

## Pupil premium strategy statement 2023/2024

This statement details our school's use of pupil premium funding to help improve the attainment of our disadvantaged pupils. It outlines our pupil premium strategy, how we intend to spend the funding in this academic year - it is the third year of our strategy.

#### **School overview**

Detail	Data
School name	Arena Academy
Number of pupils in school	800
Proportion (%) of pupil premium eligible pupils	Year 7: 44% (78 students) Year 8: 36% (84 students) Year 8: 35% (75 students) Year 8: 40% (85 students) Year 8: 35% (82 students) Overall: 36% (416 students)
Academic year/years that our current pupil premium strategy plan covers (3 year plans are recommended)	2021-22 (33%) 2022-23 (30%) 2023-24 (36%) Projected: 2024-25 (40%)
Date this statement was published	28 <sup>th</sup> September
Date on which it will be reviewed by	31st August 2024
Statement authorised by	
Pupil premium lead	Sabir Afzal
Governor / Trustee lead	Susan Wain



## **Funding overview**

Detail	Amount
Pupil premium funding allocation this academic year	£383,208
Recovery premium funding allocation this academic year	£87,844
Pupil premium funding carried forward from previous years (enter £0 if not applicable)	£0
Total budget for this academic year  If your school is an academy in a trust that pools this funding, state the amount available to your school this academic year	£481,053



# Part A: Pupil premium strategy plan Statement of intent

At Arena Academy we aim to deliver high quality education which enables every student to access any support and/or interventions that are available for them to open the doors to University, Apprenticeships or Employment. This is the third year of our 3-year plan.

Our pupil premium strategy plan supports the implementation of our academy mission statement and curriculum aims, ensuring that for those students whose learning is vulnerable have barriers removed so that they can prosper onto the next stage of their academic journey and future careers and lives.

The aims of our curriculum are to:

- Be broad and balanced.
- Unashamedly challenge all learners regardless of ability/starting point
- Provide a coherently planned sequence and structure in each subject that will enable students to build their knowledge and skills over time.
- Develop cultural capital across a wide range of context and experiences.
- Prepare our students for the next stage in their academic journey.

Our rationale is to use funding to support students in order break down any barriers to educational achievement. Our strategy highlights our current challenges and identifies actions that we will take to address these. We draw on research conducted by the EEF, that has identified the common barriers to learning for disadvantaged children can be less support at home, weak language and communication skills, lack of confidence, more frequent behaviour difficulties and attendance and punctuality issues.

We will ensure that all teaching staff can identify disadvantaged pupils and are aware of strengths and areas for improvement across the school.

The key principles of our strategy are:

- Inclusive high-quality teaching and effective assessment meets the needs of all pupils
- Improving levels of literacy
- Raising attendance
- Improving engagement levels academically
- Increasing access to cultural capital opportunities
- All children have access to the same extra-curricular activities.
- Utilising the National Tutoring programme and school-led tutoring grant to offer small group and/or 1 to 1 tuition to address gaps created during the COVID pandemic.
- SEMH support
- All activities to be supported by evidence-based research to ensure all of our approached have maximum impact.

Arena Academy has 36% (416) of children identified as disadvantaged. This is above the West Midlands figure of 27.8% and the national figure of 22.7% for Secondary schools.



