

# Catch up Premium Funding

## Background

The literacy and numeracy catch-up premium gives schools additional funding to support Year 7 pupils who did not achieve at least level 4 in reading and/or maths at the end of key stage 2 (KS2). The 2014/15 grant was distributed at £500 per pupil and this level of funding has been maintained for 2015-16.

62 qualifying pupils in January 2015 resulted in the Academy receiving a grant of £31,000 for the academic year 2014/15 and we anticipate receiving a similar amount for 2015-16. These funds are in addition to the main school budget.

We offer a range of interventions, tailored to the needs of each individual student. Students can access more than one type of intervention if required. We offer literacy and numeracy support to students until they are back on track, which in some cases might take more than a year.

## How do we help students catch up in reading?

Students with the greatest need are placed into a Nurture Group. These small groups of students follow a primary style curriculum for a significant part of their week. Specialist primary trained Mathematics and English teachers provide expert teaching to ensure pupils make rapid progress.

Some students are provided with small group, or one to one reading interventions. In some cases, where the student's home language is not English, this is provided by our EAL specialist teachers.

Students participate in special reading schemes to encourage and motivate them. In 2014/15, we used the RapidRead scheme. In 2015/16, we will be using Accelerated Reader.

Trained 6<sup>th</sup> form volunteers act as 'Reader Leaders'. 6th formers meet with students weekly to listen to them read on a one to one basis.

## How do we help students catch up in Mathematics?

As stated above, students with the greatest need are placed in our Nurture Groups to support their progress.

Year 7 students have a dedicated 50 minute lesson per week for numeracy. 'Catch up' students are placed in appropriate small groups with additional support.

Students participate in the 'ttrockstars' scheme, which has a proven track record of success.

Students are provided with small group 'catch up' intervention sessions to help them keep up with their peers.

At Northampton Academy, we recognize that Literacy and Numeracy are fundamental to the success of our students. We spend considerably more than £31,000 supporting our students, however, in 2014/15, the additional funds enabled us to provide:

Intervention	Cost
Literacy and numeracy software and associated teacher training	£1278
26% of the cost of providing a specialist literacy teacher, for small group and individual intervention	£6187
40% of the cost of providing specialist EAL teaching, used for literacy support of EAL students.	23,535
<b>total</b>	<b>£31,000</b>

Outcomes for Eligible students:

	Literacy	Numeracy
Making at least expected progress	92%	90%
Making better than expected progress	84%	57%
On at least a level 4	89%	81%

Support continues for students who did not catch up in year 7.