

## Year 7 Literacy and Numeracy Catch Up Premium report 2020

As final payments of the Year 7 catch-up premium were made in relation to the 2019 to 2020 academic year, the 2020 to 2021 academic year will be the last year on which we will report how this funding was used

In the financial year 2019-20 Bennett Memorial School was allocated £13,479 of Literacy and Numeracy Catch-Up Funding.

It was used for the following approaches to promoting literacy and numeracy catch up.

- High quality direct teaching of both English Language and mathematics as the primary basis for closing any gaps. This is informed by careful use of the question level analysis information from the KS2 tests
- A spelling group for students who had below average scores on entry.
- A one to one reading programme
- Small group intervention for students who have weak numeracy run by our two Education Assistants in mathematics.

All of these interventions were in place up to March 2020 when lockdown meant they were considerably circumscribed. Reading was well sustained through lockdown by intensive home school contact by our school library team.

The impact of these measures can be seen in the following performance indicators achieved in the wider context of COVID lockdown:

Of 38 students starting at Bennett in 2019 with a KS2 reading score below 100, 15 finished the year achieving at our expected 'mastery' standard, including 3 of the 9 students with a KS2 Score below 93. All of the remaining students achieved a Foundation + standard in their mid-year assessment indicating they are making good progress.

Of 40 students starting at Bennett in 2019 with a KS2 maths score below 100, 8 finished the year achieving at our expected 'mastery' standard. All apart from 6 of the remaining students achieved a Foundation + standard in their mid-year, making good progress in the first 4 terms of the year.