

ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCIENCE COLLEGE
YEAR 7 CATCH UP PREMIUM

Since September 2013 schools were given a year 7 catch up premium of £500 in respect of each pupil who was at a maintained school in year 6 and who did not attain a level 4 in Reading and/or Mathematics (maximum £500 per pupil). In the academic year 2015/16, for our school, this equated to a sum of £7,000. A review of the school Year 7 Catch up premium strategy will be carried out in July 2017.

This money has and will continue to be used by the school to provide:

- Units of sound multi-sensory reading intervention programme.
- One – One tuition.
- Reading Recovery Programme.
- Homework Club.
- Dynamo Maths.
- Maths Club.
- Saturday Morning Classes.
- Social Thinking Skills Group.

Our reasons for using this approach are:

Units of sound is a phonics programme designed for pupils with a reading age below 8 years. It focuses on reading, spelling, memory and dictation in order to improve the skills of the pupil. **One-One tuition** is carried out on an individual basis for those pupils who need specific literacy intervention.

The Reading Recovery Programme is designed for pupils who have a reading age between 9 – 10 years. The aim of this course is to improve the pupil's ability to decode words, to improve reading fluency and to improve comprehension skills. Reading Recovery sessions are held three times a week during registration.

Homework Club is held three evenings a week after school between 3.30 and 4.30. The purpose of the club is to help those pupils who would find it difficult to complete their homework at home.

Dynamo Maths is a comprehensive set of online resources that effectively address the difficulties faced by pupils. Moreover, once these tasks have been identified, it helps pupils to overcome their difficulties by introducing them to tasks which have small steps and this helps to increase their level of self- confidence.

Maths Club is to give extra support to pupils who are weak at maths and to enable these pupils to feel confident in their mathematical ability. Maths Club is held three times a week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Saturday Morning Classes are held for one and a half hours during October to June to help pupils develop their Literacy skills in particular.

The Social Thinking Skills Group is designed for pupils who have difficulties with their communication and social skills. It is delivered by the school's autism trained LSA and follows an American accredited programme.

The school has assessed the effect of the catch up premium by regularly assessing pupils' attainment via formal examinations and more ephemeral summative and formative assessment methods. The specific effect was:

Literacy & Numeracy Catch-Up

- 70% of Year 7 Literacy Catch-Up pupils made 1+ levels of progress in English, compared to 49% of their peers.
- 80% of Year 7 Numeracy Catch-Up pupils made 1+ levels of progress in Mathematics, compared to 49% of their peers.