Catch Up Funding 2015-2016

Fund amount: £7500

To support: Year 7 students who did not achieve level 4 in year 6 in either Maths, English or both.

We are supporting our weaker readers at Key Stage 3 with the Lexia Reading Scheme, funded by the Catch-Up Funding. Catch Up funding is also used to purchase intervention materials to support student learning and will continue to fund small group catch -up sessions in both English and Mathematics. Students in receipt of Catch Up funding are also targeted to attend the English Key Skills club after school and are supported by 6th formers in their Maths and English lessons and in the KS3 Maths homework club at lunchtime. Some also attend individually targeted Learning Support Department intervention sessions during lunchtimes and morning registrations.

We ran two cohorts of students of the Lexia programme- over 30 students in all spending one or more terms on the programme and thus improving their reading comprehension to well within the range of that of their peers. Students spent 3 20 minute sessions per week on the programme and were encouraged to spend the same amount of time at home. Students made between 1 and 8 Lexia levels of progress from different starting points. One third of the students made an impressive 5 or more Lexia levels of progress. End of year English data showed 75% of our lower ability students having met or exceeded their end of year targets.

Next year we plan to increase our use of Lexia and to continue to support our students with small group booster sessions and provision of additional resources to help raise their achievement.

In July the year 7 'Activity day' consisted of Maths and English enrichment activities- a half day of each- covering financial mathematics, problem solving, team structure challenges, Shakespeare and drama. The students had a fantastic day, winning prizes and improving their ability to work in a team as well as enjoying practical Maths and English.

Maths only: 7 students

English (Reading) only: 3students

Maths and English (R:) 5 students

Progress:

In both subjects catch up students made good progress, and progress which was in line with that of their peers.

English:

	END OF YEAR TARGET ACHIEVED	END OF YEAR CURRENT WORKING GRADE RESIDUAL	
CATCH UP	75%	0.05	
OTHER	68%	0.06	

Maths:

	END OF YEAR TARGET ACHIEVED	END OF YEAR CURRENT WORKING GRADE RESIDUAL
CATCH UP	100%	0.68
OTHER	97%	1.14