

Literacy and Numeracy Year 7 Catch-up Premium

Catch-up Premium funding is received by Tomlinscote for all students who join us with a Key Stage 2 Level result, below a Level 4 or a score of less than 100, for either English Reading or Maths.

As a school, our belief is that by boosting your child's confidence levels in Literacy and Numeracy, this will enable them to access the whole school curriculum with confidence.

The school has the discretion to spend this money to ensure that identified students are able to make the necessary progress during Year 7.

Allocated Funding for 2017-2018 - £5500

Literacy Interventions:

- Accelerated Reader Programme for all Year 7 & 8 students. Targeted support for students in order to improve literacy levels.
- Employment of an English teacher to focus on small group intervention. A focus here on literacy, support on English skills & reading.
- SNIP: Additional reading comprehension programme for selected students.
- English based resources for the literacy interventions.
- HLTAs hold handwriting groups in Year 7 & 8 to support the development of students' writing.
- Spelling groups for Year 7 & 8 to improve spellings.

We have 3 waves of students who receive targeted support;

- Wave 1 – Students whose vocabulary and skills need developing. They have 1 period a week on a Monday, with an emphasis upon grammar, key skills and reading.
- Wave 2 – Students are taken out of their Japanese lesson to work with our Learning Support Department. Students focus on reading comprehension and developing key literacy skills.
- Wave 3 – Students are taken out of their mainstream English lessons and gain focussed support within a withdrawal group. This mirrors the same scheme of work but in a smaller setting. Students' progress is reviewed half termly.

Numeracy Interventions:

- Employment of an SEN Maths teacher who focuses upon small group work with students who require Numeracy support through additional intervention.
- SEN Maths Teacher and HLTAs hold morning interventions to develop numeracy skills.
- Hegarty Maths Subscription for all Year 7 Maths students.

- Focussed Maths homework tasks for certain students. An emphasis upon developing basic skills. Parental Evening to set the scheme up.
- Ninja Maths Scheme established.

We have 3 waves of students who receive targeted support;

- Wave 1 – Students whose numeracy skills need developing to support their progress in the classroom. They have 1 morning intervention a week, during registration, with an emphasis upon reaffirming their timetables and key numeracy skills.
- Wave 2 – Students are taken out of their mainstream Maths lessons and gain focussed support within a withdrawal group. This mirrors the same scheme of work but in a smaller setting. Students' progress is reviewed half termly.
- Wave 3 – Students work in a 1-1 session with the Maths SEN teacher in addition to a small withdrawal group for Maths. Students may be withdrawn from a different subject to support this.

Evaluation of 2016-2017

Literacy

We will be comparing progress from a baseline assessment in Reading and Writing at the start of the Year compared to the end of the Autumn term.

There were 70 students that had reading scores below 100 in the KS2 SATS. 71% of the students made progress between the initial test and progress check in June. The average amount of progress for this cohort was 9 months.

In last summer's cohort, 80 % of students improved their writing skills on their flightpath and 73% progressed in their reading.

85% of students placed into the withdrawal group made significant progress and returned to their mainstream English class.

Numeracy

60% of students placed into the withdrawal group for Maths, made relevant progress and returned to their mainstream class.

Sept 2017: we have introduced Wave 1 intervention for Maths to support students who need to reaffirm their numeracy skills since sitting their KS2 SATS.

In both Literacy and Numeracy, we have changed our approach to assess progress throughout the Autumn Term. An assessment will occur at the end of the Autumn Term using the KS2 SATS papers from Year 6.