

Kingsthorpe College

Pupil Premium Support 2024-25

To ensure your child has the best possible opportunities to be successful in school, Kingsthorpe College has put together the following information about the support available to families eligible for pupil premium funding in 2024-25.

Pastoral and Family Support

Available to all year groups

Each year group at Kingsthorpe College has a dedicated Deputy Head of Year who is a pastoral support worker; they are tasked with helping students achieve the best outcomes possible and to support their families with this too. They support the Head of Year on a day to day basis and work closely with families to enable students to thrive both in and out of school.

In the first instance we recommend contacting your child's form tutor, however, if you need more targeted support or advice, please feel free to contact the relevant Deputy Head of Year listed below.

Year 7: Miss Emily Smith-Ellis Emily.Smith-Ellis@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk

Year 8: Mr Sean Heffernan Sean.Heffernan@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk
Mrs Louise Walton Louise.Walton@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk

Year 9: Miss Molly Shipley Molly.Shipley@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk

Year 10: Mrs Nicola Lonergan Nicola.Lonergan@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk

Year 11: Mrs Julie Read Julie.Read@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk

Pastoral Manager: Mrs Jo Clifford Joanne.Clifford@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk

Pupil Premium Funding Support Form

To request support for your child, you can also use our pupil premium funding support form, available through our school website under 'Key Information' and then 'Pupil Premium' or by clicking [here](#). This form is intended to provide a straightforward way for parents/carers to request support for their child. Requests made through this form will be directed to members of the pastoral support team, who will endeavour to make contact within two working days to discuss your request.

Breakfast Club

Available to all year groups

A "ready to learn" breakfast club is available from 8:00am in the school hall where students entitled to Free School Meals can utilise their breakfast allowance. This is supervised by Mrs Kath Brown and can be used as an opportunity for students to have an informal conversation.

Careers Advisor

Available to all year groups

During the year, we have a careers advisor who comes in to meet with students and discuss future career plans and opportunities. We always prioritise appointments for our pupil premium students first. These are arranged by Mr Mike Hobbs and the students are informed about the meetings in advance. Should you have any questions about the careers appointments please contact Mr Hobbs (mike.hobbs@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk).

Parent Information Evenings and Tutor Evenings

Available to all year groups

Our deputy heads of year will be available at parents' information evenings and tutor evenings across the year. If you wish to speak to a member of the pastoral team, you can either email them in advance of the evening or please find them on arrival.

We understand that the best way to support our students is to work together with our parents/carers and relish the opportunity to meet with you and discuss your child.

School Uniform

Available to all year groups

School uniform is an important part of fitting in at school but can also be a financial strain on families, as such, the school will support families to ensure students have access to correct uniform. As a school, we keep a stock of brand new and pre-loved uniform so we can support families at short notice with uniform. Where possible we will use this stock to help you in the first instance to ensure students have uniform immediately rather than having to wait on delivery.

On some occasions families may need support with other uniform items. If, for example, you wanted the discount to apply to a pair of school shoes, we normally ask parents to purchase and then pass a copy of the receipt to school so a refund can be arranged; however, please contact us to discuss these purchases before they are made.

To discuss any uniform queries, please contact the relevant deputy head of year or use the Pupil Premium support form.

Food lessons

Available to years 7, 8 and 9

As part of our curriculum, Key Stage 3 students study food lessons. Students are expected to bring their own ingredients from home to cook, however all students eligible for Free School Meals will be provided with the ingredients required by school.

Educational Trips, Visits and Activities

Available to all year groups

Kingsthorpe College runs a range of educational trips and visits. There is funding allocated to subsidise students eligible for Pupil Premium and we wish to enable as many students as possible to participate in school trips and benefit from the experience they provide. In general, we will aim to fund at least 50% of any academically linked trip, however, the funding available varies on a trip by trip basis and the amount of funding per student is monitored and may be capped.

Should you require funding for any educational trip, and this is not advertised as part of the trip package, please contact your deputy head of year or use the form referenced to discuss this before submitting forms for the trip.

Free Periods

Available to all year groups

We offer sanitary products to all students at Kingsthorpe College and these are widely available throughout the school building. In addition to this, we will also offer our "Free Periods" programme where we will provide a contribution of sanitary products on a 3-month basis to all students who have free school meals.

We will issue a form at the start of the academic year for students to complete which asks about which products the student would want supplying. These are then prepared in a 3-month pack and the student is emailed and asked to come to collect their pack from student services.

To request a change of products or an order form, please contact your deputy head of year or use the form referenced below.

Subject Support

Available to all year groups

Students studying a variety of subjects may need to purchase resources to support with the studying of this subject. If you require any support with this, please let us know by contacting the relevant deputy head of year or using the form referenced. Support is available for, but not limited to, GCSE art sketch pads, revision guides, specialist equipment for lessons, copies of texts, past paper packs, maths equipment, stationary, revision resources.

Music Tuition

Available to all year groups

We endeavour to support all students in receipt of Pupil Premium to access peripatetic music lessons if they wish. We will support students by paying for their music lessons for one instrument for the year. To apply for these, please contact finance@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk, complete the form referenced or contact the relevant deputy head of year.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Available to Year 9 and 10 students

The Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh awards are offered for students in year 9 and 10 at Kingsthorpe College. As a school, we believe these awards enable students to demonstrate many of our schools core values and as such think they should be accessible for all students. For each award, however, there is a registration fee and a cost to take part in the expeditions. As a school we will fund 50% of the participation fee for these awards, and offer support with any equipment that may be needed for students to take part in these awards. If you wish to take us up on this offer, please contact your deputy head of year or use the form referenced and indicate this when signing up for the award. The support for equipment may be in the form of loaned equipment from the school that will be required to be returned after use.

Combined Cadets Force

Available to Year 9 - 11 students

Combined Cadets Force (CCF) is available to all students from year 9. This takes place once a week after school and there are a number of opportunities for students to attend training and residential. We believe participation in CCF demonstrates many of our school values and we are keen for all students to have opportunities to take part in extracurricular activities; therefore, as a school we will support Pupil Premium students by contributing towards any

equipment that may be needed. This may be in the form of loaned equipment. If you require support with this activity, please contact your deputy head of year or use the form referenced.

Food Parcels

Available to all year groups

Over the last year, we have successfully worked with local foodbanks in supporting families requiring further support during challenging times.

If you would require any assistance with this, please contact a member of our safeguarding team as detailed below:

Mrs Sarah Sheridan

Sarah.Sheridan@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk

Mr Courtney Prince

Courtney.Prince@kingsthorpecollege.org.uk

Other Circumstances

Available to all year groups

It is difficult to predict exactly what may happen in the coming school year. As a school we have planned out how to maximise the use of our Pupil Premium budget but other opportunities may arise that we have not planned for.

If you feel there is some additional support required for another resource, activity or event, please get in touch with a member of the pastoral support team or use the form referenced below to discuss how we can help.

Special Note

As Pupil Premium funding comes from central government and is finite in amount, Kingsthorpe College needs to be able to fully account for this funding and prioritise its use. As such, cash will only be issued to reimburse against a receipt and applications for funding outside of those detailed above will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Details of our Pupil Premium Strategy are available on our website at:

<https://www.kingsthorpecollege.org.uk/key-information/pupil-premium>

We look forward to working with your family over the next academic year.

Miss Helen Gilligan

Deputy Headteacher