

Literacy and Numeracy Catch Up Premium

During the academic year 2020/2021 the school received £24,106 towards supporting students in meeting national expectations in literacy and numeracy. The school uses this funding and additional funding allocated to catch up in the following ways. This funding used to be ring fenced for year 7 pupils but is now used as catch up provision for whole school effect of school closures due to the pandemic. The school as topped up the allocation with an addition amount of £15000.

Strategy	About
Purchasing of the accelerated reader scheme to ensure reading progress is promoted throughout key stage 3.	All Key stage 3 pupils have a dedicated Drop Everything And Read (DEAR Time) period each day whereby they choose from a wide range of accelerated reader books and then take a test to ascertain their reading age.
Targeting 1 to 3 sessions in English for students with the lowest KS2 or key stage 3 baseline assessment scores.	We have linked with Connex education to take advantage of government subsidies for tutoring. We offer tutoring in school in English Maths and Science to all year groups. Disadvantaged pupils make up 75% of these tutoring groups.
Intervention sessions in Maths and English are offered externally by Kip McGrath to year 11 students most need of progress boosters.	Students who have been identified by in school tutors as needing extra sessions externally to school have been enrolled in Kip McGrath programmes to boost progress in English or Maths. These programmes last 11 weeks and are designed to prepare students for their November mocks in these subjects.
Providing support and materials at form time for our year 7 intake who are based with a Maths or English form tutor.	Pupils are allocated an English or Maths form tutor on their arrival into year 7 based on their greatest need. These tutors then deliver targeted sessions during form time.
Purchasing of a laptop additional to the ones provided through the government scheme to ensure that pupils can access our blended learning offering.	We purchased and delivered 15 laptops costing £4050. These were allocated to pupils in years 7 and 8 who had no computer at home and were current up previous recipients of catch up funding.
Providing support and materials at form time for our year 11 pupils who are based with a Maths or English form tutor.	The greatest need has been identified by the heads of the English and Maths faculty and all pupils have been placed in a subject specific form group. This allows these pupils extra time with these subject staff to make progress.

A Summer School was held for our year 7 intake in July 2021	54 of our year 7 intake attended our summer school which had a literacy and numeracy focus. These pupils were able to benefit from extra transition time which was cut short by school closures caused by the Covid pandemic.
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These activities are designed to target our support for students who need it in order to access the key stage 3 and 4 curriculums.

Impact

- 144 Pupils have received 12 weeks tutoring in English or Maths.
- 122 Pupils are currently receiving tutoring in English or Maths.
- 15 students have received laptops who did not previously have them to access school systems for homework such as Microsoft teams and GCSE Pod.
- 241 Pupils (year 7/11) are receiving extra support during form time for English or Maths.
- 10 year 11 Pupils are attending a programme at Kip McGrath for English or Maths
- 54 year 7 Pupils attended our summer school.