

Pupil premium strategy statement 2021-2024

This statement details Colchester County High School for Girls 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 over the next three years and the effect that last year's spending of pupil premium had within our school.

School overview

Detail	Data
School Name:	Colchester County High School for Girls
Number of pupils in school	1184
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	3.63%
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers	Year 7 to Year 11
Date this statement was published	31 December 2023
Date on which it will be reviewed	31 December 2024
Statement authorised by	Mrs Dawn Frost
Pupil premium lead	Mrs Dawn Frost
Governor / Trustee lead	Mrs Jane Hadlow

Funding overview – 2023-2024

Detail	Amount 2023-2024
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£34,155
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£9,108
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£ 5,125
Recovery premium funding carried forward from previous years	£9,523
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	£57,911

Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan 2021-2024

Statement of intent

Our intent at CCHSG is to enrich the lives of all our students, no matter their background or prior attainment. The curriculum at Colchester County High School for Girls (CCHSG) is designed to enable students to:

- develop depth of knowledge
- have richness of experience
- develop their strength of character

At CCHSG students will develop the knowledge and skills to become life-long learners, to be independent, resilient, successful future leaders and enjoy life. This will enable our students to be prepared for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life, and be able to compete in a sustainable global economy whilst making a positive contribution to society. The CCHSG curriculum also aims to promote a love of learning through subject mastery, social, spiritual, moral, and cultural opportunities alongside the mental and physical development of each student.

To that end, we aim to both raise achievement of all our learners, as well as ensuring that we close the gap between our student groups. Our approach to achieve success with Disadvantaged students is therefore as follows:

Improve the progress of disadvantaged students through high quality teaching and learning.

- a) Ensuring the targets that have been set for disadvantaged students at CCHSG are aspirational and based in the upper limit of FFT.
- b) Ensure that PP students are represented fairly in all classes at CCHSG
- c) Ensure all staff are using data when planning for disadvantaged students and that this is evident on seating plans.
- d) Ensure that all subject meetings and Leadership meetings have a strong teaching and learning focus on disadvantaged students
- e) Develop whole school teaching and learning strategies to promote quality first teaching which will benefit disadvantaged students
- f) Ensure there is a constant cycle of assessment, feedback and improvement for disadvantaged students and that this is planned

for in lessons.

g) Champion reading and the benefits it can bring to everyone, not just PP students

Effectively use data tracking based on high quality assessment to identify PP students that are not making the required progress and target these students for interventions.

a) Ensure all Departments have in place quality assessments that result in accurate data tracking and provide information regarding gaps in knowledge.

b) Create an effective accountability cycle in which the progress of all disadvantaged students is discussed at all levels within the school structure, resulting in effective in and out of class interventions.

c) Use accurate data to target disadvantaged students for high quality small group interventions that rotate to ensure disadvantaged students receive support in all their subjects.

d) Monitor the effectiveness and quality of the interventions that disadvantaged students receive through QA and data tracking.

e) Monitor the use of data to target interventions across subject areas

f) Monitoring the progress of all PP students in terms of achievement, progress, behaviour and attendance after progress check

g) Implement an academic mentoring system using data tracking points to promote the academic progress, motivation and positive behaviour of disadvantaged students.

h) Share all findings with all relevant parties including governors and parents.

Ensure all PP students have a wide range of co-curricular activities available to them to support progress and enrich their education and raise aspirations.

a) Development of the Curriculum Matrix to provide an enriching curriculum and co-curriculum

b) Provide a wide range of co-curricular activities for disadvantaged students to engage with

c) Ensure all disadvantaged students are supported and prioritised in the decision making of their extracurricular activities

d) Provide disadvantaged students with the opportunities to visit higher education establishments as well as work experience

e) Provide disadvantaged students with opportunities to expand their Cultural Capital through enriching activities such as the theatre and art galleries

f) All disadvantaged students to meet with the career adviser during KS4 to ensure they have timely and appropriate information, advice and guidance when it comes to higher education or careers guidance.

Our strategy is also integral to wider school plans for educational recovery and quality first teaching is at the heart of our strategy. Our approach will be responsive to individual needs and common challenges and will be led by diagnostic assessment, not assumptions.

