

## Covid Catch Up Funding 2020-21 Rationale For Spending of Covid Catch Up Funding in 2021-22

Catch Up Funding Initiative:	Cost of Initiative:
1. Employment of an academic mentor in maths;	£21466
2. Employment of an academic mentor in English;	£14832
3. Employment of an academic mentor in science	£17993
	Total Cost: £59868
	DfE Allocation: £52960
	Shortfall (made up by DVHS) £6908

In the academic year 2020-21, Darwen Vale High School spent £59868 on the employment of academic mentors to support the Covid catch up initiative. Catch Up Funding was spent on the recruitment and deployment of 3 academic mentors in English, maths and science. Their work was primarily focused on students in Y11 who were falling short of the grade 4 and 5 boundaries across English, maths and science but they also worked with students in lower year groups in an attempt to close some of the gaps that were caused by the school closure in 2020. The input from our academic mentors took place during the school day, but it also took place after the school day has finished and on Saturdays too. In addition to this, a number of our Y11 students took place in the Virtual Aldridge package of support across English and maths with sessions taking place every evening of the week and during the day on Saturdays.

This academic year (2021-22) we have taken the decision to employ an academic mentor in English, 2 in science and we are also looking to secure the services of one more in maths. Like last year, their work will primarily be focused on students in Y11 but will also seek to catch up students in lower years whose education has suffered as a result of the pandemic. This year our Covid catch up premium is estimated to be £51000.

The impact of the work carried out by our academic mentors can partly be seen through the upward trend of GCSE grades that we have successfully managed to maintain from 2017-2021.

Bench mark	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Disadvantaged
Progress 8	-1.12	-0.91	-0.51	-0.18	0.07	-0.29
Attainment 8	42.56	37.62	42.39	44.41	46.33	40.33
English at grade 4	66%	71%	75.4	76.74%	78%	68.83
English at grade 5	49.21%	53%	52.38	55.81%	57%	46.75
Maths at grade 4	60%	50%	68.25	77.52%	78%	71.43
Maths at grade 5	28.57%	25%	46	51%	56%	46.75
Combined at grade 4	50%	45%	62	69.7%	71%	62 %
Combined at grade 5	22.22%	23%	38.1	43.18%	46%	35 %
Ebacc entry	0.79	4	8	8	12	75/157 48%
Progress 8	-0.64	-1.36	-0.35	-0.03	0.48	-1.24
Attainment 8	49.45	45.35	55.04	59.34	57.68	44.25
Biology at grade 4	67.35	50.98	87.8	83.33	78.57	50
Biology at grade 5	34.69	25.49	68.29	66.67	71.43	50
Progress 8	-0.75	-1.3	-0.6	0.15	0.77	-1.24
Attainment 8	49.45	45.35	55.04	59.34	57.68	44.25
Chemistry at grade 4	57.14	45.10	78.05	87.5	92.86	75
Chemistry at grade 5	26.53	29.41	58.54	62.5	78.57	50
Progress 8	-0.5	-1.44	-0.55	0.67	0.48	-1.24
Attainment 8	49.45	45.35	55.04	59.34	57.68	44.25
Physics at grade 4	73.47	50.98	80.49	100	92.86	75
Physics at grade 5	36.73	19.61	56.10	83.33	78.57	50
Progress 8	-1.36	-1.17	-0.71	-0.61	0.05	-0.15
Attainment 8	38.18	34.07	36.72	42.68	46.03	41.43
Combined Science at grade 4	29.87	26.92	36.47	52.88	65.96	54.93
Combined Science at grade 5	10.39	10.58	21.18	28.85	43.26	36.62