

Year 7 Literacy and Numeracy Catch-Up Premium

The Priory School receives a literacy and numeracy catch-up premium which is allocated to support all Year 7 students that did not achieve at least level 4 in reading or maths by the time they reached the end of Key Stage 2. The purpose of this premium is to help ensure that any student who did not achieve their potential at Key Stage 2 are not disadvantaged by this. All students are entitled to the same equality of opportunity as their peers by the time they leave compulsory education.

Overview of the school and funding 2016/17

Total number of pupils on role	803
Total number of Year 7 students on role	139
Total amount of funding received	£12,168.00

The Priory School catch-up strategy

To ensure our students are more prepared for their future in education and the process of exams in Key Stage 4, we have timetabled knowledge and skills tests for our Key Stage 3 students on a regular basis. We are fully aware that students identified in this area may find that these tests difficult without additional support. For this reason, we provide Leading Learner's evenings throughout the year aimed at helping to prepare the students for these events. Students' progress is monitored regularly with detailed feedback every six weeks and tests each term.

Gaps in learning have also been identified and for this we have introduced the LEXIA reading programme, which aims to support the assessment and improvement of students reading age supporting their basic literacy skills. A one-to-one maths tutor is also used to support students fill in gaps identified during progress tests.

Students involved with the catch-up fund also have 'reading buddies' where they have allocated time to read literature of their choice. We give students a choice as we want to encourage all our students to read and therefore it must be something they enjoy.

Catch up strategy impact: Literacy/Numeracy

2017/18 The impact so far.....

- All students eligible for catch up funding have started the LEXIA programme and
- Students eligible have started a rotation of 1:1 tuition of maths
- All eligible students attended the Leading Learners session
- We will know by Easter whether they have improved their reading age to align it to their chronological age.

2016/17

- 72% are now on or above expected target
- 90% have complete three or more levels of the LEXIA programme
- 92% of students attended the leading learner's sessions which increased their confidence and knowledge of how to learn in lessons.
- 38% have closed the gap between their reading age and actual age
- All eligible students have taken part in six week intense maths tuition 1:1

2015/16

- 68% of students eligible made at least 2 sublevels or more progress in English in a year
- All eligible students have taken part in six weeks of intense maths tuition 1:1