Challenges

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

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Gaps in subject knowledge through ongoing residual impact of lockdown learning; Assessments, staff observation and discussions (including low stakes assessments) indicate that there are students who are still impacted in their attitude to school/SEMH which results in gaps in their subject knowledge. These are addressed on an individual basis.
2	Lockdown learning impact on resilience of learners and need for more self-regulation; Our observations and discussions with families suggest that some students have lost resilience towards their learning. In general, all students would benefit from self-regulation advice post-lockdown.
3	Some PP students travel over 25 miles to get to school; Our observations and discussions with families, together with assessments, indicate that some PPG students as well students who travel over 25 miles to get to school can struggle with balancing travel and schoolwork.
4	PPG students who cannot freely access technology, educational materials or enriching experiences due to financial restraints can be disadvantaged in their studies compared to non-disadvantaged students, as well as in cultural capital.

5	Wellbeing, mental health and safeguarding concerns; Our observations and discussions with students and families have identified social and emotional issues for some students, such as disordered eating, anxiety, depression (diagnosed by professionals) and low self-esteem. This is partly driven by concern about catching up lost learning and examinations/future prospects, and the lack of socialisation/enrichment opportunities due to the pandemic. These challenges affected all students in different ways. During the pandemic, teacher referrals for support increased.
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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
To close any achievement gaps by providing a positive educational ethos and additional support across the curriculum. Quality first teaching is key through relevant and effective staff training/ development and smaller classes at KS4.	<p>Students are achieving in line with/better than school average.</p> <p>Assessment data suggests that students are confident that they do not have any gaps in their knowledge</p> <p>1:1 or small group sessions are in place and help address any gaps in knowledge (EN, MA, SC)</p> <p>Marking is formative and addresses clearly how students can move forward in their learning</p> <p>Quality first teaching evident in the classroom (lesson observations)</p> <p>Smaller classes at GCSE in English, Mathematics and Science</p> <p>Computer rooms and facilities open to students to complete and print their work.</p> <p>Technology and revision materials are available and support student development of deliberate practice</p>

Improved metacognitive and self-regulatory skills among disadvantaged students and those particularly affected by SEMH issues across all subjects	Teacher reports and class observations suggest disadvantaged and SEMH students are more able to monitor and regulate their own learning. This finding is supported by academic data and pastoral referrals
To achieve and sustain improved wellbeing for all students, including those who are disadvantaged	<p>Sustained high levels of wellbeing from 2021 to 2024 demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualitative data from Student Voice, Student surveys, parent surveys and staff observations
To provide additional support for Disadvantaged and PP students facing emotional barriers to learning	<p>Pastoral support, academic mentoring and early help and support available</p> <p>Efficacy of Disadvantaged and PP students raised</p> <p>Students who travel more than 25 miles to school feel supported and barriers of transport are raised with Parents</p>
To provide enrichment and equal educational experiences for all students from disadvantaged backgrounds, so they are able to access co-curricular and wider life opportunities	<p>There are no barriers to trips or enrichment opportunities (including music lessons, cultural trips, Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme or access to academic co-curricular clubs)</p> <p>Trips and visits to Universities, including virtual trips, raise aspirations and wider life experiences of PP students</p>

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. The 2023-2024 Budget total is: **£57,911**

Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)

Budgeted cost: £18,111

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Cost	Challenge number(s) addressed
Quality First Teaching EN/MA/SC smaller classes	EEF Toolkit (+2 months)	£15K per annum	1
CPD for ECTs and RQTs to ensure all supported in delivering Quality First Teaching	The Early Career Framework	£500 per annum	1
Marking is formative and supports students moving forward in their learning. Calendared work scrutiny and CPD available to support staff Staff do not spend time on ineffective marking strategies.	EEF Toolkit (+6 months learning) EEF Marking review (2016) Hattie and Timperley (2007) Sutton Trust 2011 Report Bromley, M (2019) Black and William, Inside the Black Box (1998)	£200 for additional CPD	1/2
CPD on Rosenshine and other metacognitive strategies (including Walkthus) allows staff to develop their pedagogy within the classroom which supports cognitive load and mitigates against cognitive overload.	Sutton Trust 2011 EEF Toolkit (+7 months learning) Research Schools Sweller (1988)	£200 for additional CPD	1/2

