

Year 7 Catch Up Premium – 2016-2017 Review

Catch up funding is an additional grant awarded by the DfE to schools so that they can accelerate the progress of students who arrive in Year 7 with prior attainment data below a level 4/expected standard in English reading and / or maths. We received £500 per student. We select programmes that we know are effective. From 2016-17 the amount per student has decreased.

Each year there is a cohort of students that are significantly below level 4 / not meeting expected standard on entry for English and maths, but may also have additional special education needs. These students, follow an alternative curriculum that focuses on the development of literacy and numeracy skills within the school. (VA and P8 affected as these students do not necessary fill a P8 curriculum)

We have a strong belief that quality first teaching is the priority to support students to improve their skills. Emphasis is placed on improving and investing in teaching and learning to ensure students get taught by a quality teacher rather than be withdrawn for intervention/ catch up.

In 2016-2017 Abraham Guest Academy/Dean Trust Wigan was allocated £11,161.00 in funding as part of the Year 7 catch up initiative. Year 7 catch-up funding provides an additional £500 for every student who has not achieved Level 4 in reading and/or mathematics at Key Stage 2. This funding aims to help these students to 'catch up' with their peers during their first few years at the school.

Catch-Up Funding Amounts:

Year	Amount
2013/2014	£14,500
2014/2015	£10,000
2015/2016	£14,000
2016/2017	£11,161

Impact of funds during 2016-2017:

The impact of the expenditure on the attainment of pupils is demonstrated as follows:

Y7 Catch-Up Cohorts

@ Review Point 1 (start of Y7)

Catch-Up Cohort	
English	
% Below	58%
% On Track	42%
% Above	0%
Maths	
% Below	46%
% On Track	50%
% Above	4%

@ Review Point 3 (end of Y7)

Catch-Up Cohort	
English	
% Below	13%
% On Track	45%
% Above	42%
Maths	
% Below	29%
% On Track	67%
% Above	4%

How we allocated the 2016-2017 Catch-Up Funding:

Literacy

Our literacy provision is constantly evolving. At present we are utilising the following interventions to improve the literacy skills of our below level 4/ not at expected standard cohort:

- ✓ Catch-Up Peer Reading
- ✓ Sounds Write
- ✓ Stairway to Spelling
- ✓ Handwriting

There are many benefits for our students in engaging with these interventions and they include:

- ✓ Increase progress and improve overall attainment
- ✓ Motivate and engage students
- ✓ Foster independence
- ✓ Encourage students to read for pleasure
- ✓ Develop confidence
- ✓ Personalised intervention packages appeal to students' personal interests
- ✓ Students directly involved in progression monitoring and self-assessment – creates ownership of learning
- ✓ Close the gap in attainment between girls and boys
- ✓ Close the gap in attainment between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged students
- ✓ Ensure students are able to fully access and understand exam material
- ✓ Fully prepare all students for the challenges of new GCSE Curriculum

Numeracy

Our numeracy provision ensures additional support for our below level 4 students through intensive support in small groups or one-to one support for those students that need it most.

Teaching these identified pupils is through a bespoke curriculum which is designed to develop confidence in the key number concepts as a significant amount of time in Year 7 Autumn and Spring terms are devoted to building their competency skills, which will affect their success in other areas of mathematics and therefore their progress. The program has helped to engage students by using visual models to deepen understanding of mathematics concepts.