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Dear Parents / Carers

**Re: Pupil Premium**

Pupil Premium is additional funding allocated to schools for children from Reception age to Year 11 who are in care, adopted, have parents in the armed forces or have registered for Free School Meals in the last six years. Nationally there is shown to be a disparity between the attainment of these students at GCSE and their peers. The Pupil Premium was introduced by the government with the aim of diminishing the difference and tackling “educational inequality”.

From September 2012 schools have been required to report how they have used the Pupil Premium funding and describe the impact that it has on student progress.

Your child is a student who falls within our Pupil Premium cohort for the coming Academic Year. As a result, the school is looking at how to ensure your child reaches their potential at school. Chellaston Academy has a good track record of success in supporting our students who receive this additional funding, and we perform well as a school when compared to national figures. We view the Pupil Premium funding as an additional opportunity to support our students.

At Chellaston Academy we feel the key to ensuring that we reduce the gap is through careful tracking and monitoring, coupled with knowledgeable pastoral support. We place a huge importance on the development of teaching and learning in school and recognise its impact on the progress of our Pupil Premium cohort. A wide variety of other types of support are employed, including those that support enrichment, emotional well-being, participation, and attendance. We will also be seeking to speak with your child about how they feel the school could support them individually. We are fortunate that our students are generally very willing to engage with staff and have previously been very honest and thoughtful about ways in which the school can further support them as individuals.

A list of some of the ways in which we support our Pupil Premium cohort can be found within our Pupil Premium Charter.

Pupil Premium Charter

Chellaston Academy

A student in the Pupil Premium cohort at Chellaston Academy can expect to benefit from some of the following:

* Academic and Pastoral support
* Help with uniform and essential equipment
* Access extra teaching assistants who work with classes
* Numeracy and Literacy Support
* One-to-one or small-group support within the classroom
* Help with the funding of educational trips and visits
* Enrichment activities and external workshops
* Support with mental health and wellbeing
* General curriculum support
* Raising achievement projects
* Reduced group sizes
* Resources to boost learning and engagement, such as iPads, laptops or tablets

It is important to say that often all of the children in a class will reap some benefit from how the school spends its Pupil Premium: for example, if the money is used to fund an additional teaching assistant, then at times the whole class would benefit, not just the students in the Pupil Premium cohort. Further information on the Pupil Premium can her found on firefly

One of the first things we would like to offer all new students joining our Y7 Pupil Premium cohort is an essential equipment pack worth approximately £15.00. This pack contains a selection of stationery and maths equipment, including a calculator and maths set.

If your child would like to have this pack, it can be collected from the main school reception during our Inset days in September. Alternatively, students will be issued the packs by their form tutor on the first day of school.

If you have questions regarding the Pupil Premium, please contact me directly by email, [laragiles@chellaston.derby.sch.uk](mailto:laragiles@chellaston.derby.sch.uk) or telephone 01332 702502. Conversations with parents/carers about their son or daughter are always welcome.

Yours sincerely



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