

Literacy and Numeracy Catch-up funding

What is it?

The literacy and numeracy catch-up premium gives schools additional funding from the Department of Education to support our Year 7 pupils who did not achieve the 'expected standard' in reading and/or mathematics at the end of key stage 2 (KS2).

What we do?

We assess the individual needs of each of the students who attract the Year 7 catch-up premium to decide the best way to use the funding. We carefully monitor the progress of all our students and design a range of programmes and approaches that we know are effective.

	Number of students 'not at standard' in English	Number of students 'not at standard' in Maths
2018-19	38	39
2019-20	48	35

How do we do it?

- All Year 7 students follow 'Accelerated Reader' a programme that supports students in reading, enjoying and understanding texts
- All students are supported in their English and mathematics classes by highly skilled support staff
- Most students are taught English and mathematics in a small nurture group by a specialist teacher and teaching assistant
- Some students access a phonics programme to support them with their reading and writing skills
- If students are identified as not making appropriate progress, they can access small group intervention in English and mathematics

What is the impact in 2018-20?

- Students' reading progress is tracked through the completion of regular reading test. All students improved the reading ages over the intervention period.

2018-19	Average Reading Age on entry	Average Reading Age at the end of the intervention period	Improvement
All year 7	10 years 7 months	11 years 6 months	11 months
Catch-up Funding	8 years 8 months	9 years 9 months	13 months
2019-20	Average Reading Age on entry	Average Reading Age in Dec 2019	Improvement
All year 7	10 years 9 months	11 years 2 months	5 months
Catch-up Funding	8 years 9 months	9 years 6 months	9 months

- Students' are regularly assessed and their progress is reviewed against the performance of similar ability students.

	Number of students working above the average % result for similar ability students	
	English	Maths
2018-19	10 students	16 students
2019-20	16 students	17 students