

## **Year 7 Catch Up Premium Report 2016/17**

Catch up funding is paid to schools in order to support the teaching of students who have not achieved the expected standards in Reading and/or Math's when they left their primary school. It aims to raise achievement in these areas by enabling the school to strengthen the provision already in place, as well as putting in place individual support programmes. For the school year 2016/2017 the school received £11,538 in Catch Up funding for Year 7. This was paid for a total of 51 students who were identified as having not achieved the expected standard in at least one of Reading or Maths. Of these students, 31 had not achieved the expected standard in both of those areas. Due to the change in the testing procedures in year 6 and the higher standards expected of students, this was a significant increase on the number of students identified in previous years.

Information from our feeder Primary Schools regarding the pupils moving to Secondary School in 2016-17, including relevant SEN information, was used alongside the score from the Year 6 SAT's was used to identify the students who needed the highest level of support in order to develop their Maths and English skills. A group of 20 students was identified and those students were taught together in a teaching group that was smaller than others in the year group. In Maths and English, this group was targeted so that it was taught by an experienced teacher from those departments. This teaching group also received full time Teaching Assistant support across all subjects, and the provision of this support was enhanced by the recruitment of a Teaching Assistant from one of our larger feeder Primary Schools. This TA had previously both supported and delivered interventions to a number of these students and her recruitment allowed for continuity of literacy support as the pupils entered Year 7.

The students in this teaching group all had access to two online packages that were used for intervention purposes:

- LEXIA is an on-line program which develops reading and literacy skills. Student's use of the program is monitored regularly and if difficulties in any area are identified, these are then addressed by more intensive work or by 1-1 intervention. LEXIA can be used at home as well as in school. Students had access to Lexia through their ipads.
- Mymaths is a web based math's program that the school has bought into for a number of years. The team behind Mymaths have increased the number of basic numeracy activities available in recent years, and these are now being used to create individualised numeracy programs for a number of students. Again, this can be used to support Math's work at home.

The school's curriculum model is designed to meet the needs of all students through Quality First Teaching. In 2016-17, the year 7s were taught in four distinct teaching groups, divided up according to their ability. This enables the teachers of those groups to adapt their teaching styles and to target the content of the lessons appropriately for the ability level of the students in those groups. The teaching of students identified by Catch up funding was monitored by the school SENCO as part of the schools ongoing monitoring of teaching.

The progress of all students is monitored at three assessment rounds each year to ensure that progress was being made. Where students are not making progress, consideration is given to appropriate additional support work. For all students in the catch up cohort, regardless of their teaching group, this could take the form of additional one to one or small group support focusing on:

- Reading intervention and phonic based work (including Lexia)
- Interventions targeting inference skills in order to develop comprehension (including Rapid Plus, an online program focusing on inference and comprehension skills.)
- Additional numeracy support, (including mymaths)

Interventions are planned so that students do not miss either Maths or English lessons but are withdrawn from other curriculum subjects for additional literacy/numeracy support.

Our interventions are continually under review so that we can ensure that they have made a positive difference to pupils. We regularly look at some alternative activities and interventions currently being suggested by experts in the field. These will feed into our future planning of interventions

#### **Record of Progress made by students identified as being in the catch up cohort 2016-17**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Cohort size</b>	<b>Below track</b>	<b>On track</b>	<b>Above track</b>
<b>English</b>	39			100%
<b>Maths</b>	43		14%	86%