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject specific trips – such as a trip to a Bristol museum, activity or play • Books and equipment • Clubs (at school but not for clubs outside of school) • Other reasonable requests from families 	Typically this support is organised by departments and families would not need to be involved in the process – funding is authorised and approved by the school and may be based on a reply or consent slip from families. Where a student would like to attend a club run by the school (which incurs a cost) students or families can approach the Student Service office.

		<p>In the event of a family wishing to make an additional request for Pupil Premium funding all enquiries should be made to mailbox@backwellschool.net . Each enquiry will be considered and approved on an individual basis.</p>
<p>Non-financial support</p>	<p>A range of support is given to Pupil Premium students that doesn't require financial funding. Teachers, tutors and other school staff are aware where a student is in receipt of Pupil Premium and will personalise provision in their lessons as required without stigmatising or drawing attention to the fact. In addition, and where required, students are able to access support such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tutor and Head of House support as needed • Students in Year 10 or Year 11 can receive support from the Careers Advisor to better explore Post 16 options • Students who may be struggling with some aspects of behaviour can work more closely with the Return to Learn base to better support them 	<p>Typically families will not need to request financial support in these situations but may need to speak to a relevant member of staff. All enquiries can be made to mailbox@backwellschool.net and depending on the nature may be forwarded to pastoral / tutor or academic staff.</p>



Pupil Premium- Key Events 2017/18

<p>Term 1 (05/09/17 – 20/10/17)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you applied for your Free School Meals? You can do this online at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals • If you are interested in taking part in music/ singing lessons please contact the Music department during this term • At the end of Term 1 you will receive a Clubs & Courses booklet for Autumn/ Winter, please contact Miss Gosling in Student Services if you wish to sign up – 01275 465942 or studentservices@backwellschool.net • During this term the Year 7s will receive their Enrichment Week booklets to make their 2017/18 choices. Financial Assistance must be applied for at this time • Have you applied for the Post 16 Bursary, if applicable?
<p>Term 2 (30/10/17 – 19/12/17)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you applied for your Free School Meals? You can do this online at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals
<p>Term 3 (05/01/18 – 09/02/18)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you applied for your Free School Meals? You can do this online at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals • Year 11s – do you have all the equipment you need before the trial exams start? • At the end of Term 3 you will receive a Clubs & Courses booklet for Spring/ Summer, please contact Miss Gosling in Student Services if you wish to sign up – 01275 465942 or studentservices@backwellschool.net • Year 8 students will receive their Base Backwell booklets, to make their choices for 2017/18. Financial Assistance must be applied for at this time.
<p>Term 4 (19/02/18 – 23/03/18)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you applied for your Free School Meals? You can do this online at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals
<p>Term 5 (09/04/18 – 25/05/18)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you applied for your Free School Meals? You can do this online at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals • You will receive your individual online discount code for school uniform for the period of April 2018 – March 2019 • Year 8 students will be asked to make their Enrichment Week 2019 choices, they will receive a booklet and more information in May • Year 9s – do you have all the equipment you need before the trial exams start?
<p>Term 6 (04/06/18 – 24/07/18)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you applied for your Free School Meals? You can do this online at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals • All forms of financial assistance for Enrichment Week 2019 must be applied for before June 2018. Please speak with Mrs Domaille in Student Services if you have any queries: 01275 465942 or studentservices@backwellschool.net • Year 10's – do you have all the equipment you need before the trial exams start?