

## Year 7 Literacy and Numeracy Catch-Up Funding

### 2017/18

The English Martyrs School and Sixth form College received additional funding of £13,507 for students who had not achieved the required level of Literacy and/or Numeracy at Y6. The funding was used to provide students with additional tuition and intensive support in small groups, whilst minimising the risk of students missing out on the daily curriculum. The cohort of students for 2017/18 comprised of 20 students. The focus was students who achieved less than 100 for their reading scaled score (59 students) and/or less than 100 for their Maths scaled score (47 students). There are 23 students for whom both their reading and Maths scaled scores are below 100 and these had a particular focus within our Nurture Group.

The catch-up strategies that have been used include:

- Further development of quality first teaching and classroom resources which are tailored to the individual needs of low attaining students. A particular whole school focus has been on providing feedback for students that allows individuals to make rapid and sustained progress.
- Increased learning support in lower set classes
- Mentoring for specific students
- The use of Lexia to enhance literacy skills.
- Specialised teaching staff led individual interventions with specific students in literacy & numeracy
- Morning literacy and numeracy intervention with support staff that allows students to work within small groups to develop key skills.
- Dedicated accelerated reader lessons to improve students reading ages

**In English** 46 students (78%) achieved their target grade by the end of Year 7, 13 students (22%) achieved above their target grade. Students who achieved 100 on entry to English Martyrs were expected to achieve 2- grade by the end of Year 7, 12 (20%) of the students who achieved under 100 are now in line with their peers.

**In Maths** 26 students (55%) achieved their target grade by the end of Year 7, 21 students (45%) achieved above their target grade. Students who achieved 100 on entry to English Martyrs were expected to achieve a grade 2 by the end of Year 7, 6 (13%) of the students who achieved under 100 are now in line with their peers.

### 2018/19

We propose to use the funding in a wide variety of interventions. Our focus will remain on those students who achieved less than 100 for their reading scaled score (43 students) and/or less than 100 for their Maths scaled score (50 students). There are 26 students for whom both their reading and Maths scaled scores are below 100 and these will have a particular focus within our Nurture Group.

The catch-up strategies planned will include:

- The Literacy Coordinator and Numeracy Coordinator organise focused specialised interventions
- The use of Lexia to enhance literacy skills.
- Nurture Group for Literacy and Numeracy.
- Morning literacy and numeracy intervention for specific identified students

- Further development of quality first teaching and classroom resources which are tailored to the individual needs of low attaining students.
- Development of the whole school literacy policy including Y7 discrete literacy focused lessons. All students are assessed for their reading age and class reading intervention is put in place.
- Increased learning support in lower set classes
- Mentoring for specific students

These interventions and strategies will also be applied to the Y8 students who failed to make expected progress in Y7 as appropriate.