

Marjory Kinnon Year 7 Catch-Up Premium

Introduction

Year 7 Catch-Up funding was introduced in 2013 for all Year 7 pupils achieving below Level 4. Each pupil achieving below Level 4 was allocated £500 to help support achievement in Literacy and Numeracy in particular. Last academic year (2016/17) we received £11,500 based on a population of 23 pupils; this academic year (2017/18) it is anticipated we will receive £9,000 based on a population of 18 pupils.

Year 7 Catch-Up Funding 2016/17

All of our 2016/17 Year 7 population (23 pupils) had complex learning difficulties of which 7 also had a diagnosis of ASD, whilst many others had specific learning difficulties relating to speech and language. All of our pupils operate at below age related expectations in both literacy and numeracy.

In 2016/17 we used the funds to:

- Employ a dedicated 1:1 teaching assistant to support more complex pupils in core skills.
- Improve facilities in KS3 to better engage reluctant readers.
- Purchase a wider range of reading materials.
- Increase the number of Maths and English interventions carried out by trained staff.
- Purchase and run Read Write Inc as specific interventions for Year 7 catch up.

In July 2017, 90%% of Year 7 pupils made expected progress or above in English, with 45% exceeding expectations. In Maths, 88 % made expected progress or above, with 30% exceeding expectations.

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Year 7 Catch-Up Funding 2017/18

Although the funding has not been received for 2017/18 we are planning to offer specific interventions for writing and to further develop our in-house library of literature specifically for teenagers.

We are also training all our teaching assistants to deliver literacy catch up sessions to Year 7 pupils and to develop an aspect of Maths Mastery as a Year 7 intervention.

For questions or more information on how the Year 7 Catch-Up funding will be used in the next academic year please contact Kevin Smith, Deputy Head Teacher.