Students are encouraged to become Self-regulated learners	Bromley, M (2019) Rosenshine, B Principles of Instruction (2012) EEF Toolkit (+7 months)		
CPD and Subject Mastery focused around evidenced informed practice	Teacher Development Trust's Developing Great Teaching Department for Education Standard's for Teachers EEF Toolkit (+5 months)		1/2
Homework is planned and targeted to reinforce and embed learning	EEF Toolkit (+5 months)		1/2
Reading and reading comprehension is positively encouraged and celebrated as a community via NGRT Reading Tests programme and in DEAR reading sessions in form time	EEF (+ 6 months) Quigley, A 'Closing the Reading Gap'.	£2K	1/2
Development of Staff Academic Library (supporting Teacher Development) to ensure classroom teaching and interventions are evidenced based and appropriate.	Darling-Hammond et al (June 2017) Standard for teachers' professional development, DfE (July 2016)	£211	1/2

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

Budgeted cost: £ 18,800

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Cost:	Challenge number(s) addressed
1:1 and small group Academic Mentoring available to Disadvantaged students requiring support by both CCHSG Department staff and linked staff (HGR, JHA, CCO, ENO/JBO//Language Assistants, incl. resources for these sessions)	EEF Toolkit (+5 months) EEF Putting evidence to work: A School's Guide to Implementation	£5K	1
Formal Training for Peer Mentors by the SSAT training to raise the quality of targeted peer mentoring in departments	EEF Toolkit (+5 months)	£1.5K	1/2/3
Focused, regular data monitoring (incl attendance) of Disadvantaged Students	Monitoring Education – Carol Taylor Fitz-Gibbon Teaching backwards Mark Burns (2014)	£500	1
Parental Engagement via Information evenings and separate evening addressing support for students travelling more than 25 miles to school. (including MADE session on Revision strategies and WARMS session on 'Don't feed the Monster'.	EEF Toolkit (+5 months) EEF Working with Parents to support Children's learning: Guidance report	£300	3

MADE Training to support Metacognition and self-regulated learning, with Parent session	Sutton Trust 2011 EEF Toolkit (+7 months learning) Research Schools Sweller (1988) Bromley, M (2019) Rosenshine, B Principles of Instruction (2012)	£3K	1/2
ANSPEAR Survey to all Year Groups (Pupil Attitude to School Survey)	GL Assessments used with EEF. Assessments created in conjunction with King's College London and the University of York	£1.5K	5
Revision materials/ key texts and revision sessions available to students who may not be able to afford these due to financial constraints. Allowing independent revision to take place.	EEF – How metacognitive strategies can support independent learning and revision – An EEF School Case Study – Oldham Sixth Form College	£3K	4
BYOD offer to PPG students to access to technology	DfE guidance on Remote Learning	£4K contribution to PPG students purchase of a device in Years 7 to 9	4

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

Budgeted cost: **£21,000**

Activity	Evidence that supports this approach	Cost:	Challenge number(s) addressed
Rewards system is revamped and recognises wider school life and achievements	Shreeve et al 'Student perception of Reward and Sanction' (2006) M Rowland, Addressing Educational Disadvantage, (2021) p34. Culture	£4.5K for AWARDS	5
PSHCE develops self-regulation , resilience and study skills	Kearney, Perfectionism in a UK Secondary School (2018)	£1K for PSHCE association membership and resources new units	2
Bespoke wellbeing sessions for vulnerable students and those who travel more than 25 miles	Wigelsworth Quinn (2020)	£500	3/5
CPD on TPP, including both Teaching Staff, Support Staff and Form Tutor focus.	Early Intervention Foundation (2020) 'Supporting children's social and emotional wellbeing as they return to school EEF, 'Social and Emotional Learning in	£200	3/5

	Primary schools guidance report		
Additional Form Tutor allocated to Year groups to allow flexibility and 1:1 if required	EEF (+5 months)	£1.3 K	5
To offer highly qualified counselling to support Pastoral Approaches		£4K	5
Further development of the sensory wellbeing area for Disadvantaged/ SEMH/ SEND students		£1.5 K	5
Contribution Disadvantaged to Trips/Cultural Capital activities, equipment/Uniform		£4K	
Support for Wellbeing clubs/activities that build efficacy and enjoyment. Allow for social interaction		£4K	

Total budgeted cost: £ 57,911

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.

