

The Catch-Up Programme

Supporting every pupil to read, write and achieve

At Carshalton Boys Sports College, we believe that strong literacy and numeracy skills are the foundation for success across every subject. Our Catch-Up Programme is designed to identify pupils who need additional support and to give them the tools, confidence and skills to close the gap and thrive throughout their time at CBSC.

The programme runs across Year 7 to Year 10, with different strands of support tailored to the needs of pupils at each stage. The table below gives an overview of what is on offer, followed by more detail on each strand.

Programme Overview

| Programme Strand | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 |
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| Reading Wise (decoding & phonics) | • | • | • | — |
| Reading & Writing Booster Sessions | • | • | • | — |
| Academic Enrichment (vocabulary & subject support) | — | — | • | • |
| Maths, Reading & Writing Groups (from Sept 2026) | • | • | • | • |

• = strand runs for this year group — = not applicable

Reading Wise: Decoding and Phonics (Year 7–9)

Reading Wise underpins our approach to literacy in Key Stage 3. It focuses on decoding and phonics, ensuring pupils have the fundamental word-reading skills they need to access texts confidently across the curriculum.

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| Year Groups | Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 |
| Focus | Decoding and phonics |
| Purpose | To build secure word-reading skills so that pupils can access the full curriculum with confidence |
| Delivery | Structured, small-group sessions using the Reading Wise programme |

Reading and Writing Booster Sessions (Year 7–9)

Alongside Reading Wise, our booster sessions give Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 pupils focused, small-group support to strengthen their reading and writing skills during this important stage of secondary school.

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| Year Groups | Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 |
| Focus | Reading and writing booster sessions |

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| Purpose | To strengthen core literacy skills at a crucial stage of secondary transition |
| Delivery | Targeted small-group teaching, run alongside the mainstream curriculum |

Academic Enrichment (Year 9–10)

As pupils move into Year 9 and Year 10, the focus shifts towards academic enrichment. Pupils build subject-specific vocabulary and are given opportunities to work directly on Maths, Reading and Writing to support progress across the wider curriculum.

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| Year Groups | Year 9 and Year 10 |
| Focus | Academic enrichment and vocabulary development |
| Purpose | To widen subject-specific vocabulary and support progress across Maths, Reading and Writing |
| Delivery | Enrichment sessions with opportunities for pupils to work directly on Maths, Reading and Writing |

New for September 2026: Maths, Reading and Writing Groups (Year 7–10)

From September 2026, we are introducing dedicated Maths, Reading and Writing groups for pupils in Year 7 to Year 10. This new strand builds on the success of our existing provision and reflects our commitment to improving the life chances of every pupil by strengthening these essential skills as early as possible.

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| Year Groups | Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 |
| Starts | September 2026 |
| Focus | Dedicated Maths, Reading and Writing groups |
| Purpose | To improve pupils' life chances by closing gaps in core skills as early as possible |
| Delivery | Small-group, targeted teaching designed to complement each pupil's mainstream lessons |

Why the Catch-Up Programme Matters

Secure reading, writing and numeracy skills open the door to every subject on the curriculum. Through the Catch-Up Programme, we aim to:

- Identify gaps in pupils' literacy and numeracy early, and act on them quickly
- Provide targeted, small-group support that complements mainstream lessons
- Build pupils' confidence, resilience and enjoyment of reading and writing
- Improve life chances by ensuring every pupil has the core skills to succeed

If you would like more information about the Catch-Up Programme or wish to discuss your son's progress, please contact the school office, who will be happy to put you in touch with the Catch-Up Lead.