



Cardinal Pole Catholic School

Cardinal Pole Catholic School Year 7 Catch-Up Funding for Literacy and Numeracy 2014-16

What is catch-up funding and who is it for?

Literacy and Numeracy Catch-up funding was introduced by the government in 2013 to support year 7 pupils who achieved level 3 or below in reading and/or Mathematics at the end of key stage 2. Schools receive a premium of £500 for each Year 7 student who has not achieved these levels up to a maximum of £500 per pupil. The funding is used exclusively to help those students attain at least Level 4 in reading and maths by the end of Year 7. It is a well-researched and documented fact that pupils who do not have a good command of basic literacy and numeracy skills and concepts achieve less well than their peers. It is to address this disadvantage that literacy and numeracy funding has been, and continues to be used to fund a range of initiatives in Year 7.

How much catch-up funding will the school receive in 2015/16 and how will it be spent?

In 2015/16 the school spent the catch-up funding was spent to help support the following activities:

- Providing additional English and maths tuition to eligible students. Each student will receive one hour of English and/or maths tuition a week in small groups of two
- Providing materials for the above
- Providing targeted reading and maths interventions through the use of Graduate Achievement Coaches
- Providing the LIT Programme for weaker readers, including the training of teachers who will deliver the programme
- The Accelerated Reader online reading intervention programme for pupils in Years 7 and 8
- Providing additional teaching time and support through our Graduate Achievement Coaches.

What will the impact be on eligible pupils?

The attainment of students who enter Year 7 Level 3 or below in reading or Maths will be measured at every assessment point, that is, in December, March and June. Pupils who demonstrate secure attainment at Level 4 or above at any assessment point may be taken off the programme.

How much catch-up funding did the school receive in 2014/15 and how was it used?

During the academic year 2014/15 the school received catch-up funding of £17,000. This was used to help fund the following initiatives:

- The LIT Programme – a nationally recognised literacy catch-up course with proven results
- The Accelerated Reader programme – an online reading intervention for pupils in Years 7 and 8
- Additional English and maths after-school tuition. Each eligible pupil received one hour of additional tuition per week during the Autumn, Spring and Summer terms in small groups of no more than five in either English or Maths (or in some cases both)
- Providing relevant materials for the above
- Providing additional teaching time and support through our Graduate Achievement Coaches.

What was the impact on attainment for these pupils?

Of the pupils who benefitted from the above catch-up programmes in 2014/15, the impact was as follows:

- 88% of students who entered Year 7 with a reading Level 3 or below, achieved at least Level 4 or above in English by the end of the year
- 68% of students who entered Year 7 with a Maths Level 3 or below, achieved at least Level 4 or above in Maths by the end of the year