

Catch-up funding

The literacy and numeracy catch-up premium gives state-funded schools, including special schools and alternative provision settings, additional funding to support year 7 pupils who did not achieve the expected standard in reading or maths at the end of key stage 2.

There is a dedicated library lesson in Year 7, where students work from a recommended reading list to gain a Readership Award. The librarian and English teacher team teach to enable more intensive reading support where it is required. Year 10 reading mentors give one-to-one support under the supervision of the librarian to catch-up students and others.

In 2016/17 North Halifax Grammar School built into the curriculum an accelerator group in Year 7 for those students identified as needing some catch-up work in English. This group of approximately 15 students was identified by KS2 scores and their continuous writing in the entrance exam.

The school uses the Lucid Lass diagnostic test to screen all students in year 7 and then in other years as needed.

In Year 2016/17 the school received £6719.34 in respect of 4.93 students who didn't reach the expected attainment levels at KS2.

In Year 2017/18 the school will receive £9159.18 in respect of 6.3 students. There is one student to whom this applies. Unfortunately, it was not possible to continue with the accelerator group provision. This year the school plans to expand the Learning Support Assistant provision to work with these and disadvantaged students.