

Key points 2004 secondary school national performance tables

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- The note outlines key points from the recently released national secondary school performance tables.
 - Data from national performance tables at key stage 2 (end of primary schooling) and at the end of compulsory schooling are now received in electronic form after publication in the national press.
1. For the first time, London schools as a whole performed at above the national average in terms of pupils achieving the national benchmark of five or more higher grade passes at GCSE or their equivalent. 52.9 per cent of 15 year-old pupils attending maintained schools in London achieved five or more higher grade passes compared with 52.0 per cent in the maintained sector nationally.
 2. 55.4 per cent of pupils attending schools in outer London achieved five or more higher grades passes, generally referred to as '5+ A*-C grades'. The equivalent figure for pupils attending maintained schools in inner London was 47.2 per cent.
 3. Taking the average across LEAs, pupils attending maintained schools in Redbridge achieved the highest percentage of '5+ A*-C' grades (68.1 per cent) followed by Sutton (66.4 per cent).
 4. Again taking the average across LEA, pupils attending schools maintained by 15 London LEAs exceeded the national average in terms of the percentage gaining five or more higher grade passes. Two of these authorities, Camden and Kensington and Chelsea are in inner London.
 5. Inner London schools improved at their fastest ever between 2003 and 2004, with a 3.5 per cent improvement in the percentage of pupils gaining five or more higher grade passes. Forty seven point two per cent of pupils achieved five or more higher grade passes in 2004, compared with 43.7 per cent in 2003.
 6. In terms of 'value added', the progress pupils made in schools, six of the ten highest performing LEAs nationally were in London. These were Ealing, Hackney, Harrow, Lambeth, Newham and Redbridge.
 7. In terms of the index of multiple deprivation, pupils and schools in Hackney, Lambeth and Newham each face some of the most challenging circumstances in England.
 8. In 2002, free school meal entitlement amongst maintained school pupils in the majority of London wards exceeded the national average.
 9. At individual secondary school level, Sir John Cass School in Tower Hamlets was the second most improved school in England. St Paul's Way School, also

in Tower Hamlets, was the equal eighth most improved school in England measured as the improvement in the percentage of pupils gaining 5 or more higher level passes. A further 17 London secondary schools were amongst the top 95 most improved maintained schools in England, These included schools in Greenwich, Hackney, Haringey, Islington, Lewisham, Southwark, Tower Hamlets.

10. The Guru Nanak Sikh School in Hillingdon achieved the second highest level of pupil progress (value added) between key stage 2 and GCSE of any school in England. Twenty nine other maintained schools in London were amongst the top 100 'most value added' schools in England.
11. Nationally, 3.8 per cent of pupils aged 15 achieved no GCSE passes or their equivalent, compared with 3.7 per cent in maintained schools in London as a whole. Three point eight per cent of pupils attending inner London schools, and 3.6 per cent of pupils attending outer London schools, achieved no such pass.
12. Pupils attending maintained schools in 6 outer London LEAs were on average more likely than pupils nationally to reach school leaving age with no examination pass at GCSE. Pupils in 7 inner London LEAs were, on average more likely than pupils nationally to reach schools leaving age with no examination passes. The London LEA with the highest percentage of pupils reaching school leaving age with no examination passes was Haringey (7.3 per cent).