



Literacy and Numeracy

Catch-up premium 2015-2016

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“Year 7 catch-up funding (government funding for those pupils entering secondary school with below average standards in English and mathematics) is helping to improve pupils’ literacy and mathematical skills well”.

“The school is promoting reading well. There are regular library lessons for younger pupils and a good choice of books to encourage pupils to read widely. Pupils say they enjoy reading. Computer systems are used to promote reading and check pupils’ understanding. Pupils were highly commended by the Speaker of the House of Commons for their work in helping to design the school library.”

The literacy and numeracy catch-up premium gives schools additional funding to support year 7 pupils who did not achieve at least level 4 in reading and/or maths at the end of key stage 2 (KS2).

The school was allocated £12,875 for Year 7 Literacy and Numeracy catch up Premium funding.

How we spent the allocation of funds during 2015-16:

Literacy Catch up

The school uses its literacy catch up funding in a number of ways:

- Maintain additional literacy time in the curriculum for a cohort of Y7 students. Students in Year 7 receive 7 hours of English
- Support of e-readers for library for targeted intervention
- Maintain a programme of small group withdrawal sessions to support students in English
- Continue to fund an intensive programme for the teaching of reading
- Purchase kindles to engage students particularly boys in reading
- Part fund a suite of ipads to support the reading tests

Future spending 2016-2017

We intend to spend this year's allocation by:

- *Embed the use of Sumdog software to support students*
- **Expanding** *a programme of small group withdrawal sessions to support students in maths*
- *Maintain additional literacy time in the curriculum for a cohort of Y7 students. Students in Year 7 will continue to receive 7 hours of English a week compared to the 3 hours for the rest of Year 7*
- *Support of e-readers for library for targeted intervention by purchasing additional reading material*
- *Maintain a programme of small group withdrawal sessions to support students in English*
- *Continue to fund an intensive programme for the teaching of reading*