

Year 7 literacy and numeracy catch-up premium

The School allocation for the academic year 2016-17 was £15,954. In total the school had 35 pupils eligible to benefit from this funding.

Summary of Key Strategies 2016-17:

Literacy:

- Intensive small group reading booster programme – 9 hours per fortnight for phonics from November to March (9 x 1 hour sessions withdrawn from non-core timetable lessons)
- Intensive small group spelling programme – 9 hours a fortnight for spelling from March to July (9 x 1 hour sessions withdrawn from non-core timetable lessons)

Numeracy:

- Intensive number skills booster programme – one to one support with each student having 2 hours per fortnight (4 x half hour sessions as a breakfast club).
- Use of 6th form Maths Ambassadors where Ambassadors work 1:1 with non-secondary ready pupils to accelerate their progress.

Expenditure 2016-17:

- Teaching Assistant 1 Phonics/Spelling (salary part funded) £5450
- Teaching Assistant 2 Phonics/Spelling (salary part funded) £5450
- Teaching Assistant 3 – Numeracy (salary part funded) £5040

Impact of Intervention Strategies 2016-17:

Numeracy:

- Students' before and after test results in maths were compared. There was a statistically significant 25% average improvement in the numeracy test scores for those receiving support.
- There were consistently positive responses to the Student/Parent/Carer voice questionnaires on numeracy support.

- Students practised their basic numeracy skills with an extended focus on using basic skills and applying them to worded problems.

Literacy:

- Students worked intensively with literacy support staff for 4 months. The reading age for targeted students showed an average of 42 months gain over this period. This showed value for money, as each month of progress for each student cost £7.41.
- The spelling age for these students showed an average of 27 months gain over the same period. This also showed value for money, as each month of progress for each student cost £11.50.
- Literacy Evening “*Celebration of Success*” events were attended by 75%+ of parents, carers and students.

Summary of the Catch-Up Focus for 2017/18

- The funding for 2017/18 is £17,800 and there are 46 students eligible for support. The school will continue with the successful strategies used in 2016/17, including:
- Targeted literacy intervention in both the reading and phonics groups.
- Continued use of 6th form Ambassadors in maths.
- Intensive number skills booster programme for numeracy.