

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, EDUCATION STANDARDS AND INCLUSION**

**PROVISIONAL PERFORMANCE FIGURES FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES – SUMMER 2012**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform Members of the achievements of young people attending Nottinghamshire schools and academies in Key Stage assessments in 2011/12.

**Information and Advice**

2. At the end of each Key Stage, students are assessed by a combination of teacher assessment and/or testing. The expected level of attainment together with assessment age is summarised below:

Key Stage	Age	Expected level of attainment	Method of assessment
Early Years Foundation Stage Profile	3-5	78+ points and a score of 6+ in PSED* and CLL*	Teacher Assessed
Key Stage 1	5-7	Level 2+	Teacher Assessed
Key Stage 2	7-11	Level 4+	Test / Teacher Assessed
Key Stage 3	11-14	Level 5+	Teacher Assessed
Key Stage 4 (GCSE and equivalent qualifications)	14-16	5+ A*-C grades including GCSE English and mathematics	Test
Key Stage 5 (GCE A level and equivalent qualifications)	16-18	Average point score per candidate and per exam entry together with threshold pass rates	Test

\* PSED Personal, Social and Emotional Development

\* CLL Communication, Language and Literacy

3. At this moment in time outcomes are considered provisional and subject to change. Early Years Foundation Stage together with Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 3 results are reported directly to the Local Authority (LA) or external agencies. Key Stage 2 test results are reported to schools and the LA by the Standards and Testing Agency. The LA receives Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 results direct from schools on the day results are released to candidates.

## Early Years Foundation Stage Profile

4. In 2012, 64.2% of Nottinghamshire pupils achieved a good level of development (78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP) with at least 6 in each of the scales in Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy). This represents a 7.9% increase from 2011 (56.3%).
5. The achievement gap between the lowest performing 20% and the rest was 29.6% in 2012. This represents a narrowing of the gap by 5% when compared to 2011. Nationally, the achievement gap was 31.4% in 2011, placing Nottinghamshire in line with the national average.
6. In 2012 the Free School Meals (FSM) gap for pupils achieving a good level of development was 23.7% (FSM pupils achieved 44.6% and Non-FSM pupils 68.3%). Compared with the previous year (18.6%) there was a 5.1% increase in the achievement gap between pupils eligible for FSM and the rest.
7. 2012 headline figures for Nottinghamshire are:

Measure	Nottinghamshire (2011/12)	National (2010/11)
78+ points and 6+ in PSED and CLL	64.2%	59.0%
Gap between bottom 20% and the rest	29.6%	31.4%

## Key Stage 1

8. Since 2005 (when reporting changed to teacher assessments), at Level 2 or above (the expected level for 7 year olds), Nottinghamshire has remained consistently at or above the national averages in all KS1 subjects (reading, writing, maths and science).
9. Early reported figures show that the LA has increased in all subject areas at Level 2+ from 2011.
10. The greatest increase was seen in writing with an increase of 2.3% from 2011 to 83.9% of pupils attaining Level 2 or higher.
11. At the expected level, 2012 headline figures for Nottinghamshire are:

Level 2 and above	Nottinghamshire (2011/12)	National (2010/11)
Reading	86.8%	85%
Writing	83.9%	81%
Mathematics	90.9%	90%
Science	89.8%	89%

## Key Stage 2

12. A new reporting arrangement was introduced in 2012 for English. Historically, English outcomes were based on a combined reading and writing test taken at the end of Key Stage 2. Writing tests were abolished in 2012 and therefore English is based on a combination of reading test and writing teacher assessment outcomes.
13. Since 2008, achievements at Level 4 or above (the expected level for 11 year olds) have remained above or in line with national averages.
14. At the expected level, early 2012 figures in English put Nottinghamshire 4% above national figures for 2011. In mathematics, Nottinghamshire is 4.5% above the 2011 national average.
15. At the expected level in English and Maths, early 2012 figures put Nottinghamshire 6.9% above the national figure for 2011.
16. At the expected level, 2012 headline figures for Nottinghamshire are:

Level 4 and above	Nottinghamshire (2011/12)	National (2010/11)
English	86.0%	82%
Mathematics	85.5%	81%
English and maths	80.9%	74%

