

The Mirfield Free Grammar

Year 7 Catch Up Premium Strategy for 2018-2019

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 2017-2018, the MFG received £7280 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, the expected allocation is £7374, and 39 students in Year 7 are below 100 on their KS2 Reading score (23 95 or below). In terms of numeracy, there are 43 students below 100 on maths KS2; 11 are below 95.

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 2018-2019

The Catch Up provision impact will be measured at each 'Creating Futures' data drop and with each Star Reader test. The ultimate aim is to close the reading and numeracy gaps. By the end of the year, the goal is for at least 80% of Year 7 students to be reading at their chronological age or above.

Intervention	Projected Cost	Provision	Objective / Impact
Accelerated Reader - Reading Engagement (all students Year 7-9)	For 2018-2019: £4,736 (£14,248 for 3 year licence)	Tracks progress of every Year 7-9 student's 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 time / tutorial / at home.	Increase the number of students who borrow books from the LRC; promote reading for pleasure and engagement with quizzes which test comprehension. (EEF – 3 months impact after 22 weeks). At least 80% of Year 7 students to be reading at their chronological age or above.
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 2018-2019: £3,666 (£11,000 for 3 year licence).	Phonics computer based provision; 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.	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 Hegarty Maths	SLA / teacher salary (not included in costings)	Numeracy intervention undertaken in maths and tutorial	Ensure that students are fluent in numeracy, and therefore can access the curriculum and attain at least 'Meeting' on the flight path.
Literacy hub lessons	Additional staffing from timetable	Small group intensive work for those students who are significantly below expected reading levels according to KS2 data.	Improve targeted students' reading ages so they match chronological age.
Peer mentors	No cost	Year 9 students working with Year 7 targeted students	Improve students' confidence so they are able to fully access the curriculum.
Total	£8402		

The Catch Up Premium will be supplemented with Pupil Premium funding where required.