

### **Barriers to learning – Pupil Premium Students**

- Larger proportion of our SEN students are also Pupil Premium.
- Changes to welfare and housing procedures have increased the number of families in temporary housing, overcrowding, or facing eviction, causing instabilities for the families.
- A high portion of Pupil Premium students are accessing support for mental health and behaviour needs.
- Lower attendance and Punctuality records
- Difficulties accessing private space for homework or private study
- Lack of resources at home to support private study, eg access to the internet, books, cultural visits
- Poor health and diet and other medical needs resulting in lower attendance
- Uniform infringement resulting from a lack of finance
- Historically, a higher number of safeguarding difficulties have been reported by our Pupil Premium families
- Lower parental engagement
- Lower aspirations, often due to a lack of confidence and awareness of career options and education routes.
- A high number of our Pupil Premium students have reported that they have not considered university due to the financial implications and a lack of support from families, impacting on student's motivation to achieve higher grades. A higher number of Pupil Premium Students have reported their interest in college courses where entry requirements do not offer the level of challenge to increase motivation and achievement.
- Some parents have reported a lack of understanding of POST 16 options, careers opportunities and finance for higher education opportunities.
- Parents have reported an inability to support their child academically at home due to their previous difficulties accessing education.
- Lack of access to cultural experiences that increase awareness of opportunities and aspirations