



UNIVERSITY  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE BOLTON

## **Pupil Premium**

### **What is the Pupil Premium?**

The Pupil Premium provides additional funding on top of the main funding a school receives. It is targeted at students from disadvantaged backgrounds to ensure they benefit from the same opportunities as students from less deprived families. The premium is worth £935 and goes to students who at any point in the past 6 years have been in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM); £1,900 goes to any student who has been continuously looked after for the past six months or who has been adopted from care under the Adoption and Children Act (2002) or who has left care under a Special Guardianship or Residence Order; finally £300 goes to students whose parent/parents are currently serving in the armed forces or are in receipt of a pension from the MoD

The money is not ring-fenced and as such the UTC can use the funds in a variety of innovative and creative ways as it deems necessary. Spending of the Pupil Premium is closely monitored as all schools are accountable for the impact of the money spent. UTC Bolton is committed to ensuring that use of the Pupil Premium enables there to be a 'level playing field' for those students for whom it receives funding.

The ultimate outcome would be to ensure that students who might have experienced economic disadvantage in their families are NOT disadvantaged in their education. Thus the attainment levels and educational experiences of a student should be no different whether they have been 'identified' as Pupil Premium or not. The 'gap' between results for Pupil Premium and non-Pupil Premium students, should be eliminated as far as possible.

### **Why is there a Pupil Premium?**

Students who have been eligible for Free School Meals at any point in their school career have consistently lower educational attainment than those who have never been eligible.

### **Pupils at UTC Bolton Eligible for the Pupil Premium**

In 2017-2018 48 students (38%) are currently eligible for Pupil Premium funding at KS4 providing £44,880. At KS5 a bursary is provided for pupils. There are 13 pupils who are identified as disadvantaged/Pupil Premium at KS5.

In 2018-2019 33 students (39%) are currently eligible for Pupil Premium funding at KS4 providing £30855. At KS5 a bursary is provided for pupils. There are 13 pupils who are identified as disadvantaged/Pupil Premium at KS5.

### **The Process of Applying for Pupil Premium Funding**

Parents are required to complete a Housing/Council Tax Benefit form which automatically entitles child(ren) in the family to receive free school meals. The parents are then required to bring the form into the UTC to enable the funding to be released.

Parents in receipt of Child Tax Credit are required to complete a free school meal application form, and bring the form into the UTC to enable the funding to be released.

## **The Approach to Pupil Premium at UTC Bolton**

The UTC takes a holistic approach to enabling Pupil Premium students to achieve as well as their non-Pupil Premium peers. Such an approach involves the Director of Inclusion and Student Services, the Synergy team, the SENDCO, the Attendance Officer, KS4 and KS5 Pastoral Leaders, KS4 and KS5 Progress Leaders and Academic Mentors. This approach has a demonstrable impact on the progress and outcomes of Pupil Premium students.

Pupil Premium students are closely monitored as a sub-group of vulnerable students through a range of timetabled QA procedures which include lesson observations through Learning Walks and Work Scrutiny. The monitoring enables the progress and attainment of Pupil Premium students to be identified and a range of intervention strategies quickly implemented.

In addition, the UTC has a positive discrimination approach to providing equal access to the curriculum; Pupil Premium students have 'first refusal' with regard to extra-curricula activities and trips as well as specific academic interventions.

Independent careers advice and guidance ensures that Pupil Premium students have early and regular opportunities to discuss their career options, thus raising their aspirations and motivating them to succeed in their academic and technical subjects.

A dedicated Attendance Officer closely monitors the attendance of Pupil Premium students and engages them and their families before they become persistent non-attenders.