

Summary information	
School	Ditton Park Academy
Academic year	2020-21
Catchup grant	£71,680
Total students on roll in years 7-11	896

Why catchup grant?

Due to Coronavirus (Covid-19) children and young people across the country have experienced unparalleled disruption to their learning. Vulnerable children and those from disadvantaged backgrounds are the hardest hit. Government announced catchup grant that will be given to schools to use in a best possible way to according to their context to diminish gaps created by the lockdown. This catchup grant is given to schools to mitigate the impact of lockdown hence will only be available for the academic year 2020-21.

Use of grant

Schools should use this funding to support their pupils to catchup for lost learning due to lockdown in line with the guidance provided by the government. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#section-3-curriculum-behaviour-and-pastoral-support>

Schools have been given autonomy to spend this grant in a way that suits best to the context of their pupils. Ditton Park Academy's response is guided by the evidence-based approach published by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF), which can be found using the link below. <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/covid-19-resources/national-tutoring-programme/covid-19-support-guide-for-schools/#nav-covid-19-support-guide-for-schools1>

DPA's action

During lockdown all teachers at Ditton Park were expected to set work for their classes but due to the lack of face to face teaching and considerable number of students not engaging due to range of factors have created substantial gaps in their learning. As a result, department Leads' and their teams have worked to adapt their curriculum to suit current climate and help support pupils to diminish gaps in their learning while remaining broad and balanced. To ensure rapid recovery to the lost learning DPA has identified following forms of support -

- Appointment of a Maths tutor.
- Small group tutoring Brilliant Tutors.
- Scholar's program from Brilliant Tutors.
- Small group tutoring internal.
- Revision books/workbooks and any other required resources for identified students.
- SENECA subscription for all students.
- Summer pack for all.
- Calculators and geometry set for identified disadvantaged students.
- Free school meal for children of struggling families (otherwise not eligible for FSM).

Provision	Action	Cost	Responsible staff	Review
Appointment of Maths tutor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small group tutoring for identified students by Maths department One to one tutoring for identified students by Maths department 	£24,850	CMC/SKU	Feedback gathered from students and Lead Teacher Maths. 93.33% students found tutoring session helpful.
Small group tutoring by Brilliant tutors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small group tutoring by brilliant tutors for identified students by department leads 	£1850	EGR/SKU	Students made progress. Not all students were able to attend all sessions due to internet issues at times. Average grade increased in Maths by 0.5
Scholar's program for identified students from disadvantaged backgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified disadvantages students given the opportunity to access Scholar's program. 	£2000	EGR/SKU	Impact statement suggests 100% students (Pupil Premium) agrees to have enjoyed the program. 75% students agree to have learnt more and are likely to apply to study at university.
Twilight small group tutoring by DPA staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject specific small group tutoring by subject specialist for identified students 	£18,000	EGR/SKU	Feedback (survey) very positive both from students attending and teachers leading the tutoring sessions. 92% students agree to have made progress. 100% teachers providing tuition agrees that students in their groups have made progress evident by range of measures from students' confidence in the subject to end of unit tests.
Provision of revision/workbooks and any other required resources for identified students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Departments provided subject specific resources to disadvantages students. 	£5000	SKU	Disadvantaged students in year 11 – Increase of 18.9% of students on or above target from data capture 1 to GCSE summer TAGs.
SENECA subscription for all students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students for all subjects will have access to content and graded questions 	£6000	CMC/SKU	Significantly high number of homework and revision tasks set using SENECA to bridge learning gap due to lockdown.
Summer pack for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students in year 7-10 given a summer revision pack (English, Maths and Science) book with instructions of how to use from the Lead Teachers 	10,500	SKU	Books given as summer pack and instructions by the Lead Teachers allow students to work over the summer break to catch up with the missed work.
Calculators and geometry set for identified disadvantaged students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculators and geometry given to disadvantaged students 	1450	SKU	Allow students to access part of the Maths curriculum needing specific equipment.
Free school meal for children of struggling families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified students provided with food vouchers (not eligible for FSM) 	2050	SKU	Students supported and families appreciative of the support. Evident parent/carers survey.