### 2022-23 Outcome Metrics

	Foci	Disadvantaged students	Non- disadvantaged students	Gap	National Av. (Disadvantaged students)	National Av. (Non- disadvantaged students)	Gap
	Cohort size	28.6% (53 students)	70.4% (126 students)	N/A	28.5%	70.5%	N/A
	Actual GCSE Progress Score	-0.51	-0.12	-0.38	-0.41	0.18	-0.58
	Achieving 8-7 Eng & Maths	8.4%	7.8%	+1.5	6.6%	14.8%	-8.3
	Achieving 8-5 Eng & Maths	24.5%	41.3%	-16.8	28.3%	51.1%	-21.8
	Achieving 8-5 Eng	41.5%	68%	-27.5	45.6%	67.1%	-21.5
3)	Achieving 8-5 Maths	28.3%	43.7%	-15.4	34.7%	57%	-22.3
2-2	Achieving 8-4 Eng & Maths	43.4%	63.5%	-20.1	48%	72.3%	-23.3
(22-	Achieving 8-4 Eng	64.2%	81.7%	-17.5	62.1%	81.6%	-18.5
γ8	Achieving 8-4 Maths	50.8%	67.5%	-16.6	55.4%	77.2%	-21.8
	Students achieving 5 Standard Passes inc Eng + Ma	35.8%	56.3%	-20.5	43.8%	67.8%	-23.8
	Students achieving 5 STRONG Passes inc Eng + Ma	20.8%	34.1%	-13.3	26.3%	47.6%	-21.3
	Av. EBacc Attainment 8 Grade	3.52	4.18	-0.66	3.61	4.84	-1.23
	22-23 Y8 Attendance	80.4%	83%	-2.6	82.8%	81.4%	-8.5
	22-23 Y8 Attendance	84.8%	88%	-3.2	83%	81.7%	-8.7
	22-23 Y8 Attendance	85.7	81	-5.3	84.2	82.1	-7.8
	22-23 Y8 Attendance	85	82.7	-7.7	86.2	83.1	-6.8
	22-23 Y7 Attendance	85.8	83.5	-7.6	88.7	84.4	-5.7
	22-23 Whole School Attendance	85.8%	81.6%	-5.8	85.3%	82.6%	-7.3



## **Challenges**

This details the key challenges to achievement that we have identified among our disadvantaged pupils.

Challenge number	Detail of challenge
1	Our overall attendance for all pupils including our disadvantaged pupils was well below pre-COVID levels. Our assessments and observations indicated absenteeism was negatively impacting disadvantaged pupils' progress. Disadvantaged students as well as other students within the Academy are more likely to be 'Persistently absent' compared to schools nationally.
2	Students from disadvantaged backgrounds do not necessarily realise their own potential, and therefore their aspiration is lacking. This is linked to a cultural capital deficit and thus a lack of educational ambition to succeed in their studies.
3	Our assessments, observations and discussions with pupils and families identified an increase in social and emotional issues for many more of our pupils. For instance, Y8 Girls PASS Score: Feelings about school 20 <sup>th</sup> percentile (Max 80)  There is a negative behaviour gap in favour of disadvantaged students relative to other students within the Academy.
4	Poor home learning environments with some students not having access to the internet or learning resources.
5	Disadvantaged students as well as other students within the Academy have low levels of literacy on entry and do not often undertake wider reading, writing and oracy. For instance, Y8 students: 87.8 NGRT mean SAS.  Disadvantaged students as well as other students within the Academy have a lack of subject-specific vocabulary and context to deepen understanding
6	Disadvantaged students as well as other students within the Academy have lower than expected levels of achievement in EBAC subjects. Nationally only 28% of disadvantaged pupils were entered for the EBacc compared with 45% of all other pupils.
7	Disadvantaged students as well as other students have low levels of engagement with the languages curriculum. Only 7% of Y8 students study a language, whereas nationally 47% of non-disadvantage students studies a language during 22-23. Disadvantaged students as well as other students have a significantly low prior attainment on entry than expected.
8	Disadvantaged students as well as other students within the Academy are more likely to have a lack of parental engagement with their child's education



#### **Intended outcomes**

This explains the outcomes we are aiming for **by the end of our current strategy plan**, and how we will measure whether they have been achieved.

