



THE BOULEVARD ACADEMY

Year 7 Catch up Grant 2015-16

Background

The Year 7 Catch-up Grant is received for each Year 7 student who did not achieve at least level 4 in English and/or Maths at KS2. The grant is used to provide additional support for these students in Literacy & Numeracy.

The Academy receives £500 per student and in 2015-16 the amount received was £18,000

How we use this funding

When students enter The Boulevard Academy we ensure that we know and understand the starting points for their academic progress. We gain valuable information from their Primary Schools and in addition we carry out two important baseline assessments, on their Literacy & Numeracy levels.

Without these key skills students will not reach their potential.

For students who enter the secondary phase with reading ages well below their chronological age we will deliver a personalised programme of “catch up” to help them improve on this vital skill. The catch up reading programme will be based on regular intensive small group sessions using inclusion support and/or accelerated reading.

Alongside this we want to encourage students of all ages to read for pleasure. Ensuring that both young people and their parents have access to high quality stimulating reading materials is a priority and a wide range of books have been purchased and are used in Guided Reading sessions.

Within the curriculum we pay for additional staffing which can help us support learning which is personalised to the needs of the individual and to groups of learners. In all our subjects additional staffing is deployed to enhance opportunities, increase student contact and provide lower student teacher ratios.

Throughout their time at The Boulevard we will always intervene to support students who fall behind in these core skills. This will be done through interventions such as:

- Enhanced student teacher ratios
- Small group interventions, e.g. reading support
- Literacy & Numeracy support programmes
- In class support.

Success Criteria

The evaluation of this policy is based on how quickly The Boulevard Academy can support these students to catch-up with their peers.

The success criteria for the use of Year 7 Catch-up Funding is:-

- Increased and improving Literacy & Numeracy levels

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FUNDING BREAKDOWN 2015-16

Year 7 Catch-up Funding for the financial year 2014-15 at £500 per student.

23 students were below standard in Literacy and 23 students below standard for Numeracy. Some of these students were below standard in both, although funding was only received once.

The total funding allocation received March 2016 was £16,000. Please see the table below for details on how this has been allocated.

<u>Supporting Achievement/Attainment</u>	£
Reading materials	5,000
Intensive Support Programme & resources for dyslexia	2,000
Additional support for 1:1 Literacy	4,000
Additional support for 1:1 Numeracy	3,000
Additional resources to support EAL students	2,000
Total:	

TOTAL: £16,000

The Boulevard Academy Student Progress 2015-16

