



**HOLMFIRTH  
HIGH SCHOOL**

### 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 registrations
- 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 2018-2019**

The Catch Up funding for the academic year of 2018-2019 was spent on supporting and resourcing a number of literacy support programmes: Smashing Readers; Phonics Support; Spelling Shed. The support sessions took place during morning registration and were well-attended, and enjoyed both by staff and students. We were able to target a range of students across the Year 7 cohort. We did see improvements in the literacy and reading scores of some of the students involved.

### **Catch Up Literacy for 2019-2020**

- Students will have personalised targets based upon a baseline reading and writing activity. We will offer support through differentiation in lessons.
- The English department will continue to increase rigour in the English curriculum and in homework. Homework is now a weekly reading comprehension task based upon fiction and non-fiction texts.
- Early intervention will support students and will encourage resilience within a supportive framework.
- 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 registration time. They will be supported by Ann Reeve our librarian and provided with a range of reading resources.
- 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. This will also involve the opportunity to engage with a range of author workshops.
- 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.
- 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. All students will have an introductory lesson in the library and will then keep of log of all reading; students will have the opportunity to earn bronze, silver and gold certificates for reading.
- All students will now have a specific reading lesson on their timetable.

- 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.
- Students will also be selected to be involved in the Phonics group and Spelling Shed group to improve reading and spelling skills in Year 7.
- All targeted pupils will be given a dictionary and thesaurus and supported on their effective use.