

Year 7 literacy and numeracy catch-up premium

What is the Catch-up Premium?

The government has allocated our school a sum of money which is called the 'Catch-up Premium'. This is to improve the educational chances of students who may find accessing the school curriculum more difficult because they arrive at secondary school with relatively poor literacy and numeracy skills. This is defined by the government as students who enter the school in Year 7 having not achieved the expected standard at KS2.

The Funding:

For 2014/15 the school received £20,000 for students who entered the school in Year 7 with reading and/or Maths Key Stage 2 scores below a level 4, equivalent to £500 per identified student.

This money is earmarked to provide support and enable identified students to 'catch-up' with their peers i.e. those who had achieved at least a level 4.

Range of strategies:

The money was used to help provide the following:

- Small withdrawal groups designed to give intensive support to identified students and to include additional sessions outside of curriculum time
- Additional 'bonus' groups in English and Maths to reduce average class sizes and so increase teacher:student contact time
- Before and after-school mentoring projects where 6th Formers work with identified students
- Recruitment of 2 Literacy HLTAs to complete one to one reading catch up sessions with identified students
- A programme of literacy and numeracy activities to take place during registrations

It is intended to fund a similar range of strategies in 2016/17.

Impact of Catch-up Premium funding - Monitoring, Evaluation and Intervention:

- At beginning of Year 7 43.81% of students were below a Level 3.5 in English, this decreased to 29.7% by end of Year 7
- At beginning of Year 7 59.34% of students were below a Level 3.55 in Maths, this decreased to 10.83% by end of Year 7
- 59% of students in Year 7 scored greater than 50% in their literacy test at PR1 (bespoke Ousedale test). This increased to 93% of students by PR3.
- 94.43% of students are now on or above target for English
- 92.48% of students are now on or above target for Maths