

# **Holy Family Catholic School**

## **Year 7 Literacy & Numeracy Catch-Up Funding**

Catch-up funding allocation for 2019-20 is £10,000

There was no separate funding for 2020-21 or 2021-22

This funding will be added to significant other resources to boost our students' literacy and numeracy in year 7 and across the school.

These initiatives include:

1. A member of the Associate Senior Leadership Team has responsibility for literacy across the school. This includes monitoring the catch up programmes for students in year 7 and above who require additional support with literacy.
2. Improving literacy is a key part of the school's development plan. Literacy activities form an important part of form time activities.
3. 'Accelerated Reader' has been purchased, alongside additional books that go with it, for the library. Reading age scores are tested termly.
4. All KS3 classes have a dedicated 'library lesson'.
5. Small group intervention sessions take place for targeted students.
6. Students whose prior attainment is below that expected receive additional support through English and maths teaching in much smaller groups through KS3.
7. All year 7 students are being taught maths through the 'Maths Mastery' programme. This is also including intensive training of maths teachers.
8. A member of the mathematics department has responsibility for the progress of year 7 students.
9. Numeracy club runs each week.
10. Despite the funding for year 6 summer schools being withdrawn, we ran a summer school for students requiring intervention in English and maths before starting with us in year 7.

### **Impact of these interventions**

- Increased whole-school awareness of literacy and numeracy
- Increased confidence in reading and spelling
- Increased engagement in reading across the whole school
- Increase in reading level progress across KS3 as shown by reading data and reading progress awards
- Further increase in online access to maths programmes at home and as a result an increase in the percentage of time spent completing maths home learning and a positive impact on students' progress
- New strategy to teach maths to year 7 students