

## **Year 7 Catchup funding:**

### **National Context:**

The DFE provides additional funding to schools for each Y7 pupil who has not achieved a Level 4 in reading and/or maths at Key Stage 2.

All state-funded schools receive an additional £500 (maximum) for each Year 7 pupil who had not achieved at least Level 4 in reading and/or maths at Key Stage 2. However in 2016 to 2017 schools received the same overall amount of year 7 catch-up premium funding they received in 2015 to 2016, adjusted to reflect the percentage change in the size of their year 7 cohort, based on the October 2016 census.

This funding is not ring-fenced, however there is an expectation that pupils are given the support required to ensure they are more likely to succeed 'at secondary school'.

### **At Biggleswade Academy:**

The Bedfordshire 3-tier system, and our 2-13 Academy stemming from that, does not quite fit this governmental model of funding, as our 'middle school' provision has extremely effective systems in place to ensure that any pupils underachieving in Key Stage 2 make the expected overall progress by the end of Year 8, and in fact our Year 8 attainment in English (reading and Writing) and Maths at the end of Year 8 is consistently in line with the National expectation for Year 9.

This demonstrates that well embedded strategies are consistently used to good effect and therefore much of this well established practice has been continued into our 2-13 model and is now further supported by this project.

Income planned for 2016-17 Academic Year:

11 pupils eligible for this funding (as per 2015-16) @ £500 = £5,561

The following gives information as to how this funding will be allocated for the 2016-17 Academic Year and the intended outcomes:

Area funded	Provision gained	Cost
Purchase of Doodle Maths app	More personalised and individual support.	Doodle Maths class set: £149/year
Scheduled 'catch-up' sessions with Qualified Teacher during non-core subjects for specifically targeted pupils (1-1 / small groups) in Year 7	Additional individual or small group provision for pupils who, despite the best efforts of the Academy over an extended period, still do not make the expected 'catch-up' progress and are in danger of leaving the school not 'upper school ready'.	1 x teacher: 3 sessions per week.  114 sessions @ £29.25 / hour (inc. on-costs) = £3,335
Visiting Shakespearian actor (Shaking up Shakespeare)	Pupils able to access English culture and stimulate	£295
To develop year 7 maths schemes of work, to ensure pupil engagement and progress is outstanding	Targeted schemes of work to enable pupil catch up	10 planning sessions @ £29.25/hour = £292.50
Seeking and employing a specialist teacher of English for KS3	Specialist English teacher to support KS3 English teaching team with targeted planning and assessment	£1,900