

Impact of Y7 Catch-Up Funding 2017-18

In 2017-18, Year 7 Catch up funding was match funded to that received the previous year and scaled according to the numbers on role. The amount received was £16,244.

These funds were used to partially contribute towards specialist provision as part of the ALPs programme where a specialist and highly experienced member of staff focussed on the needs of the academically weakest students who failed to achieve the required standard in KS2.

The funding was also used in conjunction with PP funding to pay for the Accelerated Reading Scheme for these students, as well as helping to facilitate smaller class sizes, where student levels of literacy and numeracy were weakest.

There was transience in the population of year 7, but there were 65 students who did not meet the required standard in English and/or maths, representing 49.6 % of the cohort. All students used Accelerated Reader and received bespoke support.

A proportion of the Catch Up funding has also been utilised to develop the 'Mastery' approach to subject delivery and offers a different methodology to that taught at KS2.

The arrival of a new Principal and curriculum reform meant that this use of Catch Up funding has been reimagined because the impact was not accelerated enough. From September 2018 students have returned to subject specialist teaching and a project post created to support students below expected standard in developing their literacy skills. This will aim to disseminate strategies across the curriculum.

English Progress Term 1-Term 4

During term 1 the English forecast grade average for the 52 students below the required standard on entry was Language current working at grade was 1.65, Literature current working at grade was 1.64. In term 4, the Language current working at average grade was 2.18 and Literature was 2.20.

Maths Progress Term 1 – Term 4

The forecast average grade for the 43 students below the required standard on entry was 2.18, in term 4 the average working at grade for Maths was 2.87 at each assessment point respectively.

Catch- Up Premium 2018-19

The funding for 2018-2019 is £17,236.

This funding will be used to raise standards of whole school literacy via the 'Accelerated Reading' scheme which will be implemented for all students in Y7-9 this year. The funding will contribute towards funding of the scheme as well as pay for specialist delivery.

In maths, funding will continue to be spent to develop the 'Mastery' approach to subject delivery, and the expected impact of this is to see greater understanding of mathematical processes, which will be evidenced through improved outcomes.