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Dear Parent/Carer

Pupil Premium Support

I am writing to inform you that our records indicate your child is eligible for support from the Pupil Premium fund. This funding allows us to support families to access the wide range of opportunities provided by the school, and to support academic progress and attainment.

I have enclosed a document which details the support that is offered to students by the school. Whilst Pupil Premium is not an individual budget, we endeavour to provide as much individual support as possible whilst also using this funding to create smaller classes, train our teachers and support our other vulnerable young people such as those supported by a social worker and young carers. Full details of our planned spending can be found at:

<https://www.backwellschool.net/page/?title=Pupil+Premium&pid=29>

As a school, we are committed to ensuring all of our children have access to a wide range of enrichment activities, clubs and trips. We work with the utmost discretion so that only you, your child and the school are aware of any support put in place to make it easier for your child to attend.

There have been recent changes made by the Local Authority with regards to free school meals. If you are unsure about how to apply for free school meals, please contact the school.

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs Clara Mason
Deputy Headteacher



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The information below details some of the support that can be offered to students in school. There will always be ad-hoc 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	<p>All pupils are provided with porridge free of charge at breakfast time. All students entitled to Pupil Premium funding are provided with a breakfast snack in addition to this (to the value of 65p).</p> <p>All students entitled to Pupil Premium funding are also provided with a break time snack everyday (to the value of 75p) which can be purchased before school or at break.</p> <p>Pupils who are entitled to free school meals are provided with a free break time snack everyday (to the value of 75p), as well as their allowance for a lunchtime meal of £2.45.</p>	<p>Free school meals are applied for through North Somerset local authority via: http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals</p> <p>Families will need to reapply every school holidays.</p> <p>Families do not apply for the break time allowance, it is automatically granted to students eligible for Pupil Premium funding.</p>
School uniform	<p>All families where a student is eligible for Pupil Premium funding are automatically sent a voucher code worth £80 yearly, to support their child's uniform purchase.</p> <p>These vouchers are issued in May and valid for 12 months.</p> <p>Parents should contact Price and Buckland directly and order uniform through them.</p>	<p>All links to ordering school uniform can be found through the Backwell School webpage: http://www.backwellschool.net/School-Uniform-new</p> <p>Price and Buckland ordering: https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/backwellschool</p>

Residential school trips and enrichment week	Students that are eligible for Pupil Premium funding are able to claim financial support towards the overall cost of a trip. They can do this by contacting the Student Services or Finance Teams.	Families need to complete the financial assistance form which can be found at: http://www.backwellschool.net/Pupil-Premium
Music lessons	Students who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding are offered support towards music lessons (on a variety of instruments) and singing lessons. The funding usually covers half the annual costs. 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	Students who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding are given free revision guides.	Students should speak to their individual subject teachers to access these.
Access to technology	Students without access to a laptop at home can loan one from school to help them with home learning and revision.	If your child requires this support, please contact us through mailbox@backwellschool.net
Additional academic support	Pupil Premium students are able to access small group and/or one-to-one support in English and Maths, where the school decides this is appropriate.	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 • Books and equipment 	Typically, this support is organised by departments and families would not need to be involved in the process –

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Clubs • Other reasonable requests from families 	<p>funding is authorised and approved by the school and may be based on a reply from families.</p> <p>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 for support.</p> <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>Teachers, tutors and other school staff are aware of students in receipt of Pupil Premium and will personalise provision as required and as appropriate.</p> <p>In addition, and where required, students are able to access support such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tutor and Head of Year or Head of House support • Enhanced careers and post-16 planning support • Mentoring and counselling services 	<p>All enquiries can be made to mailbox@backwellschool.net and depending on the nature may be forwarded to pastoral / tutor or subject specific staff.</p>