Intended outcome	Success criteria
The attendance of disadvantaged students improves during the academic year due to the systems and processes that have become deeply embedded within the academic.  With attendance seen as everyone's responsibility.  Reduction in the number of disadvantaged being excluded or placed on AP  Year 8 2022 – 7 students  Year 8 2023 – 4 students in total	<ul> <li>Elimination of attendance gap between disadvantaged students and their peers within the Academy.</li> <li>50% reduction in number of school refusers</li> <li>20% reduction of disadvantaged students who are persistently absent.</li> <li>Attendance of all students within the academy has increased and is above the national average</li> <li>The percentage of disadvantaged students on a fixed term exclusion, managed move or alternative provision placement to be in line with non-disadvantaged students.</li> </ul>
Behaviour of students is significantly improved	<ul> <li>20% reduction in the number of break/lunch behaviour incidents of PP students</li> <li>Number of reflections is reduced by 25% for PP students for behaviour incidents.</li> </ul>
Literacy attainment of disadvantaged students to be in line with non-disadvantaged students.	<ul> <li>85% of disadvantaged students to be at, or above, their chronological reading age. All disadvantaged students to have accessed the library at least once every month, with the vast majority visiting at least once per two weeks.</li> <li>All disadvantaged students accessing the Reading Plus scheme every week, with the weakest readers participating in the Ruth Miskin Fresh Start and Lexia each week.</li> </ul>
All disadvantaged students obtain a post- 16 position for September 2023. Aspirations of students are raised, and they are more knowledgeable about post- 18 opportunities.	<ul> <li>There are no disadvantaged NEETs, all disadvantaged students are in full-time education, apprenticeship or employment in September 2023</li> <li>All KS4 disadvantaged students have the experience of visiting a higher education institution, and are more knowledgeable in regard to Higher Level Apprenticeships.</li> </ul>
There is an increased participation rate from disadvantaged students in enrichment activities both within school and external opportunities. Students cultural capital is enhanced through their involvement in these activities.	<ul> <li>All disadvantaged participate in at least one external visit; interventions, and an enrichment activity each academic year.</li> <li>At least 30% of the following to be PP students: <ul> <li>a) Leadership teams</li> <li>b) CORE Us</li> <li>c) CORE LoT</li> <li>d) Cadets</li> <li>e) Sports Teams</li> <li>f) Duke of Edinburgh</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Assessments for students in Years 7 – 8 to show an increased number of students at secure level. 7-8 emerging in Ebac subjects	Number of disadvantaged students to achieve 'secure' results to increase by 8% in each year group to close the gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged students – in SC, HI and GG.
Students have access to any mental health and well-being resources they require.	All disadvantaged students have access to a mental health counsellor. All disadvantaged students are offered breakfast each morning.
Progress 8 score for disadvantaged students to be above national average through students being supported by tutoring programmes, required revision resources and materials, and access to appropriate support.	<ul> <li>The Progress 8 score and attainment scores for PP students to be at/above national average.</li> <li>No gap in attainment or progress between PP students and their peers</li> <li>Progress 8 scores of Ebac subjects (SC, HI, GG) to be in line with other subjects.</li> </ul>



## Activity in this academic year

This details how we intend to spend our pupil premium (and recovery premium funding) this academic year to address the challenges listed above.

#### **Teaching (for example, CPD, recruitment and retention)**

Budgeted cost: £57,287

	Activity	Cost	Evidence that supports this approach						
1.	Pupil Premium strategic leadership	£17,813	A proportion of the AHT's salary to lead curriculum and assessment to ensure the curriculum is ambitious and allows all students, including PP students to succeed.  30% of the Pupil Premium Lead's (SAF) salary is to ensure the implementation of the PP strategy and its impact is in-line with the Academy's improvement plan and Key Drivers	1-8					
2.	EDSI strategic leadership of Pupil Premium	£3,037	To support the Academy to ensure that pupil premium funding has a significant impact on the quality of education of PP students and leads to PP students overcoming barriers so there is no attainment gap between PP students and their peers.	1-8					
3.	CORE Dace Cross Trust CPD to enable staff across the four schools to share ideas and strategies.	£2,500	An opportunity for staff to have access to high quality continual professional development with internationally recognised experts. All students will benefit as staff knowledge and expertise increases, leading to more impactful systems and processes.  EEF Research: Strategy  Cost Impact  Collaborative learning approaches  Low High  Metacognition and self-regulation  Low High	1, 5, 6, 8					
4.	Literacy leadership	£2,875	To have strategic oversight of the implementation of the Academy's literacy strategy.	5, 6, 7, 8					
5.	Trust Lead Practitioners	£8,688	Trust Lead Practitioners to collaborate with HoDs to ensure the intended curriculum is ambitious, well-sequenced and adapted to meet the needs of all students.	1-8					
6.	Communities of Practice	£5,274	o develop a shared understanding of different areas of school improvement, such as safeguarding, curriculum and seessment, teaching, and learning, etc.  study published by the Education Policy Institute (Fletcher-Wood & Zuccollo, 2020) concluded that the impact of high-uality CPD on pupil outcomes is comparable to the impactof having a teacher with 8 years' experience in front of a class stead of a graduate teacher.  igh-quality CPD improves teacher retention, particularly for early-careerteachers and can also lead to increased student elf-efficacy and confidence.						



