

Wickersley School and Sports College – Catch Up Funding 2015/16



Context

The Department for Education (DfE) provided additional funding for all students in Year 7 from 2012 onwards, who achieved below their age related expectations at the end of KS2. This additional funding is to be used by schools/academies to provide literacy and numeracy catch-up support for Year 7 students. It is designed to help students catch up as quickly as possible. The literacy and numeracy catch-up premium provides schools with an additional £500 for each year 7 pupil who did not achieve at least level 4 in reading and/or maths at the end of key stage 2.

Total number of students eligible for catch-up premium funding	56 : 2013 -14
	34: 2014 – 15
	36: 2015 – 16
Amount of catch-up premium funding received per student	£500 per student

Wickersley School and Sports College received £28,000 catch up funding for 2013-14, £17,000 for 2014-15 and £18,000 for 2015-2016.

Our Aims

At Wickersley School the funding is being used to meet the following aims:

- To raise attainment in reading age.
- To raise attainment in reading and writing.
- To raise attainment in Maths

Deployment of funding

Specifically, this has involved targeting individual literacy and numeracy needs through specialist led provisions provided in either 1:1 or small groups to support the development of a range of skills to achieve the aims above. To improve reading and writing, pupils were placed into Literacy Catch up lessons which were delivered by our English Faculty. The School has also invested in training for the delivery of Read, Write, Inc. As a result of this training, students were also targeted to participate in this scheme to drive up reading and writing comprehension skills. The funding has also been used to give students 1:1 support through Personalised Learning and also to offer LSA support in English and Maths lessons. Subject specific Learning Mentors were also placed into the English Faculty to offer specific intervention to Year 7 students. Additionally, Subject Specific Learning Mentors were placed into Maths lesson, which has enabled the delivery of the First Class Numeracy programme. All of these strategies have proved very successful with the students and they have had a positive impact on students' progress within Maths and English.

Funding Costs for the academic year 2015-2016

Cost of Read Write Inc Programme for catch up pupils - £12,000

Cost of Personalised learning for catch up pupils - £14,000

Cost of Literacy for catch up pupils - £11,000

Cost of First Class numeracy programme – £9,000

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Impact of 2013-14 Catch Up Premium

	English	Maths	Both English and maths
Number of students identified	16	11	29
Number/Percentage of Students at Level 4 by the end Year 7	16 (100%)	9 (82%)	17 (59%)

Impact of 2014-15 Catch Up Premium

	English	Maths	Both English and maths
Number of students identified	16	11	7
Number/Percentage of Students at Level 4 by the end Year 7	12 (75%)	5 (45%)	2 (29%)

Impact of 2015-16 Catch Up Premium

	English	Maths	Both English and maths
Number of students identified	15	7	13
Number/Percentage of Students at Level 4 by the end Year 7	13 (87%)	4 (57%)	8 (62%) Achieved English 5 (38%) Achieved Maths 5 (38%) Achieved both