



SIR THOMAS RICH'S
GLOUCESTER

Pupil Premium Support

Our Ethos

We believe it is the role of every staff member in school to support our students eligible for the Pupil Premium grant through Quality First Teaching, and I work closely with staff to implement these strategies. Additionally, we believe in designing a bespoke offer for every pupil eligible for the Pupil Premium grant. I meet with all pupils and support them throughout their Year 7-11 journey, and build a relationship with their families even before their Year 7 journey has begun. Parents are always welcome to get in touch with me to discuss how we may best support their child, and we aim to provide a full comprehensive support plan to support all areas, from academics to extra-curriculars. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals or the Pupil Premium grant and you are considering Sir Thomas Rich's for their secondary education, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

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Free School Meals, Ever6 and the Pupil Premium Grant



What are the qualifying criteria for Free School Meals?

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 per year / £616 per month, as assessed by earnings from up to 3 of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Ever6 and the Pupil Premium Grant

Pupil premium funding is allocated to eligible schools based on the number of:

- pupils who are recorded as eligible for free school meals, or have been recorded as eligible in the past 6 years (referred to as Ever 6 FSM)
- children previously looked after by a local authority or other state care, including children adopted from state care or equivalent from outside England and Wales

[Apply for free school meals | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

How do we support pupils eligible for Pupil Premium who are interested in applying to STRS?



Shaping Futures Programme

Students attending local schools in Gloucestershire are welcome to a place on our Shaping Futures programme, an after school enrichment and 11+ support programme where students are allocated a one-to-one sixth form mentor throughout the programme. Click [here](#) for more information

[Widening Access • Sir Thomas Rich's School](#) .

Free 11+ Familiarisation Resources

Pupils in KS2 who are eligible for the Pupil Premium grant can sign up for a free account with Atom Learning, which is suitable for KS2 and 11+ preparation from Year 3. [Free 11+ preparation and Key Stage 2 learning for pupil premium students | Atom Learning](#)

Summer Preparation and Mock Test

Pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium grant who sign up to take the test at our centre will be invited to summer preparation days in the month before their test, as well as the opportunity to sit two mock exam papers in our classrooms to familiarise themselves with how the test will feel.

How do we use the Pupil Premium Grant to support Year 7 pupils?

We are aware that the costs of starting secondary school are often high, and we use the Pupil Premium funding accordingly to support our newest families. Some of the areas we support in Year 7 to alleviate these costs are:

- Providing a scientific calculator and maths set
- Providing a laptop and printer to help pupils access their homework and studies at home
- Uniform (parents may use up to a £300 contribution from the funding towards new uniform costs initially, and throughout the year if this is not fully spent)
- Year 7 Residential
- Curriculum Day Trips (such as theatre and science trips)



How do we use the Pupil Premium Grant to support pupils in Years 8 — 11?

All of our decisions are made with the pupil and the family at the centre, and for that reason we work closely with both the pupil and their guardians when choosing how to spend the Pupil Premium funding; each student's offer is bespoke to them. Areas we prioritise supporting are...



Academic Support

Students are provided with textbooks and study guides at the beginning of each year for that academic year for each of their subjects. Students results are monitored regularly and they will be offered peer mentoring or teacher support in subjects where they are struggling.



Trips

Whole year group trips are fully funded, such as academic day trips and residentials that promote year group networking. Optional trips, such as language exchanges, can be considered for partial funding on a case by case basis.



Extra-Curriculars

Resources that students need for clubs or activities can be paid for, such as rugby kit or art supplies. Music lessons and LAMDA lessons are popular choices from students, and we encourage our pupils to broaden their horizons in this way.



Resources

Students will have access to stationery stores through the Pupil Premium lead, and funding can be used for a wide array of resources depending on the subjects studied, such as art supplies or technical equipment.



Uniform

Many families chose to use their funding towards new uniform each year. The Pupil Premium lead will organise and take students to scheduled fittings to make sure they have all the items they need.



... and much more!

Students have also used the funding more widely to take part in political courses, internships and career programmes when exploring super-curricular activities. Parents are encouraged to email the Pupil Premium lead to discuss any requests, as supporting the pupil with a bespoke offer is our aim first and foremost.