

Catchup funding premium students

Rationale

At the end of primary school, students are tested to check whether they are “secondary ready” in English Reading and English Grammar, Punctuation, Vocabulary & Spelling (GPVS) and mathematics. A catchup premium is provided to secondary schools to help any students listed as “not secondary ready”. United Learning test students at the end of year 7 (and subsequently) and provide us with a national picture of students who are now at the expected grade for their age – we use this to judge our success here, in helping those students catch up.

Students

Not secondary ready in:	English Reading	English GPVS	mathematics
Year 7 2016-17	36%	36%	41%
Year 7 2017-18	29%	27%	32%
Year 7 2018-19	20%	20%	27%

Allocation

At MRC, we use the funding for a number of different approaches to help individual students and groups of students. The budgeting is shown with the Pupil Premium allocation and budgeting. Approaches include:

- Additional mathematics and English lessons for an identified group of students
- Booster lessons during enrichment time for small groups of students
- Booster lessons, extra reading support, paired reading and other literacy initiatives during form time
- Individualised support particularly in English and mathematics
- Computer based programs supporting literacy and numeracy

Success

In 2016-17, our catchup programme enabled:

- 20 out of 64 students to catch up in English reading
- 29 out of 63 students to catch up in English GPVS
- 17 out of 74 students to catchup in mathematics

In 2017-18, our catchup programme enabled:

- 16 out of 52 students to catch up in English reading
- 14 out of 49 students to catch up in English GPVS
- 7 out of 58 students to catchup in mathematics

In addition we can see that many of those students who have not yet achieved the expected grade for their age have made significant progress towards doing so. We continue to support them through some of the same approaches in Year 8.