

St John's School & Sixth Form College

Year 7 Catch up Funding Plan 2016/17

In 2013 the Government made a commitment to provide additional educational funding to schools for each Year 7 student who had not achieved Level 4 in reading and/or mathematics at Key Stage 2.

Since then each year St John's has received additional funding of £500 for each Year 7 student who did not achieve this benchmark in reading and/or maths at Key Stage 2.

In the academic year 2016/2017 the changes to Key Stage 2 SATs means that schools now receive funding in order to support students who have not achieved the national benchmark score of 100.

The Department for Education website explains that:

In 2016 to 2017 schools will receive the same overall amount of year 7 catch-up premium funding they received in 2015 to 2016, adjusted to reflect the percentage change in the size of their year 7 cohort, based on the October 2016 census.

The allocation for 2015/16 was £10,000. Due to an increase in our cohort size we anticipate receiving a small increase in our allocation for the year 2016/17.

In the current Year 7 cohort:

69 students achieved a score less than 100 in Reading (31 achieved a score of less than 95)

39 students achieved a score less than 100 in Mathematics (19 achieved a score of less than 95)

PLANNED STRATEGIES

- From September 2016 half hour daily Literacy, Numeracy & Reading lessons have been timetabled for every student in Year 7. During this time targeted support is provided for those students who need it.
- In Year 7, 28 students are being given two additional study support lessons per week targeting reading and basic literacy skills, as well as supporting their social integration into St John's community.
- Seven students who failed to meet the required standard in mathematics are being tutored in pairs for 15 minutes, two mornings per week by members of the maths department.
- During the autumn term, we are trialling a two week intensive intervention programme for Maths and English. Students will be withdrawn from lessons every morning and will have additional Maths and English lessons followed by consolidation time. This will then be reviewed with a view to repeating it later on in the year.
- We will once again be running our successful Maths leaders programme in which sixth form students mentor and support Year 7 students to improve their progress in Maths.
- A small group of students from Year 8 and Year 9 will be part of a Literacy Booster programme covering writing skills and focusing on written accuracy in the Autumn term.