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L	eaching & earning Packages /		PIXL – CPD, which outlines proven school improvement strategies which car achievement and 'close the gap'.	n be implemented to raise academic					
C	Continued levelopment of								
te tr	eaching through he CPD programme		Interventions and strategies are evidence driven, allowing staff to effectively and make evidence-based decisions. Part funding of our data systems (SISI be easily accessible and useable by all staff, including to forensically target geschool leaders to respond effectively and share the rationale for improvement includes CPD for all staff. Part funding of platforms that underpin our drive to of curriculum, assessment and teaching and learning such as the Teach Like toolkit, etc.	RA and Pupil Progress) which allows all data to gaps in knowledge and skills. This enables at more effectively with all staff, the package increase staff knowledge and understanding					
		£8,000	toolitt, oto.		1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8				
			Embed deliberate practice as partof whole school teaching routines. Pa	art of the whole school improvement					
			plan is to streamlinethe ways in which teachers go about their daily rou	itine.					
			Research shows that the embeddingof CPD has varying effectiveness across	s a staff body due to the variations levels					
			of experience of those staff members. (Lemov, Wollway and Yezzi, 2012).						
			Deliberate practice is defined as 'a highly structured activity, the explicit goal tasks are invented to overcome weaknesses, and performance is carefully m						
			further' (Ericsson et al., 1883, p. 368). Embedding of Deliberate practice stra						
			lesson times to maximise academic learning time.						
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				ipact ligh					
			Metacognition and self-regulation Low H	ligh					
	Online student		A proportion of various on-line student packages such as GCSEPod, Educak						
re	esources		dents. Dunlosky et al (2013) rate retrieval as having 'high utility' for classroon						
		£6,000	Typically, practicing retrieval yields significantly greater long-term retention o	fthe studied materials than just restudyingthem	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8				
		20,000	(Pashler et al, 2007)  EEF Research: Strategy Cost Impact		3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 6				
			Homework Low High						
	eaching &		Teaching and learning resources such as books and online packages						
	earning	£2,000			3, 5, 6, 7, 8				
I re	esources								



#### Targeted academic support (for example, tutoring, one-to-one support structured interventions)

Budgeted cost: £ 128,528

Activity	Cost	Evidence that supports this approach						
1. Tutoring	£75,000	Effective deployment of Academic tu This intervention provides additional Maths and as well as Ebacc subjects five additional months' progress on a  EEF Research: Strategy  One to one tuition  Small Group tuition	1-1 and sm s. Evidence	indicate	es that small g			5, 6, 7, 8
2. Literacy intervention 1: Universal	£3,000	Literacy and language development students. The Reading Plus program vocabulary, stamina and motivation.  EEF Research: Strategy  Oral language interventions  Feedback  Reading and comprehension stratements.	nme is an a			on that improves flue		3, 5, 6, 8
3. Literacy intervention 2: Lexia	£3,000	Literacy and language development delay continues to be an area of focus, particularly amongst the disadvantaged students. The Lexia programme helps students to build confidence in their reading abilities and achieve better comprehension overall.    EEF Research: Strategy			3, 5, 6, 8			



