

Year 7 Catch-Up Premium 2015 2016 Report (including plans for 2016-17)

What is the Year 7 Catch-Up Premium?

The Year 7 Catch-Up Premium is a stream of funding that a school receives in addition to core funding. 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. Schools receive an additional £500 for each pupil in their Year 7 intake who fulfil this criteria.

The headteacher on behalf of the Governing Body can decide how that funding is spent and is accountable for ensuring it has maximum impact.

How much does the Academy receive?

For the academic year 2015-2016, the allocation for St Matthew Academy was £16,000 based on 32 pupils (22 % of the intake).

How did we use the Catch-Up Premium?

The Catch-Up Premium at St Matthew Academy was used to fund a range of pupil support activities and interventions in Year 7. The year 7 pupils identified as not achieving the expected Level 4 in English and/or Maths at the end of Key Stage 2 were supported in a variety of ways as follows:

- Extending provision for Teaching Assistants to increase our capacity to meet the range of needs in Year 7
- Running after school homework clubs especially for lower ability pupils
- Reducing the size of English, Maths and Humanities groups by splitting the year into 7 groups
- Specialist EAL support
- SENCO and specialist Teaching Assistant support for teachers to develop more resources for those working below Level 4.

What impact did the Catch -Up premium have?

Literacy

- 48% of pupils (11 out of 24) achieved the equivalent of level 4 or above in English by the end of year 7.
- 7 of the pupils who achieved the equivalent of level 4 or above in English entered the academy with levels far below Level 4 (B or N).
- Of the 13 pupils who did not achieve the equivalent of level 4 in English by the end of year 7, 7 had achieved level 4 by October of Year 8.
- This leaves 6 pupils who had not reached level 4 by October of Year 8. All 6 pupils have English as an additional language and are in the early stages of English language acquisition.

Numeracy

- 44% of the pupils (12 out of 27) achieved the equivalent of level 4 or above in Maths by the end of year 7.
- 4 of the pupils who achieved the equivalent of level 4 or above in Maths entered the academy with levels far below Level 4 (B or N).
- Of the 15 pupils who did not achieve the equivalent of level 4 in Maths by the end of year 7, 14 had achieved level 4 by October of Year 8. The one pupil who had not yet achieved the equivalent of a level 4, had, however, improved her ranking by 6 places, by October of Year 8.

Plans for 2016-17

The Year 7 Numeracy and Literacy Catch up funding for 2016-17 is expected to be £15,811 and this will be used to fund pupils not achieving the expected Level 4 in English and/or Maths at the end of Key Stage 2, through a range of activities and interventions in year 7.