

LEARNER PROGRESS

CATCH-UP FUNDING

Following the first lockdown the government has announced £1 billion of funding to support children and young people to catch up. This includes a one-off universal £650 million catch-up premium for the 2020/21 academic year to ensure that schools have the support they need to help all pupils make up for lost teaching time.

Allocation

School allocations will be calculated on a per pupil basis, providing each mainstream school with a total of £80 for each learner in years reception through to 11.

The JCB Academy will receive £46,880 for the 2020/21 academic year.

Utilisation

We have carefully considered the areas that would most benefit from this additional funding. The key areas of focus are:

- Filling gaps in learning.
- Filling gaps in knowledge about how to stay well and safe now and in the future.
- Re-engage and re-set learners .

Summary of spending and actions

- Introduced an additional Specialist Learning Mentor to undertake specific catch up with Y11 learners.
- Science App (My GCSE) for learners in Y9-Y11.
- Nearpod App for all departments to make virtual provision effective and accessible.
- Current progress data indicates larger gaps in knowledge and understanding in English. The academy teaching staff have been invited to take part in the academy tutoring programme. This is delivered virtually to groups of three learners and is a programme supported through the use of Oak National Academy and teacher tutoring with an emphasis on key vocabulary and the use of oracy to build confidence in writing.

Impact

The recruitment of the Specialist Learning Mentor in science has had limited impact as these sessions have been heavily affected through learner isolation and lockdown. This indicated that the timing of this support was too early in the pandemic period.

The desired impact of the English tutoring programme will be measured through the completion of independent writing tasks resulting in positive progress for the learners involved in the programme.

The use of the Science App will be monitored and the impact will be evidenced through science attainment.