

## The Mirfield Free Grammar and Sixth Form

### Year 7 Catch Up Premium Strategy for 2017-2018

In 2013, the Government introduced the Year 7 Catch Up Premium to enable schools to intervene with students who did not achieve the expected standard in the Key Stage 2 national curriculum tests. Schools previously received £500 for each student who was recorded at the October census as not having achieved Level 4 in Reading and / or mathematics. However, following the introduction of assessment without levels, school Catch Up funding was scaled to reflect the previous year's financial allocation, balanced with the number in the Year 7 cohort.

In 2016-2017, the MFG received £7500 in Year 7 Catch Up funding, and various reading strategies were used to support Year 7 students who were below expected standards in reading, as well as other targeted students in Year 8 and 9. This year, we expect to receive £7280, and 51 students are below 100 on their KS2 Reading score (29 students below 95). We also need to target numeracy – we have 14 students below 95 on maths KS2; 30 are 95-99). We will supplement the reading Catch Up Premium with Pupil Premium funding.

Aims of the Year 7 Catch Up Plan:

- To support teaching and learning by providing supplementary, targeted support for those students who are not at expected standard in reading and / or mathematics;
- Raise engagement and fluency in literacy and numeracy, including reading for meaning and for pleasure;
- Utilise research to ensure that the interventions are appropriate and effective;
- Work with parents / carers to ensure that intervention is supplemented by home learning support.

#### Catch Up Interventions 2017-2018

<b>Intervention</b>	<b>Projected Cost</b>	<b>Provision</b>	<b>Objective</b>
Accelerated Reader - Reading Engagement (all students Year 7-9)	For 2017-2018 : £4,736 (£14,248 for 3 year licence)	Tracks progress of every Year 7-9 students' reading age through Star Reader tests (3 times per year). Students then choose titles from the LRC at an appropriate level of difficulty and undertake reading / quizzes on books during one / two designated tutorial sessions per week. Students can also access quizzes at break / lunch / form / home.	(To increase the number of students who borrow books from the LRC; therefore promote reading for pleasure and engagement with quizzes which test comprehension. EEF – 3 months impact after 22 weeks).
Lexia Phonics based reading recovery with targeted Year 7 students. Also to be used with students in Year 8 and 9 who are below chronological reading age	For 2017-2018: £3,666 (£11,000 for 3 year licence).	Phonics computer based provision, so focuses on 'learning to read' (word decoding) rather than 'reading to learn'. As students work independently, it is highly personalised and allows supporting teacher / SLA to target specific gaps - following diagnostic analysis of student's gaps in understanding, the Lexia program will also provide lesson plans to provide additional support.	To improve targeted students' reading ages so they match chronological age. (EEF - Phonics based reading strategies have, on average, 4 months impact (though at secondary level they work best alongside reading comprehension strategies).

Numeracy intervention programmes, including Numeracy Ninja and Corbett maths	SLA / teacher salary (not included in costings)	Undertaken in maths and Impact Centre	To ensure that students are fluent in numeracy, and therefore can access the curriculum and attain at least Graduate level on the flight path.
Impact Centre	SLA / teacher salary (not included in costings)	Appointed reading recovery and numeracy support, with SLAs and specialist teaching staff	To improve students' confidence, literacy and numeracy levels so they can fully access the curriculum and attain their potential.
Peer Reading mentors and numeracy support	No cost	6 <sup>th</sup> form students working with Year 7 targeted students	To improve students' confidence and ability to read for meaning; also, to develop numeracy fluency, problem solving and basic skills.
Total	£8402		