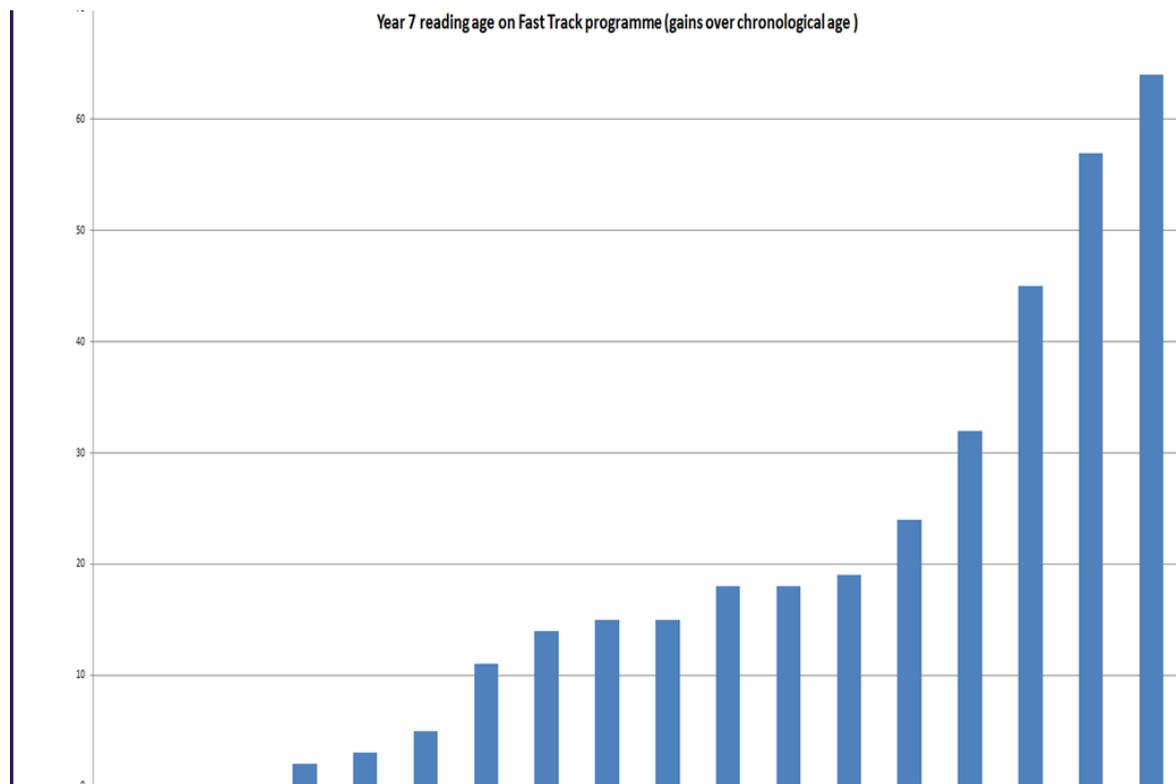
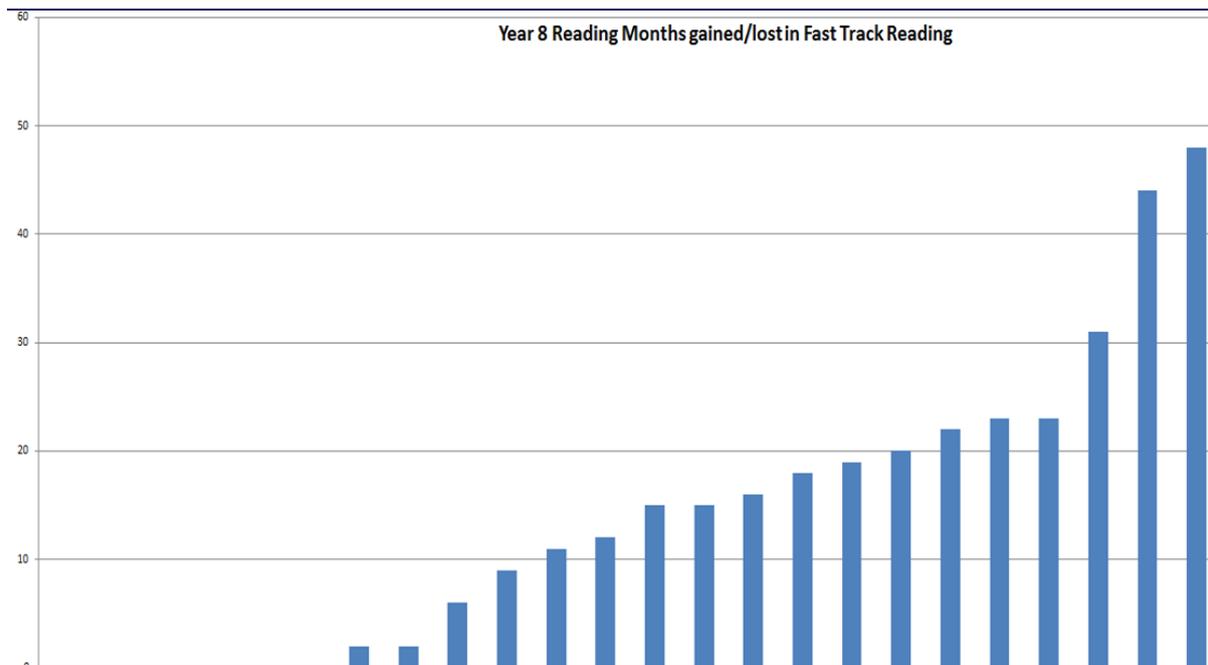


## Year 7 Literacy and Numeracy Catch-up Premium

The government provides additional funding to help students who did not achieve age related expectations in their Key Stage 2 SATs to rapidly close the gaps with their peers at the beginning of their time in secondary school.

We used the £18,000 catch-up premium we received in April, 2016 to fund our Fast Track Programme for the academic year 2015-16. This programme was designed to enable those students who fell behind, according to Key Stage 2 SATS results, to achieve rapid gains in both their reading and mathematics skills. During 2015-16, the Fast Track programme was staffed by a specialist TA who was supported by several teachers in delivering 1:1 interventions. The programme was very successful in accelerating reading ages amongst Year 7 and 8 catch-up students as can be seen in the anonymised graphs below that show the gains in reading ages (in months) over and above chronological aging for each student:





However, gains in mathematics were found to be significant but more modest. Furthermore, the Year 7 intake in September, 2016 was greater in number than 2015 and therefore more capacity was needed.

We anticipate that the catch-up premium that we will receive in April, 2017 will be £22,000. This has been invested in a Lead Literacy TA who is working under the direction of the SENCo to increase the capacity and the impact of the reading element of the Fast Track programme. The remainder of the catch-up premium has been invested in a license for Accelerated Maths, a software package that will help our Fast Track cohort to close the gaps as rapidly in maths as the Fast Track students achieved in their reading last year.

In addition, the Fast Track programme has been further funded by the Pupil Premium to allow for the employment of a further three specialist Fast Track TAs. This team are delivering intensive and tailored interventions to our Fast Track cohort of five sessions per fortnight in seven-week cycles. The Fast Track programme has been located in the newly refurbished Fast Track Base which is complete with a suite of computers. The increased capacity of the Fast Track programme means that in 2016-17 the number of students benefitting from the catch-up premium has risen to: 35 Year 7 students; 24 Year 8 students and 15 Year 9 students

The impact of the Fast Track programme will be closely monitored by Mr. J.Laidler, AHT/SENCo in accordance with the School Development Plan.