



THE BOULEVARD ACADEMY

Year 7 Catch up Grant 2017-2018

Background

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

The Academy received £18,000 in 2017-2018 and should receive the same amount for 2018-2019, further details will be provided by ESFA.

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 in Year 7 to 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 2017-2018

Year 7 Catch-up Funding for the financial year was fixed at £18,000.

37% of students were below standard in Literacy and 33% of students below standard for Numeracy. Some of these students were below standard in both subjects.

The total funding allocation received March 2018 was £18,000. 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	4,000
Additional resources to support EAL students	3,000
Total:	
TOTAL:	<u>£18,000</u>

If the estimated the funding of £18,000 is received in 2018-2019 the academy will continue to prioritise these essential resources to promote literacy and numeracy across the curriculum in Year 7 cohort.

The Boulevard Academy Student Progress 2017-2018

Chart to show progress of Year 7 Catch-up Cohort in Literacy & Numeracy