CCHSG Pupil Premium 2022-2023

During the academic year 2022-23, the school received £38,785 Pupil Premium Grant funding (PPG). The school anticipates receiving approx. £34,155 Pupil Premium Grant in 2023-2024, however this is dependent on the school census.

The PPG is made up of £935 Pupil Premium for each student eligible for free school meals (FSM) including those students who have been entitled to FSM in the preceding 6 years (EVER6FSM).

The Service Premium is paid to the school for those students whose parent(s) are in the armed services and is £300 per student. For 2022-2023 the Service Premium received by the school as a proportion of PPG was £2,100 (7 Students).

The school uses PPG funding to support systems and processes which ensure continued progress and academic achievement for those in vulnerable groups. The school will also continue with programmes, projects and initiatives which support the engagement and involvement of disadvantaged students. The school reserves the right to allocate Pupil Premium resources to other disadvantaged students who may not necessarily qualify for Pupil Premium.

Our aims in using this additional funding are to:

- Help close any achievement gaps by providing additional support across the curriculum for example one to one tuition in English and Mathematics. In addition we will continue to support quality first teaching across the curriculum through relevant and effective staff training and development and smaller classes at Key Stage 4 in the Core Subjects.

- Provide additional academic support to help students achieve their potential at GCSE and beyond for example through providing revision materials, access to revision workshops, and academic mentoring.
- Provide additional support for students facing emotional barriers to learning (social, moral, economic or cultural) for example through providing counselling or individual support from Pastoral Assistants or external agencies.
- Ensure students from disadvantaged backgrounds are able to access co-curricular opportunities for example through subsidising music lessons, educational trips and visits or other cultural experiences from which the student would benefit.

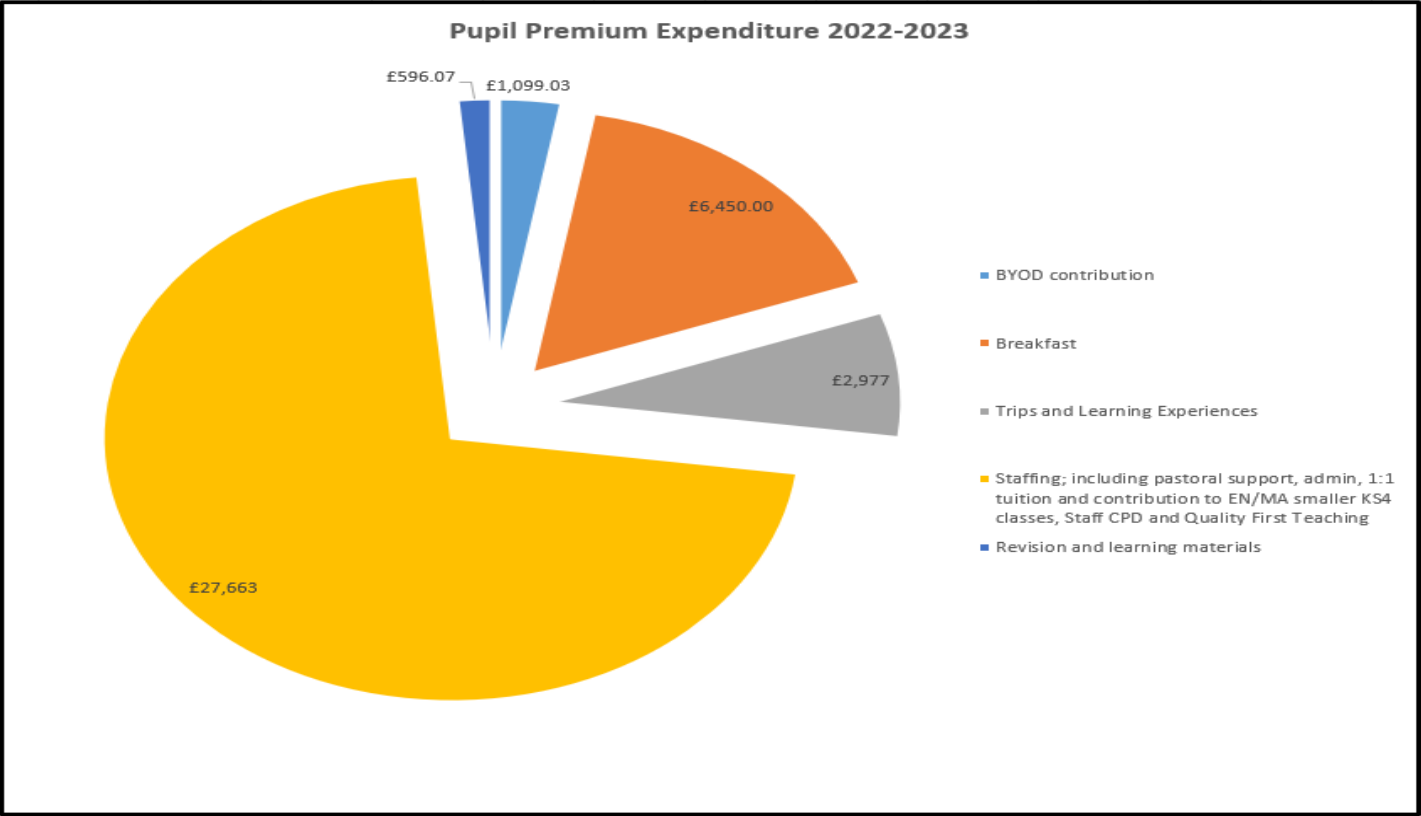
In addition, at CCHSG all students who are eligible for FSM receive a free breakfast every day from our dining hall breakfast or break time service.

