

Catch Up Premium Grant and spending: 2016 – 17.

The Year 7 literacy and numeracy catch up premium grant is paid under Section 14 of the Education Act 2002. The secretary of state lays down the terms and conditions on which that grant is paid for the financial year beginning April 1st.

For 2016 – 17 the sum of **£8,879.00** was awarded. This was based on a formula from the EFA which used a basis of allocation to ensure schools receive the same overall amount of Year 7 catch – up premium as they received in 2015 – 16, adjusted to reflect the percentage change in the size of the Year 7 cohort.

We adjusted our Year 7 Pupil admission Number (PAN) to accommodate age range change and commensurate with a 40% reduction in students our CUP was reduced by 40% to £8, 879.00 in total.

In 2016 – 17 this money was used as part of our provision for students who do not meet the expected standard in reading, GPS or maths at Key Stage 2.

In 2016 - 17 the number of students not meeting the expected standard of a score of 100 for maths was 56 students, 33 % of the cohort. The number of students not meeting the expected score of 100 for GPVS is 66, 39% of the cohort.

Activity	Planned Impact	Approximate cost over the year at registration.
Reading buddies, directed and supported reading for Year 7 with students from Year 8 or 9.	To improve literacy skills as measured by reading and spelling tests.	1 member of staff - £1500
Creation of a small group for teaching of maths by a maths HLTA	To improve attainment and progress as measured by comparison between baseline and end of unit test.	1 member of staff £4000
Creation of a small group for teaching of handwriting and English by a specialist teacher.	To improve attainment and progress between baseline and end of unit test using 1 – 9 assessment.	1 member of staff £4000

It should be noted that Catch Up Premium was originally awarded for students who did not meet the expected standard when that was a level 4 (NC) at a value of £500. The expected standard is now a standardised score of 100 which is more challenging to secure. A greater number of students arrive without having secured the expected level / score at KS2 in reading, maths and GPS. The EFA have worked to maintain the size of the allocation but the number of students requiring it is now greater than previously.