Dartmouth Academy Year 7 Catch Up Funding 2015-2016

Catch-Up Funding is allocated by the Government for each Year 7 pupil who has not achieved level 4 in reading and, or maths at key Stage 2 before they joined Year 7 at Dartmouth Academy.

We received an additional premium of £500 for each Year 7 pupil who did not achieve at least level 4 in reading and, or maths (maximum £500 per pupil) at Key Stage 2.

"The money is to be used by schools to deliver additional tuition or intensive support in small groups, giving pupils valuable support to bring them up to speed to that they are more likely to succeed at secondary school. The funding will not be ring-fenced for catch-up activities but we expect that this funding is used for additional literacy and numeracy catch-up during Year 7 given that this can make a critical difference to pupils at this important stage." (DfE website)

In 2015-16 Dartmouth Academy received £5 500 for 12 students. (One student joined the school after the deadline) These students had not achieved level 4 in maths. In 2014-15 this was £9,000 for 18 students.

How we have spent the allocation of funds during 2015-16.

- Staffing to allow for smaller sets for lower ability students
- Purchase of Passport Maths Catch-up resource material
- In class support from a specialist maths teaching assistant

What affect the expenditure has had on the attainment of pupils at the school for whom it was allocated this year, 2015-16.

The assessment results show a varied picture. Five students (45%) made expected or more than expected progress; on average four sub-levels. Seven students (63%) did not demonstrate any progress in their completed assessments. There was a general trend of students performing better on the non-calculator assessments than on the calculator assessment, which suggests the entirely non-calculator intervention is having some impact across the board.

How we assess the effect on attainment

Attainment was measured through the Passport Maths completion and Year 7 SATS Assessments.

2016-2017 Mathematics

Catch-up funding will be spent on 19 students 'Not Secondary Ready'. They will be set in groups according to their raw scores and follow relevant schemes of learning. They will use the Passport Maths materials and also focus intervention on learning times tables using the Precision Teaching method. Assessments will involve use of Year 7 SATS papers, Passport Maths tests, OCR Entry Level and a re-test of the Key Stage 2 test taken in May 2016.