

## **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 £17,720

Due in the Spring Term 2021 £24,280

Due in the Summer Term 2021 £30,000

For a total of £72,000

### **Rationale**

We feel proud that we were able to maintain the delivery of our planned curriculum throughout the pandemic, although some students' progress was compromised a little by the disruption. However, something that is central to everything we do is to provide students with experiences that broaden their understanding and vision of what matters and is possible. We have therefore had two main aims in allocating the Covid Catch-Up Funding: to close gaps in achievement where they have widened and to provide students with some of those educational experiences that the pandemic made impossible.

## Spending plan and strategies 2020-21

### Initial Plan

Strategy Area	Strategy	Cost	Notes
CPD	Educational Book Club	£350	Subsidised educational book purchase and discussion 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	(AL) – to confirm. 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	Focused 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 the 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	Refocus Room Manager	£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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## Additional Plans from Spring and Summer 2021 including adjustments made in the light of the second lockdown

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Technology and learning	Sixth Form Study Room	£7500	During the spring and summer terms, the library could not be used for students because of the bubble system. By creating a new space for Sixth Form to study it was possible to open the library to lower school students and for the Sixth Form students to have a bespoke space for private study as they made up for lost learning time.
Resources	Year 9 weekly workout books in maths	£500	Opportunities for students to work independently to identify gaps in knowledge and understanding
Resources	White Rose maths books	£287.82	Assist students in gaining fluency in application of skills that has been identified as a gap from lockdown
Resources	PP students' DoE equipment	£500	Disadvantaged students are less likely to take up the opportunity to do the DofE Award scheme, and this disadvantage has grown during the pandemic. This equipment will enable our PP students to participate in this important activity.
Resources	Subscription to <a href="http://thisislanguange.com">thisislanguange.com</a>	£1440	Will help to bridge the gap in MFL listening that has grown over the course of the pandemic with students being absent from the classroom
Resources	Hands-free torches for drama	£131	For performances by the examination groups
Resources	Lighting equipment	£204	Increases the range of effects students can use and broadens their imagination and inspiration at a time when they have had limited exposure to practical effects
Resources	Young Enterprise Programme	£530	Provides real-life learning opportunities that introduce young people to the realities of work at a time when work experience opportunities have been very limited
Resources	Digital workshop on the Spanish Armada	£40	Complements the Tudor SOW and provides access s otherwise absent from the classroom during the pandemic.
Resources	History Magazine Subscription	£160	Gives older students the chance to use accessible but academic sources that are not only internet-based (which has been a limitation of remote work)
Resources	Psychology digital resource	£500	This will help students to catch up on lost learning and help them keep up during periods of isolation
Resources	New criminology course resources	£25 per head	The level 3 certificate in criminology will need resources to facilitate teaching that is not face-to-face

Resources	English Exampro subscription	£60	Will help staff (and particularly new staff) to assess work when meetings have been hampered by the pandemic
Resources	Resources to support handwriting stamina	£14.99	Students have had less opportunity to practice their handwriting during the pandemic, but it remains an important skill for examinations.
Resources	Camtasia Software upgrade	£193.62	This is an excellent tool for creating remote learning tools an quiz-linked videos that are excellent for asynchronous remote learning and catch-up videos
Resources	New keyboards for music	£2919	The students will now all be able to have access to keyboards in the music room so that they can catch up with some of their 'hands-on' skills
Resources	N16 upgrade of computer facilities	£3000	This will allow students in H&S and CS to get the access to computers in school that they need in order to catch up with their learning
Resources	netsixthform subscription	£199	Focuses on developing the study skills that students need on the transition from Y11 to Y12 given they missed out on some of the transition activities
Face-to-face learning	HSLA/CSLA awards	£1302	Helps Sixth Form students who have not been able to mentor younger students because of the bubble system and lockdowns to develop those skills.
Face-to-face learning	Sixth Form inductions subsidy	£200	A day at one of the entrust centres to help to bridge the gaps between our Y12 and Y13 students that has grown during the pandemic
Face-to-face learning	Visit from dance coach	£130	To close the gaps in practical dance skills for dance students that has opened while they could not access the dance studio
Face-to-Face education	Swimming teacher	£2367	Students lost the opportunity to swim during the pandemic. The employment of an extra swimming teacher
Face-to-face learning	Cricket coaching	£350	The pandemic has had an impact on the amount of cricket coaching students were able to receive. This will allow them to develop a range of tactics and strategies.
Educational experiences	Prizes for sports afternoon	£250	Will give the students an opportunity to experience competition in a way they have not been able to.
Educational experiences	Y11/Y12 Football St George's Park Experience	£450	This will help to make up some of the lost experiences of football that have been occasioned by the pandemic and will allow them to make up for some of the lost opportunities for educational visits while also promoting the football academy to them
Educational experiences	Reading Champions	£150	Promotes reading as a universal activity and will help to encourage students who got out of the habit of personal reading during lockdown to regain the habit.

Educational experiences	Journal Writing Club	£60	Will help students to express in their own voice some of the feelings that they have experienced at a difficult time as an empowering and cathartic activity.
Educational experiences	Visit to Warwick Castle subsidy	£500	Complements the castle development SOW in history in a context that has not otherwise been available.
Educational experiences	Visit to Chester Zoo	£45	50-minute endangered animal workshop that will provide Sixth Form biologists with the hands-on experience that they have missed
Educational experiences	Charity project	£100	This charity project allows students to participate again in the 'hug-in-a-bag' project that (given it involved visiting a hospital) had been hampered by the pandemic
Educational experiences	£1 challenge and prizes	£260	Helps engagement with the local community after a period when students have been isolated from it.
Educational experiences	Rescue One Zero experience	£400	Team-building activities that will help to foster collaboration and cooperation after the relative isolation of the last year.
Educational experiences	Performing arts residential	£15 per head subsidy	An opportunity to nurture our students' practical collective and collaborative skills in dance, drama, creative writing, media and art
Educational experiences	Standon Bowers reward experience	£3000	This will help to promote positive behaviours and build each year group into a cooperative team to face the challenges of learning in the 'new normal'.