

## **Y7 Catch up funding**

Catch up funding is linked to y7 numbers. Currently it is regarded as income into school at £500 per Y7 pupil. It is generally 'dropped' into the budget close to year end therefore it is spent as anticipated income likely to come into budget.

Spending should be closely linked with supporting Y7 students' individual progress in closing the attainment gap.

All of STFCH students are working below the attainment of their mainstream peers, nevertheless 'closing the gap' is still an important priority.

Students' attainment is monitored and tracked on a termly basis and feeds into annual tracking. From this, information reports are collated that highlight whether individuals are making good or better progress compared to other students across Lancashire in similar and like schools.

Those who are felt not be progressing at the expected rate are subject to closer individual scrutiny, monitoring and support. Catch up funding is used to maintain that support element.

Spending is used for two significant intervention programmes, the software and appropriate licensing in English and Maths. In English this is 'Nessy Island' and in Maths this is 'Mathletics'. Both programmes are used to support individually planned or timetabled interventions for students with adult support on a 1:1 or small group basis.

Additional to this the funding is used to resource IT infrastructure to allow individual access to intervention and communication devices (often in form of tablet devices) and the associated applications. This supports students who may present with additional multi-sensory difficulty along with a learning difficulty and are not meeting their expected progress at whatever level that is assessed to be.

Catch up funding and its impact is reported to Governors and parents via assessment data reporting following full year evaluation of tracking information and Individual educational plan target evaluation which then feeds into the annual review process.