

Year 7 Catch Up Grant Statement 2014 – 2015

29 students in this year's Year 7 intake did not achieve Level 4 at the end of Key Stage 2 in Reading and/or Maths. The Department for Education (DfE) provides us with an additional £500 for each student to provide them with extra support to 'catch up' and therefore for 2014- 2015 Holmer Green Senior School will receive a grant of £14,500.

We have received the following advice from the DfE on the Catch-Up Grant:

About the Year 7 Catch-up Premium

- We expect schools to use the funding to provide additional teaching support to pupils who have not reached level 4 in Reading and/or Maths at the end of Year 6
- Funding is £500 per pupil who has not reached Level 4 in either area

Using the Funding

- Schools should assess the needs of individual pupils to decide the best way to use the funding
- Schools should select programmes and approaches for which there is the good evidence of effectiveness in improving outcomes

Effective use of funding to support catch-up may include:

- Individual tuition in addition to classroom teaching. Schools should take care to minimise risks from pupils missing out on mainstream lessons
- Intensive small-group tuition, perhaps supported by new classroom materials and resources. This could take place at lunchtimes or after school
- Purchasing external services and materials to add to those provided by the school, for example tutor services or proven computer-based learning or online support

At Holmer Green Senior School, the Year 7 Catch-up funding has been used for the following programmes:

1. In class support from Learning Support Assistants in English and Maths for any student who did not achieve a level 4 in their Key Stage 2 SATS
2. Certain identified students have 1:1 support in Literacy and Numeracy
3. Catch-up reading support in addition to the accelerated reading programme