

Year 7 Catchup

Catch Up Fund Statement 2016-17

In 2013, the Government introduced the Year 7 Catch-up Fund, this was to enable all secondary schools to help all students who did not achieve at least level 4 in the Key Stage national curriculum (SATS) tests in reading and/or mathematics. Therefore, in 2016-17, schools will receive £500 for each Year 7 student who has not attained an age related least level in reading, writing and/or mathematics at Key Stage 2 national curriculum tests.

Wakefield City Academy strives to attain the highest standards and ensure inclusion and equal access for all learners. A wide range of provision and intervention strategies are offered to enable all learners to engage in learning and do their best. In deciding how we spend the Year 7 Catch-Up Fund, we recognise that not all students took the Year 6 tests and there will be cases where some students currently in Year 7 are not yet working at an age related level and we do not directly receive funding for these students. As such the academy reserves the right to allocate the Year 7 Catch-Up Fund to support any students or groups of students the academy has identified as needing additional support in English or mathematics to achieve improved outcomes in Year 7.

In allocating this fund consideration will be given to those students who:

- Have not attained level and age related in writing, reading and/or mathematics at Key Stage 2 as identified by the national curriculum SATs tests
- Have no SATS test results
- Are currently working below an age related level in lessons
- Have below average verbal and/or quantitative Cognitive Abilities Tests (CAT) scores

Year 7 Catch-Up Fund Related Activities 2015-2016

The academy received Catch-up Funding of £16,500 for the last academic year and the funding was used to provide:

- weekly withdrawal literacy sessions from non-core subjects in year 7
- additional reading programme in tutor time
- additional numeracy programme in tutor time
- 1 to 1 reading before or after academy hours
- 1 to 1 numeracy support before or after academy hours
- accelerated reader
- read, write inc Gold
- dyslexia programmes
- EAL support for students with language difficulties

Year 7 Catch-Up Fund related Activities for 2016-2017

It is anticipated that the academy will receive similar funding to last year adjusted to the percentage change in the Year 7 Cohort. This will be confirmed as soon as the academy receives notification of the funding.

- weekly withdrawal literacy sessions from non-core subjects in year 7
- additional reading programme in tutor time
- additional numeracy programme in tutor time
- withdrawal from English lessons for 1 to 1 literacy/reading support
- 1 to 1 reading before or after academy hours
- 1 to 1 numeracy support before or after hours
- writing intervention sessions
- accelerated reader timetabled lessons and extra-curricular
- dyscalculia support from TAs in small groups
- EAL support for students with language difficulties
- rewards for improved performance/effort/outcomes

Evaluating the Effectiveness 2015-2016

- percentage making 3 levels of progress on entry who were below level 4 maths 67% - an increase of 10% of the previous year
- percentage making 3 levels progress on entry who were below level 4 English 77% - an increase of 7% on the previous year