

Year 7 Catch Up Funding Impact and Evaluation Report Academic Year 2016 - 17

Context of Academy

The rates of progress in English and mathematics for the large majority of students are at least good and often outstanding. All groups of students achieve well including those who have special educational needs and students in receipt of pupil premium funding. The sixth form is outstanding. Excellent teaching is driving up standards and rapidly accelerating progress. Achievement is good and improving strongly.

The quality of teaching is outstanding because teachers have exceptional skills and teachers have high expectations of their students. Teachers are expert in their subject areas and inspire their students to be enthusiastic, motivated learners.

Students who have special educational needs have every opportunity to succeed and to reach their potential as part of a very inclusive and caring school experience. Information about their performance is used very well by all staff and teachers support all learners with well-focused planning and make the very best use of any additional resource that is available. This has promoted outstanding progress. This group of students achieve particularly well in the sixth form.

The Academy was awarded Outstanding in all aspects in the most recent Ofsted inspection

Objectives of Year 7 Catch Up Funding

- To close the gap by providing intensive literacy and numeracy support and raise the attainment of those students entitled to Catch up Premium
- To raise self-esteem and aspirations of students entitled to Catch up Premium
- To enhance existing provision.
- To identify concerns and target intervention and support to accelerate progress
- To intervene quickly if any chosen strategy or intervention fails to show impact
- To ensure that parents are informed and involved where appropriate.

Amount of Year 7 Catch Up Funding Received 2014/15

Number of Children who arrived at the Academy 'below expected' in reading and/or mathematics at Key Stage 2.	66
Year 7 Catch Up Funding Pupil Allocation.	£500
Total Year 7 Catch Up Funding Grant (2016-17 DfE maintained a freeze on last year's funding even though a number of students below expected has increased).	£26,000

Summary of Year 7 Catch Up Funding Spend

- *Small Group Classes* – Intensive low student to teacher ratio class sizes
- *Additional Specialist Literacy and Numeracy provision* - through the support department
- *Additional Adult Support* - for those most in need in English and Maths classes
- *Homework Clubs* – a choice of two, staffed homework clubs and an additional Maths homework club for those not on target to make expected progress
- *Pastoral Support* – via the Academy's pastoral system and through the Pastoral Leader
- *Additional Humanities Group* – access to humanities lessons delivered through specialists focusing specifically on literacy.
- *1 – 1 Reading and numeracy Intervention*
- *Parental Involvement* – An invitation to parents to explore how they can best support their children
- *Increased Capacity in English and Mathematics* – Additions have been made to the numeracy and literacy teams to provide five lessons per week of each core subject
- *E-Learning* – Four out of Five English lessons per week take place in the design suite for many of our learners.
- *Literacy Resources* – Comprehension, reading and writing materials such as *Heroes*, *ActivTeach*, *Barrington-Stokes series* and *SMART Skills Booster packs*.
- Teacher planning aids – such as The Collins Reading and Writing Planning Aids
- *Additional Functional Maths* – Extra-curricular lessons to study numeracy in practical situations
- *Emotional literacy lessons for vulnerable students whose attainment might be affected by mental health and well-being issues.*
- *Outreach support to feeder primaries.*

Record of Year 7 Catch Up Funding Spend by item / project			
Item / Project	Cost	Objective	Outcome
Small group classes	£20,000	Raise attainment in Literacy and Numeracy through greater teacher contact	An outstanding year for the impact of the Catch up Premium in both English and Maths. 85% of students eligible for the Catch up Premium progressed to meet expected. In Maths, 84% of the target group met expected progress.
Additional Specialist Adult Support	£10,000	Raise attainment in Literacy and Numeracy through greater teacher contact	
Homework Clubs	£1,000	To provide additional supervised support for students with homework issues	
Literacy/Humanities	£6,000	Raise attainment in Literacy and Numeracy through greater teacher contact	
Resources (See previous page)	£2,000	Improve reading, comprehension and maths skills	
Additional Functional Maths	£2,000	To improve application skills of practical maths	
Accelerated Learning Evening	£200	To inform and support parents of maths and literacy techniques used in school	
Total	£41,200		

Total Year 7 Catch Up Funding Received	£26,000
Total Year 7 Catch Up Funding Expenditure	£41,200
Year 7 Catch Up Funding Remaining	(£15,200)

Implications for next allocation of Year 7 Catch Up Funding

Catch up funding will be used to fund the already outstanding teaching provision. The Academy is committed to raising the attainment of all students and has particular focus on those in receipt of the Catch up premium.

An additional weekly lesson of emotional literacy will be continued in 2016/2017 for those students whose attainment might be affected by mental health and well-being issues.

Expert teachers in below level 4 literacy will liaise and support out local feeder primaries to raise standards and to support early intervention strategies during 2016/2017.