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Dear Parent/Carer

Pupil Premium Support

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

The pages overleaf / below detail 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 train our teaching staff as well as to support our other vulnerable young people such as those by a social worker or those who are young carers. Full details of our planned spending can be found on our website via the following link:

Pupil Premium Information Page

As a school, we are committed to ensuring all of our students 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.

If you have any questions regarding the support available, then please contact your child's tutor or head of year/house.

Yours sincerely



Mr James Pretty
Assistant Headteacher

Support for families eligible for Pupil Premium funding



Allowance to purchase food from the school canteen



GCSE revision materials are provided



Support for buying school uniform including PE kit



Financial support for school trips, enrichment week and school run clubs and activities



Financial support for music lessons in school

Pupil Premium Offer 2026-27

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	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 £1.45). This additional allowance is only available between 8.15am and 8.45am. All students entitled to Pupil Premium funding are also provided with a break time snack everyday (to the value of £1) which can be purchased during either break or lunchtime. Pupils who are entitled to **targeted free school meals** are provided with the breakfast, break time snacks, as well as their allowance for a lunchtime meal of £2.85. Pupils who are entitled to **expanded free school meals** are provided with just a lunchtime meal allowance of £2.85. FSM allowances can be used from 10am onwards.	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 break time allowances, they are automatically granted to students eligible for Pupil Premium funding.
School uniform	All families where a student in eligible for Pupil Premium funding are automatically sent a voucher code worth £80 yearly, to support their child's uniform purchase. These vouchers are issued in May and valid for 12 months. Parents should contact Price and Buckland directly and order uniform through them. If there are additional items of school uniform including PE kit that students need, these can be bought by the school	All links to ordering school uniform can be found through the Backwell School webpage: https://www.backwellschool.net/uniform Price and Buckland ordering: https://www.pbuniformonline.co.uk/backwellschool Please contact your child's tutor or head of year/house

School trips (including residential) 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.	Please complete the financial assistance form which can be found at: https://www.backwellschool.net/page/?title=Pupil+Premium&pid=29
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.	Please contact sclarke@backwellschool.net or your child's tutor or head of year/house
GCSE revision materials	Students who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding are given free revision guides.	These will be provided by subject teachers in Y10-11
Additional academic support	Students eligible to Pupil Premium funding may be able to access additional small group support in English and maths.	You will be contacted if your child is offered either English or maths small group support
Post 16 bursary	Students entering full-me 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: https://www.backwellschool.net/page/?title=Financial+Support&pid=28
Other financial support	Support is also given to: • Subject specific trips • Books and equipment	Please contact your child's tutor or head of year/house if you would like to request financial support for these items

Non-financial support	Teachers, tutors and other school staff are aware of students in receipt of Pupil Premium and will personalise provision as required and as appropriate. In addition, and where required, students are able to access support such as: • Tutor and Head of Year or Head of House support • Enhanced careers and post-16 planning support • Mentoring and counselling services	Please contact your child's tutor or head of year/house to discuss the support available.
Other additional support	• School Clubs • Other reasonable requests from families	Where a student would like to attend a club run by the school (which incurs a cost) please contact Student Services who will be able to assist. 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 on an individual basis.