

Shire Oak Academy

Plans for the use of the Literacy and Numeracy Catch-Up Premium 2018/19

During the 2018/19 academic year, we will receive approximately £21,500.

Due to the large cohorts of pupils that do not reach the “100” benchmark, our investment tends to be on software solutions. We also aim for our strategies to be sustainable across the whole school, not just in Year 7.

We are planning to invest the premium in the following ways to improve attainment and achievement in English and maths:

Initiative	Cost
Literacy Manager	Contribution to salary
English SLA	Contribution to salary
Maths SLA x 2	Contribution to salary
Accelerated Reader programme	At least 25% contribution to the annual cost
Lexia/Symphony	At least 25% contribution to the annual cost

English Intervention Programmes include (but are not limited to)

A specialist teaching assistant (SLA) assigned to the department.

Reading Leaders Programme - 6th formers work with some of our weakest readers.

Lexia Power Up - this takes place for students in sets 3 - 6 in Years 7, 8 and 9 once a fortnight.

Accelerated Reader to help all students progress with their reading. Engagement with AR monitored carefully during form time to ensure pupils are reading enough to make progress - conducted by Literacy Manager.

DEAR (drop everything and read) sessions for all students in KS3

Intervention set in year 7 in both halves (set 6) where specific key skills are taught. Set 6 students also do less French lessons to gain an extra English lesson.

Reading Surgery for reluctant readers.

Small reading group intervention with targeted pupils during registration.

Targeted homework club once a week.

Toe by Toe 1:1 for the very weakest ongoing until they get to a functional level. Helps with phonics, reading, spelling and comprehension.

Corrective reading in small groups that covers comprehensive, spelling, reading, grammar, sentence construction and handwriting. This also helps with social skills, working in a group, taking turns.

Spelling made easy - concentrates on spelling but improves handwriting, sentence construction and comprehension.

Maths Intervention Programmes include (but are not limited to)

Two specialist teaching assistants (SLA) assigned to the department.

Symphony (part of the Lexia package) - this takes place for students in sets 3 - 6 in Years 7, 8 and 9 once a fortnight.

Intervention set in year 7 in both halves (set 6) where specific key skills are taught.

“Power Up” Numeracy sessions with set 6 fortnightly.

Targeted homework club once a week.

Power of 2 - Maths basics.