



The COVID 19 Catch-up Grant

Knutsford Academy and Cheshire Studio School

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Approval Needed by:	Local Governing Body

Knutsford Academy and Cheshire Studio School received £80,640 of COVID catch up funding during 2020 – 2021. The funding is provided to support specific activities to promote pupils’ education recovery in line with the curriculum expectations in the [actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak guidance](#).

While schools can use their funding in a way that suits their cohort and circumstances, they are expected to use this funding for specific activities which will help pupils catch up on missed learning. Schools should particularly focus on disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils as we know they have been most affected.

This is how we have chosen to spend our funding:

	Intervention	Cost
English	Appointment of a specialist English teacher to a one-year COVID catch-up post. This has added capacity to the English team so that we have been able to run an additional class in year 11 (leading to smaller class sizes), run a 10-period model for Year 12* (one additional hour a fortnight for catch-up) and run targeted intervention at KS3. The KS3 intervention will focus on students who have missed the most learning in Year 8 – specifically the pupil premium students and low prior attainers. We will focus on oracy, vocabulary and reading to build confidence and plug any learning gaps from Year 7.	£25,971
Mathematics	Appointment of a specialist Mathematics teacher to a one-year COVID catch-up post. This has added capacity to the Maths team so that we have been able to run an additional class in year 11 (leading to smaller class sizes), run a 10-period model for Year 12* (one additional hour a fortnight for catch-up) and run targeted intervention in Year 7, 8 and 9. Key Stage 3 intervention will be informed by early assessments run in the first half term as well as information from primaries regarding areas of the curriculum which students have missed. Year 13 intervention will also run, to plug the gaps from Year 12 lockdown learning for some students. Small groups of students will be taught by specialist Mathematics teachers with regular assessments to inform further work and to demonstrate progress.	£27,876
Science	Appointment of a specialist Science teacher to a one-year COVID catch-up post. This has added capacity to the Science team so that we have been able to run additional classes for the separate sciences and for additional science in year 11 (leading to smaller class sizes). We are also able to run a 10-period model for Year 12* for Biology, Chemistry and Physics (one additional hour a fortnight for catch-up) and targeted intervention in key stage 3. We are prioritising the low prior attainers in Years 7, 8 and 9. Small groups of students will be taught by specialist Biology, Chemistry or Physics teachers to review and re-teach key elements of missed lockdown learning. Regular assessment will enable us to track the catch-up and evidence progress.	£27,775

- These appointments add extra capacity to the whole school timetable allowing, in addition to the above, 10 periods in Year 12 across all subjects and subject areas.