



Year 7 Catch-up Premium

2016 – 2017 Report (Including plans for 2017 – 2018)

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 a score of 100 in Reading and/or Maths, meaning that they were classified NS (not at expected standard) at the end of Key Stage 2. The Head Teacher 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 2016-2017, the allocation for St Matthew Academy was £15,811 based on 61 out of 153 pupils (40% of the intake) not reaching AS in Reading and 35 pupils out of 154 (23%) not reaching AS in Maths. 24 pupils out of 154 (16%) did not achieve the grade of AS in both Reading and Maths.

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 AS grade in Reading and Maths at the end of Key Stage 2 were supported in a variety of ways as follows:

- The implementation of Lexia, a computer based reading scheme to support pupils with low reading ages and poor phonetic awareness
- Running of after school homework clubs
- Specialist teacher provided targeted English and Maths support for pupils in a nurture group to facilitate progress
- Employment of extra English teacher to carry out extra literacy sessions alongside the English curriculum for all identified students
- Reducing the size of maths groups by splitting the year into 7 groups

What impact did the Catch-up Premium have?

Literacy

- 29% of pupils who had the Lexia intervention improved their reading age by 1 – 2 years by the end of year 7.
- 29% of pupils who received Lexia interventions improved their reading age by 2 or more years by the end of year 7.
- 11.6% of pupils who had achieved neither AS (at standard) in Reading or Maths at the end of KS2 had reached the expected standard by the end of year 7.
- 4 pupils who had not reached the AS by the end of year 7 and were in the Nurture group were either EAL or EHCP/Statemented and 3 of these pupils entered the Academy far below the expected grade.

Numeracy

- 98.3% of the pupils achieved the equivalent of AS grade in Maths by the end of year 7.
- 41.7% of pupils improved their rank grade and moved up into higher sets.
- One severely autistic pupil on an EHCP did not achieve the equivalent of AS grade by the end of the year. This pupil made excellent progress in terms of their ability (3 sub-levels) but did not reach the required standard.

Plans for 2017 – 2018

The Year 7 Numeracy and Literacy Catch-up funding for 2017-2018 is expected to be £9,467 and this will be used to fund pupils not achieving the expected AS level in English and/or Maths at the end of Key Stage 2, through a range of activities and interventions in year 7.

How we will use the Catch-up Premium

To support 51 out of 101 pupils who are recognised as not achieving AS in Reading at the end of Key Stage 2 by:

- Employing an additional TA to run reading and writing interventions after school and support in class
- To ensure that TAs are trained on how to deliver guided reading

To support 50 out of 101 pupils who are recognised as not achieving AS in Maths at the end of Key Stage 2 by:

- Specialist TAs working in liaison with the Maths department and Inclusion team to ensure that identified students receive support after school in terms of homework club and targeted maths interventions
- To renew the licence for Lexia