

Blythe Bridge High School & Sixth Form COVID Catch-up funding 2020/2021

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 to 2021 academic year to ensure that schools have the support they need to help all pupils make up for lost teaching time. Alongside the universal catch-up premium, they have launched a £350 million National Tutoring Programme to provide additional, targeted support for those children and young people who need the most help.

The expected allocation for us at Blythe Bridge is

Autumn term 2020 (received on 12th November) £17,720

Due in the Spring Term 2021 £23,626

Due in the Summer Term 2021 £29,534

For a total of £70,880

Spending plan and strategies 2020-21

Strategy Area	Strategy	Cost	Notes
CPD	Educational Book Club	£350	Subsidised educational book purchase and Teams discussion every fortnight for staff interested in improving their understanding of current thinking in pedagogy. Students will benefit from an engaged and informed body of practitioners
CPD	Bought-in training and resources	£2500	Likely to involve external consultants to help reinvigorate and re-focus our primary purpose in teaching and learning after the pandemic has passed
Tuition	KS4 English, maths and science tuition	NTP + £4,500	Focussed primarily on Y10 and exam preparation. 15 hour blocks of time focused on Y10 English, maths and science conducted face-to-face with groups of three students in school between 3 and 4 o'clock. The government subsidises $\frac{3}{4}$ of the cost, but each 'block' still costs about £200. We would aim to involve 40-50 students in Year 10 in one or two subjects, which would entail a cost of around £4,500
Tuition	Homework club	£3000	Virtual supervised homework club for KS3 so that students can get the help they need with homework and so that we can help to structure their learning beyond the curriculum at a time when it is not possible to run the daily homework club in school.
Technology	Laptop leasing programme	£9000	Subsidised hire-purchase of laptops to assist in remote learning. Students will pay £15 a month for a year after a £20 deposit and the school will subsidise the rest of the cost. We

			will also explore the possibility of 4G connection for those students without reliable wi-fi.
Resources	Recommended Reads	£10000	Topping up resources for the library to assist students accessing recommended reads from across the curriculum. The library has not been able to function as usual and plans we had in place to foster reading for pleasure and subject specific reading stalled a little during lockdown and since. This will allow us to re-energise this essential programme.
Resources	Audio books	£1000	Licences for audiobook versions of set and supplementary texts
Virtual School	Virtual school sessions on Saturday	£10000	Initially directed at KS4. Funding staff to offer catch-up tuition on Saturdays that can be directed at large numbers of students at once. The format and expectations of the sessions would be consistent and clearly defined according to best practice in teaching and learning
Online learning	Apprentice online learning administrator	£12000	Coordination of online learning resources so that the innovations necessitated by lockdown are exploited to give us a supplementary stream of learning resources that students can access at any time independently. Ensuring that these resources are consistent and make use of technology that is adept and innovative.
Online learning	Online learning coordinator	TLR3	A member of teaching staff with the enthusiasm to monitor and drive forward the online learning agenda
Ethos	Apprentice pastoral assistant	£12000	Additional member of staff to reinforce the pastoral interventions that keep barriers to learning to a minimum and allow teachers to teach.

Ethos	Reconfiguring room for out-of-lesson supervision	£3000	Creating a room where students can work under supervision when they are not able to take a normal part in lessons
Parental Contact	Parents' Evening System video conferencing	£798	Will enable more fruitful parent consultations during the time of the lockdown and enable more efficient contact thereafter.

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