

Year 7 Literacy and Numeracy Catch-up Pupil Premium Funding 2019/20

Every school has a duty to ensure that every individual child is given the best possible chance of achieving their potential. The Government provides Year 7 Literacy and Numeracy Catch Up funding, in addition to standard school funding, to support students in Year 7 who have low attainment in English or Maths when they enter Kingsdown School from Primary School. The amount of funding allocated depends on the number of these. This year we have received **£18,886**. Schools can decide how best to cater for these students.

At Kingsdown we use this funding to intensively work with our students in their first year with us, raising their Maths and English attainment. In addition, the funds are used to pay for training our staff in the delivery of these interventions to ensure they are of both optimum quality and impactful. Last year we used our Year 7 literacy and numeracy catch-up funding for the interventions below. These had good impact on our students' literacy and numeracy development. As a result we are continuing with the same interventions. The funding will therefore be used to support the following this year:

Freshstart Literacy Intervention:- £7,179.59

Students who are assessed as weak in literacy are placed on our Freshstart Literacy Programme. This is a modular programme where students start at different points. They work through an intensive daily intervention for an hour a day which targets the areas they are weak in and raises their skills in these areas. The intervention usually lasts for around 4-6 weeks until the students' levels are raised sufficiently, for some students this is longer. Nationally recognised assessments (before and after) are used to assess their progress. Parents are informed if students are part of this programme. The programme is taught in small groups of between 6-10.

In the 2018/19 cohort 19 Year 7 students were supported in this way. All increased their reading age with an average of a 3-year 2month improvement. All but one improved their baseline score by an average of 15 marks.

Springboard Numeracy Intervention:- £7.179.59

We also offer numeracy intervention for students who are showing weakness in their numeracy skills. Again this is a razor sharp and timely intervention where students are removed from classes for an hour a day over a period of around 4-6 weeks. During these intervention sessions students are given targeted intervention which focusses on their weaker areas and raises these with support. Before and after assessments take place to ensure students' progress is monitored. Parents are informed if students are part of this programme. The programme is taught in small groups of between 6-8.

In the 2018/19 cohort 22 Year 7 students were supported in this way. All increased their numeracy score which was assessed again by a before and after nationally recognised assessment. The average increase was by 28 marks.

Maths Resources- £4,526.82

We have purchased a range of physical Maths resources for our students to use in their Maths lessons. We often find that students who are weaker in Maths often benefit from using physical resources such as counters, blocks and peg boards. We therefore equipped some classrooms with this last year. Funding will be used to ensure all classrooms now have access to these for students to use.