

Year 7 Catch Up Premium

In 2017-18 Dagenham Church of England School was allocated £25, 444 in funding as part of the Year 7 Catch Up Premium. The funds are primarily aimed at improving Maths and English levels and provide schools with additional funding for each Year 7 student who did not achieve at least 100+ in Reading +/-or maths at the end of Key Stage 2.

	Reading	Maths
Number of students below <100	52	41
Total funding available	£25, 444	

How was the Year 7 Catch Up Premium spent last year?

At the start of the school year in September, following assessments such as CAT tests and Star reading tests, a detailed analysis of Key Stage 2 information, students are targeted for a variety of literacy and numeracy interventions as follows and the Catch-Up Premium was allocated in the following ways:

- The use of specialist programmes in Literacy (Accelerated Reader & The Hackney Literacy Project)
- The employment of maths graduates to improve numeracy across the school
- Use of Mathswatch for break time and after school intervention
- The employment of specialist EAL LSAs
- The extended hour after-school in the library for students to read, revise and complete their work
- Morning reading programmes
- The purchase of Badger Reading books, books written for specific age ranges but with more accessible content
- EAL withdrawal support

What was the impact?

In 2017-2018 students entered the school below <100 in Reading and in Maths. Students were below in both. The average starting reading age of the students eligible for the funding was 8years 3months. Over a period of 9 months they made an average of 5 months progress. An overall look at the 4 lower achieving sets indicates that students made between 10 months and 3 months progress overall. The class where the average progress was 3 months was a class with a majority of EAL learners, many of whom were new arrivals to the UK. In Maths baseline testing was carried out in the September and following on from results of this, extra support was put into place in the form of a weekly break time and after school intervention led by the Numeracy Coordinator using the online programme Mathswatch. Student progress was closely monitored throughout the year including the summer term assessments and these indicated that 90 % of these students made progress in numeracy.

These outcomes have laid strong foundations for these particular Year 7 students moving into Year 8 and accessing the school's additional provisions during the rest of their learning journey at our school.

How will the Year 7 Catch Up Premium be spent this year?

We are continuing with the following:

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In addition to the above, the premium will be spent on:

- The purchase of non-fiction books targeted at boys in this group who are reluctant readers
- The purchase of the PiXL Unlock App. The intent behind this is to find ways of developing and embedding new vocabulary in early anticipation of the demands of the new GCSE exams.
- Expanding our Star Reading package to ensure that the reading progress of these pupils can be tracked throughout their entire school journey
- Investigating the benefits of the software package LEXIA to assess how it will help to further develop the writing skills of these pupils.
- KS3 Lunchtime intervention twice a week at lunchtime
- The purchase of the PiXL Numeracy App to ensure that we embed the basics with these pupils.