

# Robert Smyth Academy

Impact Report: Year 7 catch up funding

1. Summary Information				
<b>School</b>	Robert Smyth Academy			
<b>Timeframe</b>	2020-2021	<b>Total Budget</b>	£13,385	<b>Total no. of eligible pupils: 18</b>
Strategies / Planned Expenditure				
Action	Evidence / Rationale	Description	Cost	Impact
Employment of a tuition service to support eligible students based on prior KS2 attainment information	EEF toolkit indicates that "one-to-one tuition" can generate +5 months' progress, "small group tuition" can generate + 4 months' progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A specialist tutoring service was procured ("A Star Tutors") to provide tuition in English and Maths.</li> <li>- Baseline assessments NGRT (New Group Reading Test) reading test were taken.</li> <li>- Liaison with the tutoring service included review of SEND</li> <li>- On average, students received two hours of tuition per week over the course of the academic year before lockdown in March 2020</li> </ul>	Tuition (£8,553.13*)  NGRT tests (£360)	<p><b>High impact</b></p> <p>On average, the reading ages of students increased by +19 months.</p> <p>No student's gap widened, despite lockdown. This was due to continued tutoring support through lockdown and the summer alongside pastoral support and guidance.</p> <p>89% said that their confidence had increased as a result of tuition.</p>
Tutorial reading programme (Year 7)	EEF research indicates that "reading comprehension" can generate +6 months' progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investment in tutor time reading activities, training for staff and books</li> </ul>	Books (£500)	<p><b>Moderate impact</b></p> <p>Quality assurance evidence suggests a positive impact on attitudes to reading. More evidence is required to determine a causal impact on reading ages.</p>

\*It was not possible to spend the full funding allocation due to national lockdown and coronavirus restrictions. The following funding has been carried forward to 20/21 in order to further support the catch up of eligible students with additional tuition: **£4,331.87**