



### English Catch Up Strategy

**Catch Up Strategy: To support and raise the attainment of year 7 pupils who have not achieved the expected standard in literacy**

#### **Key focus areas:**

- implement strategies to support catch-up pupils in English lessons
- implement strategies to support catch-up pupils in lessons across the curriculum
- introduce a programme of one-to-one/small-group interventions
- develop early intervention programme for pupils in transition from KS2 to KS3
- promote reading for pleasure among catch-up pupils

#### **Catch Up funding for 2017-2018**

The Catch Up funding for the academic year of 2017-2018 was spent on training up 11 teaching assistants to deliver the 'Catch Up Literacy' programme, and on buying the books to support these sessions. These reading sessions took place in the library during morning registration and were well-attended, and enjoyed both by staff and students. 50% of the targeted students improved their reading age from the beginning of the year to the end of the year with a fifth of students ending the year with higher than average scores (scores taken from the GL data collected).

## **Catch Up Literacy for 2018-2019**

- Students will have personalised targets and support through differentiation in lessons
- The English department will continue to increase rigour in the English curriculum and in homework
- Early intervention will support students and will encourage resilience within a supportive framework
- Additional teaching staff have been deployed to Y7 lessons in order to provide bespoke in-classroom support for students
- For the academic year 2018/2019 we are introducing a brand new reading programme. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a HHS reading programme called 'Smashing Readers!' which is a programme that will focus on developing inference skills, enjoyment of reading and will encourage students to read for pleasure. Students will take part in these sessions during morning registration time. These sessions will be run by our teaching staff and our ETA team
- Mrs Curry will be leading on Literacy Across the Curriculum and developing ways to enable all students to develop their literacy skills across all areas
- The English department have developed closer links with local primary schools to introduce support which will help students to bridge the gap between the primary schools and secondary school life at HHS. We will continue to foster these links
- Y6 students were given the opportunity to complete a 'summer reading challenge' to continue to encourage reading over the summer holidays
- Mrs Reeve, our school librarian, has sourced a number of new books for Y7 students which will enable students to access exciting and age-appropriate texts with clear challenge
- We will be setting 'Reading Challenges' across the year to encourage reading for enjoyment and we will be sending regular updates to parents in order to inform them of our curriculum and to suggest wider reading that students can enjoy at home
- As a school, we will continue to promote Reading Week and this will run across whole-school, involving all students and staff across the year groups