4.	Literacy intervention 3: Ruth Miskin	£1,500	Literacy and language development delay continues to be an area of focus, particularly amongst the disadvantaged students. The Ruth Miskin programme supports students to develop reading fluency and read with comprehension as well as to spell and write with confidence. On average, oral language approacheshave a high impact on pupil outcomes of 6 months' additional progress. Some studies also often report improved classroom climate and fewer behavioural issues following work on oral language. Reading comprehension strategies have high impact on average (+6 months). (EEF Teaching & Learning Toolkit, 2021)							
		,	EEF Research: Strategy Cost Impact	3, 5, 6, 8						
			Oral language interventions Low Moderate							
			Feedback Low Moderate							
			Reading and comprehension strategies Low High							
			Phonics Low Moderate							
	Holiday and Saturday intervention	£5,000	Many pupils do not have the space or environment to study during weekends and holidays in the periods leading up to external exams. The provision of comprehension coaching and study sessions during most holidays and some weekends allows pupils to have a quiet revision space under the guidance and supervision of a subject specialist.    EEF Research: Strategy Cost Impact   Mastery Learning Low Moderate   Metacognition and Self-Regulation Low High   Individualised Instruction Low Moderate	4, 6, 7, 8						
6.	Music tuition and equipment	£1,000	Raise aspiration and increase opportunities for 'conversations with culture' for disadvantaged students.  EEF Research: Strategy Cost Impact	4, 6, 7, 8						
7.	Additional support for PP to provide equipment	£2,000	Removing barriers to disadvantaged students by purchasing non-academic equipment they may require such as access to wireless dongles.	4, 6, 7, 8						
8.	Additional support for PP to access enrichment	£2,000	Removing barriers to disadvantaged students so they can access enrichment activities alongside their peers.							
9.	Support with academic equipment, uniform, PE kit	£1,500	The right uniform policy, that puts affordability and best value at its core, has the potential to make lives easier for both children and parents. Yet one in eight families reported they had cut back on food and other essentials because of uniform costs. Our research also found that for low income families, these impacts were greater, withmore than one in five such families reporting cutting back on food and other basics to pay for uniform. (The Children's Society, 2020)  EEF Research: Strategy  Cost  Impact	4, 6, 7, 8						



		Arts participation	Low L	ow		700-7
10. In-house interventions (30%)	£1,000	Providing opportunities for targeted su intervention classes.	pport in specific s	ubjects to disadvanta	ged Y8 students through afterschool	
11. CORE Hello		access to the wider curriculum and buil	ds learner confide	nce. This funding su	pidly improving reading skills facilitates ipports a rapid catch-up programme over of the programme are also being expanded	
	£38,528	EEF Research: Strategy	Cost	Impact		5, 6, 8
	230,320	Oral language interventions	Low	Moderate		3, 0, 0
		Feedback	Low	Moderate		
		Reading and comprehension strate	egies Low	High		
		Phonics	Low	Moderate		

#### Wider strategies (for example, related to attendance, behaviour, wellbeing)

Budgeted cost: £335,163

Activity	Cost	E	vidence that	t supports tl	nis approach	Challenge number(s) addressed
Pastoral Year     Group     Coordinators	£182,163	Year Group Coordinators focus on brebehaviour.  EEF Research: Strategy Behaviour interventions			o around care that our disadvantaged cohort require. on including engagement, attendance, welfare and	1, 2, 3, 8



Family Support     Worker		Department of Health Guidance on 'Futu people's mental health and wellbeing.	ıre in Mind' -	promoting, prote	cting and improving our children and young	
VVOIKEI		EEF Research: Strategy	Cost	Impact		
		- U	Moderate	Moderate		
	£25,000		Moderate	Moderate		1, 2, 3, 4, 8
		3 3	Moderate	Moderate		., _, 0, ., 0
		Metacognition and Self-regulation	Low	High		
			Moderate	Low		
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3. Mental Health Well-being		2-8 Therapy sessions	Cost	lmnaat	1	
Counselling		EEF Research: Strategy social and emotional learning	Moderate	Impact Moderate		
services	£22,000	9	Moderate	Low		1, 2, 7, 8
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		Metacognition and Self-regulation	Low	High	-	
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4. Equipment for CCF/DofE for		learn across other subjects.	ngaged with	learning through	projects which they enjoy and motivates them to	
PP	£500	EEF Research: Strategy Co	ost	Impact		1, 2, 3, 4, 8
	2000	Physical activity Lo		Moderate		1, 2, 0, 4, 0
		Outdoor adventure learning Mode		unknown		
5. Transportation		Provide students with transport to attend	mastery ses	sions and close t	he gap for disadvantaged students.	
costs to school	0500	EEF Research: Strategy	Cost	Impact		
events	£500	<u> </u>	loderate	Moderate		1
		widening participation strategies				
6. Trip support		Including trips locally, nationally and inter	nationally (F	rance). Increase	the interest and engagement of disadvantaged	
(only if advantaged		students with languages and the wider we	orld across tl	he curriculum.		
group are paying)	05.000	EEF Research: Strategy	Cost	Impact		0 0 4 0
	£5,000	Oral language interventions	Low	Moderate		2, 3, 4, 8
		Language immersion experiences	High	Unknown		
7. Attendance		Poor attendance can have a significant d	etrimental im	pact on the prog	ress of students. Disadvantaged students are	
support worker		also at risk socially if they have poor atter	ndance. For	these reasons, w	re invest heavily in attendance with a wide range	
					Contact who will review attendance daily,	
	£20,000				contact with PA PP students at 1st instance of	1, 3, 8
		issues arising and ensures bespoke supp				
		chance of achieving 5 good GCSEs.' DfE			ses between 8% and 20% stands only a 35%	
		chance of achieving a good GCSES. DIE	The impac	t or is upil bellavio	on and wendering on Education Outcome.	



