

Atlantic Academy Year 7 Catch Up Premium Report - 2018/19

The literacy and numeracy catch-up premium gives schools additional funding to support Year 7 pupils who did not achieve at least level 4 in reading and/or maths at the end of Key Stage 2 (KS2).

Atlantic Academy is committed to ensuring a smooth transition from primary to secondary school. Our transition programme and transfer of information processes ensure that we know our students very well prior to their arrival in September. This enables us to provide strategies and interventions, which are specifically aimed at pupils who are behind in literacy and numeracy.

From 2017, schools received the same overall amount of year 7 catch-up premium funding as they received in 2016-17, adjusted to reflect the percentage change in the size of their year 7 cohort. In 2016-17 the catch-up premium was £500 per eligible pupil.

How we are using the catch-up premium

Additional teaching support staff, dedicated to literacy and numeracy have been appointed to our team. This has enabled us to expand our spectrum of catch up interventions so that we can cater specifically for each student's individual needs. All interventions are delivered on half termly programmes. Following each intervention, the progress made is assessed and used to inform subsequent periods of support. The following interventions and resources have been implemented through the catch-up premium funding.

Literacy

Every student's reading and spelling age is tested at the start of each academic year. Year 6 students complete a reading and spelling assessment during transition. Reading and spelling ages are re-assessed on completion of the intervention.

- 1:1 reading to an adult. Students receive focused, high frequency (15 minutes per day) reading to adult sessions. These interventions continue for half a term and are then reviewed.
- Small group reading comprehension sessions using the 'Full Flight' programme;
- Small group reading decoding sessions following the Talisman and Totum series;
- Spelling following 'Words their Way'.
- ARROW is a 'Self-Voice' system used to support reading and spelling.

Numeracy

In numeracy the catch up premium is being used to enable a support teacher to work with catch up students within their timetabled maths lessons. We find this method results in the most rapid progress by giving students immediate access to support when they require clarification or further instruction following teacher instruction. It also allows our support teachers to ensure that students are always on task and engaged in their lesson.