



Year 7 literacy and numeracy catch-up premium

Background

The Year 7 Catch-up Premium is a government initiative to help raise achievement of targeted students. Previously additional funding has been provided at the rate of £500 per student for each Year 7 student who has not achieved a level 4 in reading and/or maths at Key Stage 2. In 2016-17, funding to RGS was allocated on the basis that they receive the same overall amount of Year 7 catch-up premium funding we received in 2015 to 2016, adjusted to reflect the percentage change in the size of our Year 7 cohort between the October 2015 and the October 2016 school censuses

The money is used to deliver additional tuition, intensive support in small groups and other initiatives to improve literacy and numeracy. Students at Reading Girls' School receive interventions throughout Key Stage 3 to ensure they are making progress with regards to their annual target grades. Neither the government nor any government agency has dictated how the money should be spent.

The Year 7 Catch-up Programme aims to effectively target the students with specific additional support strategies alongside integrated whole school systems designed to benefit every student. The strategies, systems and procedures outlined in this report are a sample of some of the key initiatives undertaken. The key to narrowing the gap between the highest and lowest achieving students is careful and thorough monitoring/tracking of student attainment and progress. This is done through various targeted strategies that focus on students who need support in order to have better access to the whole curriculum.

2015-16 Catch-up Funding Impact Statement

2015-16 Allocated Budget: £7500

Desired Outcome	Chosen Action/ Approach	Estimated Impact: Did we meet the success criteria?	Lesson Learned (and whether we would continue with this approach)	Cost
100% of students identified as a Level 3 in English at the beginning of Year 7 achieve Level 4 equivalent by the beginning of Year 8	Literacy Intervention group based delivered by Teaching Assistant	66% of the target group achieved the equivalent of a Level 4	Intervention needs to be very specific, with trained staff able to provide a high level input, to unpick the issues that struggling learners face.	£5500



100% of students identified as a Level 3 in Maths at the beginning of Year 7 achieve Level 4 equivalent by the beginning of Year 8	Grouped together as a Maths set with a focus on the use of Numicon to raise outcomes	46% of the target group achieved the equivalent of a Level 4 by the beginning of Year 8	Intervention was not targeted and delivered as part of a whole-class approach. Intervention needs to be very specific to need, with staff trained to provide a high level input.	£2500
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2016-17 Allocated Budget: £8690

Action	Desired Outcome	Cost
Train two Teaching Assistants to deliver the Catch Up® Literacy and Numeracy Programme	<p>Teachers will be able to specialise in delivering the following Programme to ensure 100% of the target group are at Level 4 equivalent by the end of Year 7:</p> <p><i>Catch Up Literacy is a book-based reading intervention which enables struggling readers to achieve more than double the progress of typically developing readers.</i></p> <p><i>Catch Up Numeracy is an intervention which addresses 10 key components of numeracy and enables learners who struggle with numeracy to achieve more than double the progress of typically developing learners.</i></p>	£1080
Purchase Catch Up® specific resources graded into 12 levels of difficulty, to help teachers and classroom assistants easily select books and other resources appropriate for individual children. Each book is graded to Catch Up® criteria, including the number of words on a	The aim is to provide struggling readers with books that they can read with a high degree of success and improve engagement in the Catch Up programme	£100



page, high frequency words and repetition.		
Delivery of Catch Up® Literacy and Numeracy Intervention Programme to targeted students by specialist Teaching Assistants	Reading Age improves by at least 1 year 6 months over the school year. Numeracy Age improves by at least 1 year 6 months over the school year. All students in the target group at Level 4 equivalent by the end of Year 7	£7510