



St Christopher's C.E. High School

A Church of England Academy

Year 7 literacy & numeracy catch – up premium 2020-21

The school's catch-up premium allocation for the last academic year (2019-20) was £9,275. The catch-up funding is provided to help support pupils who did not achieve at least expected standard in Reading and/or Maths at the end of Key Stage 2. This funding is provided regardless of whether a pupil attracts additional funding for Special Education Needs or for Pupil Premium. The funding for 2020-21 is no longer provided as a separate allocation but the school will continue to provide the same support as last year. This is:

- Employment of an additional part time member of staff for small group work in Maths
- Resources for the delivery of “Accelerated Reader” - a literacy acceleration programme with identified pupils taught in small groups

The impact of the additional staffing and small group work in Maths results in the specific students growing in confidence and making strong progress. Regular topic tests and homework are used to measure this progress.

In order to improve the technical accuracy of their writing, pupils have been completing the ‘Literacy Acceleration Programme’ during their English lessons. This has entailed pupils working in differentiated ability groups to learn and practise spelling patterns, together with punctuation rules. This programme has been running for a number of years and evidence from pupils’ progress reports, together with anecdotal evidence from the class teacher, suggests that this programme has been of great benefit to pupils, leading to progress in both their writing and reading skills. Some pupils have been promoted to a higher ability group within the class, due to the progress that they have made. Other pupils have benefitted from consolidating and improving their skills within the group that they were originally set.