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		EEF Research: Strategy			Cost Impact				
		Behaviour Intervention		Modera					
		Parental Engagement		Modera	ate Moder	ate			
		Social and emotional learning		Modera	ate Moder	ate			
8. Targeted additional enrichment opportunities	£20,000	We believe that these activities will engage and enrich the school experience for students; allowing the most disadvantaged learners to access world class coaching, raising aspirations, self-esteem and changing mind set.  Raising aspirations, particularly for disadvantaged students, who are prior High Attaining Pupils, allowing them to look beyond their doorstep in deciding their career pathways. 'Higher aspriations are one of the biggest factors in meeting and exceeding potential', Sutton Trust, Educating the Most Able, 2012  Opportunities such as Brilliant Club, Oxbridge visits, Football Beyond Border, Free to Dream (F2D), Cadets, Duke of Edinburgh Award  EEF Research: Strategy  Cost Impact Aspirations Moderate Low							2, 6
		Aspirations				Low			
9. Music and Art therapy	£3,000	Arts participation		Cost Low Low	Impact Low Moderate		ulture' for disa	dvantaged students.	2, 6, 8
10. Mentor provision (MAD Mentors)		Effective deployment of 'MAD' Mentors. Raise aspiration for disadvantaged students by offering one to one careers advice.							
,	£33,000	EEF Research: Strategy			Cost	Cost Ir			1, 2, 3, 8
		social and emotional learning			Moderate	N	Moderate		
		aspirational interventions			Moderate	oderate Low			, , -, -
		Behaviour interventions			Moderate	oderate Moderate			
		Metacognition and Self-r	)	Low		High		I	
11. Increased leadership of safeguarding at Trust level	£3,037	To provide strategic support to senior and middle leaders within the Academy to ensure that a proportion of the pupil premium funding is used to safeguard the health and well-being of PP students.							1-8
12. Other targeted	£1,000	Supporting families by removing barriers to student engagement with learning at school.							
support for		EEF Research: Stra		Cost Impact			8		
families		Parental engagement Very Low Moderate							

Total budgeted cost: £ 516,025

## Our Pupil Premium Strategy has been informed by the following sources: Stakeholder evaluation and SWOT analysis of existing Pupil Premium. Spring 2018.

- OFSTED Section 5 Inspection 2018



- OFSTED Section 8 Inspection 2018
- State of the Nation 2018-18: Social Mobility in Great Britain Social Mobility Commission
- Cracking the code: how schools can improve social mobility Social Mobility & Child Poverty Commission October 2014
- Key drivers of the disadvantage gap: Literature Review Education in England: Annual Report 2018
- Education Endowment Foundation: Teaching & Learning Toolkit
- Culture, Creativity and Narrowing the Gap- Using pupil premium to enrich cultural education Case Study: Stoke Newington Secondary School
- Potential for Success: Fulfilling the promise of highly able students in secondary school Dr Rebecca Montacute. July 2018
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- Sutton Trust, Educating the Most Able, 2012
- An updated practical guide to the Pupil Premium. Marc Rowland
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