## Key Stage 3

17. At the expected level, early 2012 figures in English put Nottinghamshire 3.4% above national figures for 2011. In mathematics, Nottinghamshire is 2.4% above the 2011 national average.
18. Compared to the equivalent 2011 figures, the greatest increase was seen in English with an increase of 2.6% from 2011 to 85.4%.
19. At the expected level, 2012 headline figures for Nottinghamshire are:

Level 5 and above	Nottinghamshire (2011/12)	National (2010/11)
English	85.4%	82%
Mathematics	83.4%	81%
English and maths	78.5%	N/A
Science	86.6%	83%

## Key Stage 4 (GCSE and equivalent qualifications)

20. The LA receives information regarding the achievements of young people in GCSE and equivalent qualifications direct from schools on results day. This is the earliest information available on the outcomes of pupils at Key Stage 4 for 2011/12 and is therefore considered provisional and subject to change. Our thanks go to colleagues in schools for providing this early information.
21. For each year between 2005 and 2011, the LA has made year on year improvements in reducing the gap between Nottinghamshire and national outcomes in the government's preferred indicator of 5 or more GCSEs (or equivalent) at grades A\*-C including GCSE English and mathematics.
22. Early returns (from 44 out of 45 secondary schools) in 2012 show that Nottinghamshire has seen an increase of 3.9% from 2011 to 61.5% of pupils gaining 5+ A\*-C including English and mathematics. This is 2.5% above last year's national average (national figures for 2012 are not yet available).
23. Early figures for 2012 show Bassetlaw schools have seen the greatest increase in the percentage of students gaining 5+ A\*-C including English and mathematics. 62.5% of students gained this measure, an increase of 13.6% from 2011.
24. 15.4% of pupils achieved the English Baccalaureate. An increase of 1.5% compared to 2011. The English Baccalaureate measures the percentage of pupils gaining A\*-C grades in each of the following GCSE full course qualifications: English, mathematics, two sciences, humanities and a language.
25. Since 2005, Nottinghamshire has witnessed an increase of 23.5% in the percentage of pupils gaining 5+ A\*-C including English and mathematics.
26. The percentage point gap between the LA and national average has fallen from 5.7% in 2006 to 1.4% in 2011. Nottinghamshire continues to make steady progress in closing the gap and improving the outcomes of young people.
27. 2012 headline figures for Nottinghamshire are:

Measure	Nottinghamshire (2011/12)	National (2010/11)
5+ A*-C (including English and maths)	61.5%	59.0%
5+ A*-C	87.5%	79.6%
English Baccalaureate	15.4%	17.6%

## Key Stage 5 (GCE A / AS and equivalent qualifications)

28. The LA receives information regarding the achievements of young people in GCE A/AS and other Level 3 qualifications direct from schools on results day. This is the earliest information available on the outcomes of pupils at Key Stage 5 for 2011/12 and is therefore considered provisional and subject to change. Our thanks go to colleagues in schools for providing this early information.
29. In 2012, early returns (from 39 out of 42 secondary schools with sixth forms) show the overall pass rate for Nottinghamshire has fallen slightly with 97.5% of full A-level entries gaining an E or above. This compares to 98% nationally.
30. 42.3% of A-level qualification entries achieved a pass at grades A\*-B. This compares to a national figure of 52.6%.
31. In Nottinghamshire 5.2% of A-level entries achieved an A\*. This is a slight decrease of 0.8% from last year.
32. The average point score (APS) per entry was 207.1 which is just below an average grade of C at full A level. This shows a slight increase of 1.0 from 206.1 reported this time last year in 2011.
33. The APS per candidate shows an increase of 19.8 points to 727.9 from this time last year in 2011 (this is slightly above the equivalent to three Bs at full A level).
34. 2012 headline figures for Nottinghamshire are:

Measure	Nottinghamshire (2011/12)	National
Entry pass rate (A*-E)	97.5%	98.0%
Entry pass rate (A*-B)	42.3%	52.6%
APS per entry	207.1	216.2#
APS per candidate	727.9	746.0#

# refers to 2010/11

## Other Options Considered

35. This is a report outlining local outcomes against national benchmarks. No other option is appropriate.

## Reason/s for Recommendation/s

36. Members will wish to note the report so that they are aware of the progress made in Nottinghamshire schools and academies.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

37. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) That the report be noted.

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## **Constitutional Comments**

38. As this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

## **Financial Comments (NDR 17/09/12)**

39. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

## **Background Papers**

None.

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All.

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