

## **Read Write Inc. Fresh Start**

Fresh Start (FS) is a catch-up literacy intervention for pupils at risk of falling behind their peers in early secondary schooling. It uses a systematic and rigorous approach to phonics so that pupils are at an appropriate level to join the mainstream group after completion of the programme.

Fresh Start works on the same teaching and learning principles as Read Write Inc. Phonics which is taught in our feeder primary schools. Many of the activities are similar, with age-appropriate resources which capture the interest of older students. Students are taught in groups of up to 8 students to ensure a more personalised approach to their learning, which ensures rapid progress.

Fresh Start is taught in four steps:

1. Teach Speed Sounds in a specific order;
2. Teach pupils to blend the sounds;
3. The pupils read words in the appropriate Modules. Each Module is matched to the sounds and words the pupils can already read;
4. After the Modules, they will be able to independently read a range of texts.

Students are assessed every half term to ensure they are in the correct group for their ability. Regular assessments ensure students are making the rapid progress required in order for them to fully access the mainstream curriculum.