

YEAR 7 CATCH UP FUNDING

The Year 7 Catch Up Funding is a Government initiative that provides additional funding designed to target resources on those students who have not achieved level 4 or above in Reading and/or Maths. It is estimated that the Department for Education (DfE) provides us with an additional £500 per student so that we can deliver extra support to help these students to “catch up”.

The school first received Catch Up Funding on 16th April 2014 and to date (February 2015) we have been allocated £20,500.

Overview of the school. Number of Pupils and Catch up Premium received

2013-14

Total number of students on roll	207
Total number of students eligible for catch up premium	33
Total number of pupils below L4 in English on entry to Year 7	10
Total number of pupils below L4 in Maths on entry to Year 7	33

2014-15

Total number of students on roll	216
Total number of students eligible for catch up premium	24
Total number of pupils below L4 in English on entry to Year 7	8
Total number of pupils below L4 in Maths on entry to Year 7	20

Nature of support overview

1. Appointment of English Progress Champion full time and additional English Teacher part time to deliver small group and one to one support.
2. Maths teacher timetabled to deliver small group work.
3. Additional resources purchased for Maths and English catch up sessions.
 - a. Maths purchased student work books and teacher pack from Birmingham Maths Team.
 - b. English purchased punctuation prompt.
4. Smaller sets in year groups for below L4 on entry enabling targeted literacy and numeracy work.

5. Literacy work undertaken by our FBA Literacy Co-ordinator
 - a. Creation of Literacy boxes
 - b. Form time activities
 - c. Reading partners 2013-14 – buddying up Year 7 with Year 10 students
 - d. Creation of Literacy Leaders Club – students who work with Year 7 during form time
 - e. PIP meeting on Literacy 2013-14, 2014-15
 - f. Working with support staff to increase update of Reading Club for Year 7's after school.
6. DEAR sessions. (Drop Everything And Read)
7. Testing of students on entry for Reading Age - all students who are in the lowest 2 sets. If they are below 9 – 12 months of their reading age then they have additional reading support and are tested every 6 months.
8. Buddy reading – a part of E3 reading project in the 6th Form. The E3 project – students will be doing approximately 20 minutes reading with each girl per fortnight. They will work in the library and talk to them about reading. The 6th Formers have log books to fill in which can be seen via the Sixth Form Administrator. This is limited though because of matching Year 7 and 8 girls to the periods when E3 is timetabled.
9. Literacy Training for all staff.

English

Year 7 2013-14

1 or 2 sessions per week

The students worked through a skills based scheme on ancient Egypt and then worked towards producing their own theme part with writing to instruct/inform/persuade.

Year 7 2014-15

2 sessions per week

The students worked through a skills based scheme targeting both reading and writing through autobiography.

Maths

Year 7 2013-14 Year 7 2014-15

Girls grouped in 2's or 3's and were seen by the maths catch up teacher for 1 session per week. The students worked through a variety of numeracy topics to reinforce and develop skills and promote confidence.

Impact of Catch up premium spending

Year 7 for 2013-14

	Whole Year 7 2013-14	Year 7 Catch up 2013-14
% of pupils making expected progress in English	84%	80%
% of pupils making expected progress in Maths	97%	97%

