

What you can do to support your child:

- Apply for your child's free school meal to ensure they have the healthy cooked lunch they need and that the school can receive the relevant pupil premium funding.
- Establish regular routines from the start: sensible bed times during the week and agree a regular evening time slot for homework
- Read through your child's homework diary with them to check they are completing work
- Make sure they have a quiet place to work away from distractions like the TV and mobile phones
- Talk to them about what they are learning at school
- Share ideas with your child about the importance of education
- Help your child set educational goals, both short and long term
- Help them prepare for tests by agreeing a revision plan
- Demonstrate a positive attitude about education and the school
- Encourage them to read

Music

Many students find learning a musical instrument very rewarding and music has always been one of Lytchett's strengths. As such, the school will fund a maximum of £100 per year for pupil premium students towards the cost of instrument lessons.

School clubs and trips give students an opportunity to learn beyond the classroom and to experience places and cultures they have not come across before.

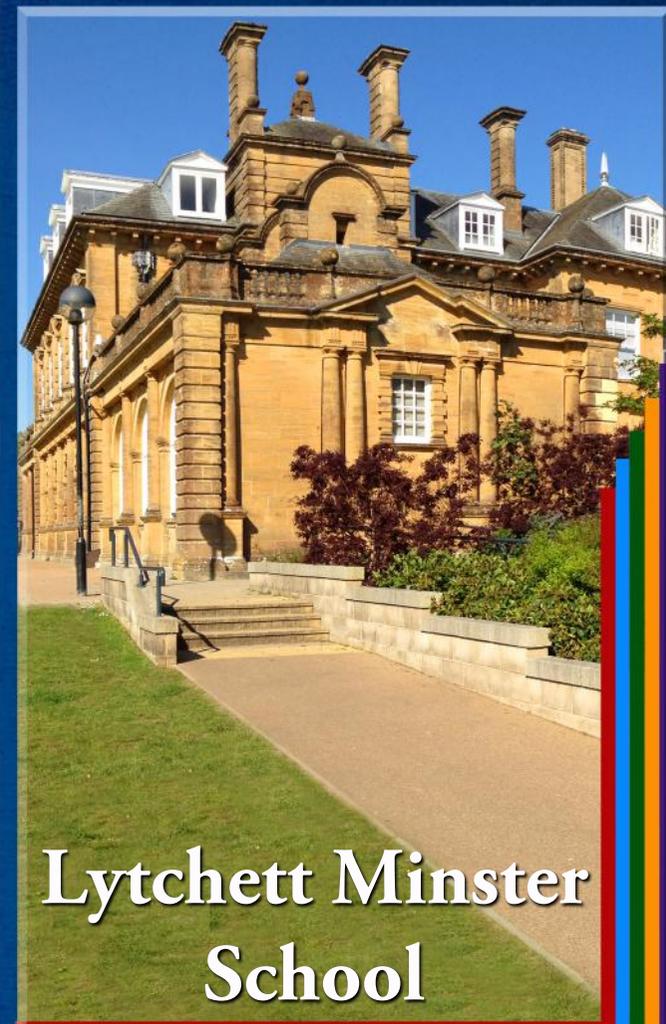
Lytchett has a tradition of running a wealth of clubs and trips. For students who currently claim free school meals, we will contribute one third of the total cost of any academic trip, up to £50 maximum per year.



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Pupil Premium Information for Parents

The Pupil Premium

Recent educational research suggests that there can be a gap in achievement between those students who are financially disadvantaged and those who are not. As a result, the government now provides additional funding to schools designed specifically to support these children; this funding is called the Pupil Premium. Its purpose is to enable schools to develop programmes of study and support for students who would benefit from these.

Which students may benefit from the Pupil Premium?

Students eligible for the Pupil Premium include:

- Students who have been registered for free school meals (FSM) in the last six years
- Students who have been or are currently looked after by the local authority, or are adopted
- Children of service personnel



How do I apply for free school meals?

Applying for free school meals is a simple process that can be completed on Dorset Council's website or by telephoning Dorset Council.

If you receive any of the following benefits you should be able to receive free school meals for your child:

- Income Support (IS)
- 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 (as long as you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income is no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (as long as your household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Once your application for free school meals has been approved, your child will be entitled to some of the support outlined in this leaflet.



What we will do for our Pupil Premium students:

- Identify students on entry and review the individual support we can offer
- Where appropriate, give one-to-one support for maths or literacy
- Ensure students receive an early Connexions interview in Year 9 to begin raising their levels of aspiration
- Provide focussed support to help them choose work experience placements
- Carefully track and monitor students' progress by a designated senior member of staff
- Provide financial support towards the cost of revision guides for English, maths and science

Support with PE kit and/or uniform

Please note that pupil premium funding does not cover support for PE kit or school uniform. You may, however, apply to the school's hardship fund for assistance with these.