



Year 7 Catch- Up premium

Aylestone has an allocation for 2014-15 of £9,000 for Literacy and Numeracy Catch-Up and intervention work. The allocation is deployed in a number of ways in order to target eligible students. This includes additional transition work prior to students starting at Aylestone in July and August. We run a school led summer school in the school holidays with a literacy rich curriculum which includes literacy skills in maths, humanities, ICT and science as well as a major focus on reading for pleasure and using a library.

At the start of school in September, following assessments, and a detailed analysis of Key Stage 2 information, students are targeted for a variety of literacy and numeracy interventions as follows:

- A Reading buddy weekly Programme of trained Year 10 Mentors working with Year 7 students and a member of the student services team in developing reading skills for students
- Literacy and Numeracy withdrawal Groups run by the student services team for students working below Level 4 in English and maths
- Homework Clubs run after school for Year 7 students who have difficulty managing their homework at home

A number of additional resources are purchased for students to access such as:

- Accelerated Reader books and guides
- Book boxes for form rooms
- Lunchtime clubs in the library to support literacy and numeracy

We found last year that the students who were targeted for these provisions made significant progress in their reading ages in particular which had a far reaching impact in their performance across the wider curriculum.

50% of the Year 7 students made better than expected progress in their reading following these interventions. This is very encouraging as nationally there can be a tendency for student levels to plateau in Year 7 while adjusting to their transition.