

Year 7 Numeracy and Literacy Catch-Up Premium (2018-19)

In 2013 the Government committed to provide annual additional educational funding to schools for each Year 7 pupil who had not achieved level 4 in reading and/or mathematics at Key Stage 2.

Catch-Up Premium (2018 - 2019)

In 2018-19, the allocation for Walthamstow School for Girls was £11,000 based on the 2015-16 allocation from the Department for Education. This additional grant was primarily used to target support in small intervention groups.

Literacy Support

A dedicated Year 7 Literacy catch-up programme was run by a Teacher of Literacy. Students were selected based on their KS2 data on entry and a baseline assessment in English conducted at the beginning of Year 7. The cohort of students were identified for intensive literacy sessions through the programme to ensure all made at least expected progress through Year 7.

The Accelerated Reader programme for all students in Year 7 builds reading skills in a structured programme of reading. This programme is proven (Education Endowment Foundation research) to increase the reading age by between 3-5 months in an academic year. It was overseen by the previous Deputy Headteacher for KS3.

Numeracy Support

We continued with our successful grant funded Mathematics Transition Project (initially grant funded) which employed a dedicated Teacher of Mathematics to teach Year 6 students at our partner schools and identified underachieving Year 7 students at our school. The aim of this project was to tackle the underachievement at the primary level so that we minimise the number of students who enter Year 7 at below level 4. This project continues with two schools involved; Henry Maynard and Green Leaf Primary School.

Impact of Year 7 Catch-Up Funding

The impact of the Year 7 catch-up funding was evaluated through the school's data and assessment tracking systems, where National Curriculum levels and progress were analysed for patterns and trends. Support was adapted at these points, if appropriate, in order to meet individual student's needs.

Progress of Y8 (2019-20) who were Y7 (2018-19)

	Y7 2018-19		Y8 2019-20	
	No of Students	% of cohort	No of Students	% of cohort
Level 4S	140	77.78	173	96.65
Level 4S plus E&M	132	73.33	164	91.62
Level 5S	11	6.11	103	57.54
Level 5 plus E&M	11	6.11	0	0
Level 6S	0	0	4	2.23
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In Y7, 93.8% of this cohort were achieving less than Level 5 with 6.11% achieving a 5 or more including English and Maths. The same cohort, in Y8 2019-20 now have 55% achieving a 5 or more including English and Maths.

Catch-Up Premium 2019 - 2020

Our provisional allocation will be £11,000. The DfE have baselined the allocation to school allocation from the 2015/16 academic year.

As student outcomes were positive last year, the current Year 7 students are following a similar programme to that of the previous cohort, to develop their reading, spelling and literacy skills.