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 2013/14 grant was distributed at £500 per pupil and this level of funding has been maintained for 2014-15.

Qualifying pupils in January 2014 resulted in the Academy receiving a grant of £37,500 for the academic year 2013/14 and we anticipate receiving a similar amount for 2014-15. These funds are in addition to the main school budget.

Key priorities:

We have used the funding provide early intervention, one to one and/or small group support and personalisation.

Evaluation of 2013/14

Expenditure was as below:

Item	Cost £
Curriculum support, including small group and 1:1 teaching	£35,125
Online literacy and numeracy programmes	£2,375
Total	£37,500

The total number of targeted pupils was 51 for mathematics and 56 for English. Interventions for each pupil were decided on an individual, needs-led basis. This meant that students were able to benefit from more than one intervention at any one time.

Impact

	English	Maths
Percentage of pupils making expected progress	80%	86%
Percentage of pupils making more than expected progress	59%	69%

Use of the funding has enabled a significant proportion of students to make accelerated progress, with 57% and 69% of students now achieving at least level 4 in English or maths respectively.

Plans for 2014/15 for eligible pupils

We anticipate receiving a similar amount of funding for 2014-15. The funding will be used in same way as 2013-14, however, we have reduced the incidence of one to one support and extended small group teaching which proved to be more effective.