

Year 7 Literacy & Numeracy Catch-up Premium Funding Statement 2015

The Department for Education (DfE) provided additional funding for all students in Year 7 who under-achieved based on age-related expectations at the end of KS2; for the academic year 2014-15, the college received £22,000. This funding is to be used by the college to provide literacy and numeracy catch-up support for Year 7 students.

Aims:

- To raise reading age attainment
- To encourage students to develop a lifelong love of reading
- To support progress in mathematics and overcome any barriers to learning girls may have when it comes to this subject

Impact of Funding:

- Increased whole-college awareness of literacy and numeracy
- Support for the Accelerated Reading programme
- Over half of the weakest readers in the college made more than six months' progress on the Accelerated Reading programme
- Increased reading confidence
- Increased reading level progress across KS3
- Books donated by the 'Book Wizard' to selected students over the year as well as on International Book Day
- International Book Day celebrated with characters' costumes from favourite books by staff and students
- The gap between progress in English and Mathematics is closing rapidly
- Whole-college staff training on literacy and numeracy
- Introduction of 'The Growth Mindset' strategy to support development of numeracy
- Additional books have been purchased for the library and the uptake of books from the library has increased (see table below for impact)

	Average book loan per day	% increase on previous year
2012-2013	13.8	148%
2013-2014	31.6	129%
2014-2015	36.0	14%