Parents of those pupils in Year 7-11 who are eligible for Pupil Premium have been informed that the school is in receipt of the additional funding and how the school intends to support students as outlined above. Whilst the school is open to and encouraging of ideas on how parents would like to spend the grant, the final decision on how the grant is spent rests ultimately with the school.

The school has in place rigorous monitoring and support systems. The outcomes for these students in 2022-2023 GCSE Examination Season, as demonstrated in attainment data on Page 16, show that the students in receipt of Pupil Premium achieved higher than the national average (based on 2019 data) but below the rest of their CCHSG school cohort in their P8. Their A8 was higher than the rest of the cohort however.

	FSM (3 students)	PPG students (4 students)	Whole cohort (159 students)	National Average	
P8	+0.43	+0.52	+0.98	-0.03	
A8	82.33	81	80.3	46.2	
ENMA 5+	100%	100%	99.4%	45%	
EBacc 5+	100%	75%	93%	17%	
Entering EBacc	100%	75%	88.75%	39%	

Pupil Premium Grant 2022-2023 Review of Impact



Examples of PPG spending and impact:

- FSM students receive funding of £1.50 every day for breakfast.
- **Impact:** This enables FSM students to have food in the morning either before school or at break time to be ready for learning.
- PP Student attendance and progress is monitored as part of whole school and year group data checking throughout the year to check progress and determine if interventions are needed. Support in English and Mathematics was provided to PPG students to improve GCSE English and Mathematics outcomes in Year 11. Whole school work scrutinies have focused solely on the work and achievements of PP students ensuring any gaps in attainment are identified, addressed and supported. Learning walks have focused on PP students in lessons and the challenge the curriculum offers.
- **Impact:** Staff are clear on who the PP students are in their classes and are able to measure their work and data drops allows for progress against the rest of the cohort to be measured to ensure there are no gaps or missed opportunities. When needed, staff purchase extra subject specific materials to give to the PP students to help assist them with their studies.
- There has been a qualitative improvement in efficacy and written answers; attainment of 3 out of the 4 PPG students broadly line with Teacher predictions for Maths and English in the 2023 examination season. Most PPG students achieved in line with Teacher Predictions within a grade tolerance. One student achieved 3 grades over her mock examination result in English.
- Students in examination year groups have been supported in their preparation for public examinations by the purchase of specific revision books and materials e.g. Year 11 PPG (4) students were provided with Mathematics revision packs and had their Easter Revision sessions funded. The 4 Year 10 PPG students were supported with Religious Studies revision sessions and materials as required.
- **Impact:** Students were able to have equitable access to materials to be prepared for their GCSEs. Barriers to revision were removed. 100% of Year 10 PPG students got a 7 or above in their GCSE Religious Studies. 50% got a 9.
- There have been several externally provided workshops to help raise student confidence and attainment across Key Stage 3 and 4. Maximise Revision Workshop for Year 7 held prior to their Year 7 examinations; Years 8, 9, and 10 participate in MADE training which covers a variety of study skills and is partly funded by Pupil Premium.

