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Year 7 Literacy & Numeracy Catch-Up Premium

In January 2013 the government launched an initiative to provide additional funding to schools for each Year 7 student who did not achieve an expected standard in the Key Stage 2 National Curriculum tests in reading and/or mathematics. The purpose of this funding is to enable schools to deliver additional support, such as individual tuition or intensive support in small groups, for pupils who need it most.

In the academic year 2018-19 we will receive the same overall amount of year 7 catch-up premium funding we received in 2017-18, adjusted to reflect the change in the size of our year 7 cohort, based on the October census (2017: 231 students; 2018: 240 students). In 2017/18 we received £22,397 and in 2018/19 we will receive £23,270.

Funding is all allocated to current staffing, providing additional LSA support both inside and out of the classroom. Interventions provided as a result of the funding included

- An extended transition period in joining the academy – all Year 6 students join us for the last week of the summer term and we offer transition clubs to students who need to build their confidence and to enable us to assess the specific needs of students falling into the Literacy and Numeracy Catch-up group.
- The use of Lexia and subsequent 1:1 follow up work with LSAs
- Catch up literacy and numeracy programmes delivered by fully trained LSAs
- The SEN team run sessions in Sound Discovery (a phonics programme); Catch-up Literacy and run bespoke programmes tailored to individual student need.
- The funding for Maths Catch Up training for 2 LSAs.

Impact:

At the end of Year 7 in 2017-18 86% of the students for whom the funding was provided were within one grade of their aspirational target (FFT5) in English and 82% in Maths.