



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The DofE and Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is additional funding for publicly funded schools in England. Its aim is to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers.

The use of Pupil Premium for DofE activities has proven to be a popular and cost-effective way for schools to demonstrate their commitment to the personal and social development of its pupils.

How schools have used Pupil Premium

- Supporting alternative curriculum programmes.
- Subsidising expedition and residential costs .
- Providing individual expedition equipment.
- Subsidising staff cover costs.
- Contributing towards expedition training for staff and volunteers.

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Pupil Premium funding has made a huge difference to the way we are able to run The Duke of Edinburgh's DofE. The school is in an area of real disadvantage, with 33% of our students in receipt of Pupil Premium funding.

These students would not be able to take part in the Award without this funding. For one pupil, it allowed us to buy him a full set of outdoor clothing and basic equipment, from walking socks to a water bottle and walking boots.

He had never camped before doing his DofE. He has since used the equipment outside of school and will be continuing on to do his Silver DofE this year.”

DofE Manager

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You have ensured that all learners in the sixth form now have the appropriate curriculum opportunities.

In addition to your ensuring that challenging and appropriate courses are followed, students have a range of opportunities to develop leadership and employability skills, including The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, relevant work experience and an extended project. As a result, the proportion of students progressing to higher education is above average.”

Newent Community School

OFSTED short inspection report, March 2018

Benefits to participating in a DofE programme

- Increased social interaction and greater engagement with peers.
- Encourages a healthier lifestyle.
- Improves problem solving abilities.
- Gain life experiences through volunteering.
- Develop communication and leadership skills.
- Tangible measure of using Pupil Premium funding.

