

Impact of Catch-up Premium 2017-18

Catch up funding is an additional grant awarded by the DfE to schools so that they can accelerate the progress of students who arrive in Year 7 with prior attainment below the expected standards. In 2017-18 we had 54 students who achieved a KS2 scaled score of below 100 in Maths, and 71 who achieved a KS2 scaled score of below 100 in English Reading.

Year	Amount
2013-14	£12,000
2014-15	£13,500
2015-16	£12,000
2016-17	£12,891
2017-18	£13,988

Year 7 Catch-up Spend 2017-18

Strategy	Cost
Literacy & Numeracy	£9,000
Staff Training	£2,000
Breakfast & Homework Clubs	£3,000
Total	£14,000

We have a strong belief that quality first teaching is the priority to support students to improve their skills. Emphasis is placed on improving and investing in teaching and learning to ensure students get taught by a quality teacher. Withdrawals for intervention/catch up are carried out for identified students outside of lesson time. Reading buddies have previously been trained by an outside provider and have been quality-assured by the literacy lead. Consequently, this extra capacity has ensured that every student in need of support received input from either a buddy or a TA in a nurture group.

Literacy and Numeracy

Our Literacy and Numeracy provision is constantly evolving. We used the following interventions to improve the literacy and numeracy skills of our 'catch up' cohort:

- Lexia Learning Programme
- Sounds write
- Maths recovery programme
- Homework Club
- Breakfast Club
- Reading buddies
- Mathswatch intervention

There are many benefits for our students in engaging with these interventions and they include:

- Increasing progress and improving overall attainment
- Motivating and engaging students across the whole curriculum
- Fostering independence
- Encouraging students to read for pleasure
- Developing confidence

- Improving the ‘soft skills’ of leadership and guidance of others through the reading buddy programme
- Closing the gap in attainment between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged students
Ensuring students are able to fully access and understand exam material

Nine members of staff have been involved in training for literacy programmes and Maths Recovery Programme to support the Y7 catch-up programme.

Impact of Initiatives

The table below shows a summary of the impact from Year 7 catch-up.

Subject	Total	On or above target	Above Target Grade	On Target Grade
English	66	53	36	17
Maths	54	47	0	47

Target Grades are set based on students making above national average progress (FFT 20 Estimates).

Catch-up 2018-19

Funding 2018-19 will be allocated in March 2019.

In the current Y7, 55 students arrived with a KS2 scaled score below 100 in Maths, and 63 arrived with a scaled score of below 100 in English Reading. All of the initiatives from 2017-2018 will be continued. In addition, we will review the progress of vulnerable groups such as disadvantaged boys, students with poor ATL and homework scores and students for whom there is no reading culture at home.