

Year 7 English Literacy Booster Programme

In September 2015, there were 45 students who joined Kingswood Secondary Academy in Year 7 who had scored below a Level 4 (the national average for 11 year olds in England) in The Key stage 2 National Curriculum Tests for English. From this total of 45 students it was noted that 13 students were working at below Level 3 on entry.

Aims:

- To raise levels of attainment from current entry point quickly
- To improve chances of making two levels of progress in Key Stage 3
- To strengthen confidence and effectiveness of the learners so they can work with greater independence

Method of Delivery

Those Below Level 3

- Intensive small group and one to one intervention under the expert direction of knowledgeable staff
- Fresh Start phonics programme
- Spelling, grammar and comprehension programmes
- Accelerated Reader
- Handwriting Practice
- Regular termly assessments in reading, spelling and comprehension

Those Below Level 4

- An additional 3 lessons of English per week
- Accelerated Reader
- Smaller classes with focused support
- Regular assessments

Assessment and Progress

- Student progress was monitored at the same time as other students
- Of the 13 students who were below Level 3, 8 returned to mainstream classes.
- The majority of these 13 students have made at least 2 years progress since the start of Year 7
- Of the 45 students, 87% are on track to achieve their End of KS4 target