- **Impact:** This helped all students including PP and Disadvantaged students to feel confident in their own study style and prepare for formal examinations at school. PP students are not identified or separated from their peers, ensuring achievement for all. Aspirations for higher education have been encouraged.
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- FSM and PP students were funded for a range of learning experiences e.g. Duke of Edinburgh Award and a Magistrates Competition for Year 9 students that included PPG students.
- **Impact:** This has enabled students to fully participate in opportunities available to them, for example 6 PPG students benefitted from places on the D of E Award which built leadership, self-esteem and confidence. PPG Students have also been able to engaged in enriching experiences like participation of the History Book Club and Author visits. This has also enabled students to learn new skills and broaden their communication skills. Paying for Trips and co-curricular experiences has aided the development of their confidence, resilience, communication and leadership skills. This has also enabled them to engage fully in the enrichment activities at school and not to be left out or feel disadvantaged in any way.
- Emotional well-being is monitored and all PPG and Disadvantaged students have access to counselling from our school counsellor or time with the KS3 and KS4 Pastoral Assistants/WARMS Team if required.
- **Impact** – Qualitative perception of supportive emotional well-being and ability to cope with pressures at school or home.
- Quality first Teaching for English, Maths and Science classes. Smaller class sizes, with focus on marking and feedback.
- **Impact** –Quality first teaching, tracking and monitoring PPG student progress specifically as a group and a emphasis by staff on marking and feedback has resulted in the Year 11 PPG students (2023 GCSE cohort) achieving slightly higher overall in A8 than the rest of the cohort.

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
Study Skills/Revision sessions/CSI	MADE Training / Maximise

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? What was the impact of that spending on service pupil premium eligible pupils?	<p>Service Pupil Premium had the same opportunity of education as Pupil Premium students. They were allocated funds alongside PPG for 1:1 Tuition, Quality First Teaching and other resources and opportunities as the year progressed.</p> <p>Service Children achieve broadly in line with school average and receive equity of opportunity. For 2023 we had 0 Service Pupil Premium Students.</p>

Further information (optional)

CCHSG is following the Essex County Council 'Disadvantaged Champion' strategy and wider network. As a consequence there are numerous training/conference and networking opportunities throughout the year, ensuring CCHSG keeps up to date with current research strategies for Disadvantaged students. This allows schools across Essex to share good practice, engage with wider academic research and offer CPD to staff at school. At CCHSG we appreciate that Disadvantaged status does not always come with an official title. We teach individuals, not labels.

We have our own bespoke disadvantaged groups including those who travel more than 25 miles to school. We aim to be experts in our students and follow the 3R's – Restoration into school life, Relationships and Responding to need (M Roland 2021). We engage in Trauma Perceptive Practice (TPP) to ensure our staff are tuned in and sympathetic into the wider elements and trained in strategies to offer direct help when it is needed.

Planning, implementation and evaluation

When planning the Pupil Premium Strategy, we triangulated evidence from a number of sources of data including assessments, engagement in class and class book scrutiny, conversations with students and teachers in order to identify the challenges faced by disadvantaged students. We looked at a number of reports and studies about the effective use of Pupil Premium, the impact of disadvantage on education outcomes and how to address these challenges. Additionally, we looked at a number of studies about the impact of the pandemic on disadvantaged students and SEMH in general.

We used the EEF's implementation guidance and Marc Rowland's 'Addressing Educational Disadvantage' to help us develop our strategy and will continue to use both through the implementation of our activities.