

## **Year 7 Literacy and Numeracy Catch-Up Premium**

Whitecross Hereford receive catch-up funding from the DFE in order to help students who start school with National Curriculum levels below Level 4 in either English or maths. In the most recent financial year, Whitecross received £20,500, which it used (along with central funding) to employ two Higher Level Teaching Assistants to deliver small group literacy and numeracy intervention sessions and help boost the performance of these students.

Fifty one students joined Whitecross at below Level 4 in either English or maths in the academic year 2014-15. All of these were involved in literacy and numeracy sessions every week which worked in harmony with the timetabled lessons that all Year 7 students have. As a result of this boost, thirty one students have now moved at or above Level 4 in either English or maths or both.

In the new academic year, Whitecross will continue with small group extraction in order to boost the performance of our new Year 7 students who join us below Level 4, as well as continuing with sessions for those students going into Year 8 who are still some way behind their peers.