

The Year 7 Catch-Up Premium at Wyvern Academy

Principles of the funding

The Literacy and Numeracy Catch-up Premium gives state-funded schools additional funding to support Year 7 pupils who did not achieve the expected standard in reading or maths at the end of Key Stage 2 (KS2). The 'expected standard' is derived from scaled scores achieved by pupils in their Year 6 National Curriculum tests (SATs) in mathematics, English reading English grammar, punctuation and spelling. Each pupil's score is based on their raw score, which is the total number of marks they scored in their tests, based on the number of questions they answered correctly.

The raw scores pupils achieve in the tests are then converted into scaled scores, to ensure that accurate comparisons of performance over time can be made. A scaled score of 100 will always represent the 'expected standard' on the test. Pupils scoring at least 100 will have met the expected standard on the test. The Catch-Up Premium is provided to secondary schools to support them in ensuring that every pupil in Y7 who did not meet 'expected standard' in mathematics or English can be given additional support.

Allocated funding

In 2016-17, Wyvern Academy received £3000 in Catch-up Premium Funding. This amount is now allocated on the basis that schools receive the same overall amount of Year & catch-up as they received in 2015-16 but adjusted to reflect the change in size of the Year 7 cohort between the October censuses.

The Academy will receive its 2017-18 allocation on the 1st March 2018. We anticipate this figure will be around £3000.

Supporting Catch-Up Premium Pupils

Eligible 'Catch-Up Premium' pupils are withdrawn from form / curriculum time and taught intensively for four hours a week within the Learning Support Base. This small group setting enables trained staff (TAs, overseen by the SENDCo) to work with them intensively to develop their skills.

Pupils receive intensive intervention for one term, with a mid-point assessment taking place to ensure that the strategies being employed are effective and allow the teachers to adapt their planning according to each pupil's progress. The groups of pupils eligible are on rotation throughout the year.

In addition to the Learning Support Base bespoke provision, smaller sizes in the lower set classes for English and maths in Year 7 also help to provide the extra support that pupils who are eligible for Catch-Up Premium benefit from.

Allocated Funding 2016-17		Allocated Funding 2017-18 (anticipated)	
£3000		£3000	
Number of eligible pupils		Number of eligible pupils	
English 35	Maths 26	English 27	Maths 22
Funding spent on		Funding spent on	
Lexia software and pupil licenses £2960 Partial funding of specialist staffing (numeracy) for Y6 'Step-up' transition sessions £40		Lexia software and pupil licenses £987 Dynamo Maths £695 Speech Link £ 940 Partial funding for TA delivery of the above £400	

Impact of Catch-Up Premium spending 2016-17

All students using Lexia made progress, on average +0.93 levels over 4 months.

