

St Thomas More RC Academy
CATCH UP FUNDING

For 2015-2016, St Thomas More RC Academy received £500 per student of additional funding from the literacy and numeracy catch up premium for each student who had not yet reached a Level 4 in the KS2 tests. The total allocation for the 20 pupils was £10,000. This additional grant has been primarily used to target support in small groups and for individualised provision.

Our Vision

At St Thomas More RC Academy we believe in narrowing the educational attainment gap and want all of our students to achieve highly and fulfil their potential. We believe that the fully inclusive learning environment we provide allows students to grow and develop academically, socially and personally into responsible, caring and confident young people.

Allocation of Catch Up Funding (Financial Year 2015-2016)

Total number of pupils in Year 7	261
Total number of pupils eligible for Year 7 catch up funding.	24 (11 Reading, 16 Maths, of which 4 were both)
Total amount of Year 7 catch up funding received.	£12,000

How we spent the allocation of funds during 2015-2016

The strategies employed during the last academic year included staffing support to enable small group teaching, one on one support, mentoring, literacy intervention programme, extra TA support, the purchase of additional resources and the Accelerated Reader Programme.

Impact Statement

We believe that successful spending should lead to rising standards, the narrowing of the achievement gap and the broadening of opportunities for the most disadvantaged students. It is important that we consider how well we are spending our allocation of the Year 7 catch up funding and also consider how we could spend it more effectively so that achievement gaps are narrowed and indeed ultimately closed.

English

In English, of the 11 students who were part of this target group, by the end of Year 7 only 5 were still below Level 4 and 2 of these students achieved a 3A.

Maths

In Maths, of the 16 students who were part of this target group, by the end of Year 7 only 5 were still below Level 4 and 4 of these were 3A. Of the 2 students who came in at level 2, 1 progressed to Level 3 and 1 to 2A. Of the 14 students who came in at Level 3, 5 made one level of progress (to Level 4) and 3 made two levels of progress (to Level 5.)

The group of students still below Level 4 will remain part of a target group in 2016-2017.

Allocation of Catch up Funding Financial Year 2016-2017

In 2016 the eligibility criteria for catch up funding changed to reflect the changes to end of KS2 assessments. Students are now eligible for catch up funding if they scored less than 100 in Reading and or Maths.

Total number of pupils in Year 7	270
Total number of pupils eligible for Year 7 catch up funding.	67+ 65
Total amount of Year 7 catch – up funding received.	£12,000

How we spent the year's allocation

Alongside the interventions of last year we also increased the focus on Year 7 one to one and small group tuition. The Accelerated Reader Programme was introduced very successfully and had a big impact on reading levels and engagement.

Of the 67 students who were below 100 on entry for Reading, only 3 were below a level 3 for reading and 2 below level 3 for writing at the end of the year.

Of the 65 students who were below 100 for maths at the start of Year 7, 10 were still at Level 3 by the end of Year 7.