

## Statement of Expenditure for Ysgol David Hughes Pupil Development Grant

The purpose of the Pupil Development Grant is to improve outcomes for learners from low-income families who are eligible for free school meals (FSM). Schools are expected to make the most of this funding to deliver sustainable strategies that will quickly lead to improvements for learners eligible for free school meals.

As a school we want to learn from best practice in Wales and beyond by:

1. Plan interventions that focus on improving the attainment of children from disadvantaged backgrounds, and that clearly set out what is expected of the intervention, constantly monitoring pupils' progress and evaluating the effectiveness of the intervention.
2. Integrate plans for the use of the GDD into our School Improvement Plan, basing practice on good evidence and including them as part of a whole school strategy.
3. To balance whole-school interventions with targeted interventions to ensure that all learners eligible for free school meals benefit as an individual and that the whole school builds its capacity to help all learners achieve their full potential.

In 2025-2026 Ysgol David Hughes was awarded a Pupil Development Grant allocation of £121,900.

At Ysgol David Hughes we have a comprehensive plan, which has been agreed and monitored by Anglesey Local Authority to promote progress and remove barriers to learning for students eligible for this funding.

We have used the funding available to:

- Employ a Pastoral Officer and a Pastoral Administration Officer to provide support to vulnerable learners and their families to ensure that we:
  - i) Reducing the gap between the performance of vulnerable learners and their peers
  - ii) Support pupils' social and emotional learning in order to improve attendance and behaviour and to encourage them to be independent and resilient learners
- Provide specific support to vulnerable learners from year 7 -11 and ensure that they have access to extra-curricular and curricular activities e.g. learning encouragement and the work of year headteachers
- Employ an Attendance Officer to provide a daily service of the week to improve the attendance of vulnerable learners

It is not appropriate for the school to publish its detailed plan because of the danger that individuals might be identified.