

Provisional Headline KS4 GCSE results 2015 for LAC pupils looked after continuously for a year as at the 31st March 2015 (20/08/2015).

Key Stage 4 GCSE results were released to schools and students on the (20/08/2015). The short briefing note below, based on provisional data provides an overview of Southampton's performance for LAC pupils looked after continuously for a year as at the 31st March 2015. National and other Local Authority data will not be published by the DfE for several months therefore comparisons will be made where available against last year's National data for LAC pupils. Following this release a further briefing note will be issued outlining Southampton's performance compared to Statistical Neighbours and National once this data becomes available.

Changes to exams

2014 was the first year of a period of change for GCSEs that will impact substantially on the headline indicator 5+A*-C including English and Maths GCSEs. In 2014 the DfE released a revised list of approved qualifications that would count for headline indicators. Subjects that had historically counted as more than one GCSE or equivalent due to the 'width' of the qualification, were capped back to 1 GCSEs equivalent. Therefore, 5 different subjects must be included within the 5+ A*-C including English and Maths as the focus switches from volume to breadth. This year's results will also be impacted on by a much greater emphasis on exams at the end of the two-year course and a reduction in coursework and modular units. Short course GCSEs no longer count as they are only 60 Guided Learning Hours in size. Functional skills will no longer count as they are pass / fail.

From 2015 onwards, DfE performance measures will focus on first entry for all subjects. Please note that the data below is provisional and will be revised once conformation of qualifications has been received.

Headlines

In advance of results day the Children's Data Team have been in contact with all schools where a LAC is educated to agree that as corporate parents we would receive information about the pupil's achievements. To support this process in advance of results day we also requested information about the number and type of qualifications pupils were entered for. Southampton's provisional KS4 cohort of pupils consisted of 37 LAC of those 27 were looked after continuously for 12 months.

- **Southampton achievement of 5+A*-C including English and Maths GCSEs for children who have been looked after continuously for at least twelve months was 11% (3 pupils). This is a decrease of 7% from 18% in 2014. The 2014 LAC National performance for 5+A*-C including English and Maths was 12%.**

Further News

LAC 1 year continuous

The analysis below is focused on those pupils that have been looked after continuously for 12 months as at 31st March 2015. There were 27 pupils within this cohort therefore each pupil counts for 3.7%.

- 26% (7 no.) of pupils achieved A*-C GCSE in English which is broadly in line with the 2014 performance of 28% (8 no.).
- 30% (8 no.) of pupils achieved A*-C GCSE in Maths which is broadly in line with the 2014 performance of 28% (8 no.).

- 19% (5 no.) of pupils achieved A*-C GCSE in English and Maths, this is broadly in line with the 2014 when 21% (6 no.) of pupils achieved. This is above the 2014 National performance of 14% by 5%.
- 15% (4 no.) of pupils achieved 5+ A*-C GCSE, this is a decrease of 14% from 2014 when 29% (8 no.) of pupils achieved. Southampton's 2015 performance is in line with the 2014 National performance of 16%.
- 11% (3 no.) of pupils achieved 5+ A*-C including English and Maths GCSE, this is a decrease of 7% from 2014 when 18% (5 no.) of pupils achieved. Southampton's 2015 performance is in line with the 2014 National performance of 12%.
- 85% (23 no.) of pupils achieved A*-G in English. This is an increase of 19% from Southampton 2014 performance of 66% (19 no.).
- 78% (21 no.) of pupils achieved A*-G in Maths. This is an increase of 12% from the 2014 performance of 66% (19 no.).
- 67% (18 no.) of pupils achieved 5+ A*-G. This is in line with Southampton's 2014 performance of 66% (19 no.).
- 63% (17 no.) of pupils achieved 5+ A*-G including English and Maths GCSE. This is in line with Southampton's 2014 performance of 62% (18 no.).
- 93% (25 no.) of pupils achieved any level of pass. This is an increase of 10% from the 2014 Southampton performance of 83% (24 no.).

N.B All indicators above are based on provisional 2014 and 2015 performance reported by schools with the exception of 5+ A*-C including English and Maths, 5+ A*-C and A*-C English and Maths which have been updated to reflect the DfE Statistical First Release publication.

LAC All KS4

The analysis below is focused on all LAC pupils in year 11 as at June 2015. There were 37 pupils within this cohort therefore each pupil counts for 2.7%.

- 22% (8 no.) of pupils achieved A*-C in English. This is in line with Southampton's 2014 performance of 22% (9 no.).
- 27% (10 no.) of pupils achieved A*-C in Maths. This is a 7% increase on Southampton's 2014 performance of 20% (8 no.).
- 16% (6 no.) of pupils achieved 5+ A*-C. This is broadly in line with Southampton's 2014 performance of 15% (6 no.).
- 11% (4 no.) of pupils achieved 5+ A*-C including English and Maths GCSE. This is a 4% decrease on Southampton's 2014 performance of 15% (6 no.).
- 70% (26 no.) of pupils achieved A*-G in English. This is an 11% increase on Southampton's 2014 performance of 59% (24 no.).
- 68% (25 no.) of pupils achieved A*-G in Maths. This is a 12% increase on Southampton's 2014 performance of 56% (23 no.).
- 59% (22 no.) of pupils achieved 5+ A*-G. This is a 13% increase on Southampton's 2014 performance of 46% (19 no.).

- 54% (20 no.) of pupils achieved 5+ A*-G including English and Maths GCSE. This is a 10% increase on Southampton's 2014 performance of 44% (18 no).
- 84% (31 no.) of pupils achieved any level of pass. This is a 4% increase on Southampton's 2014 performance of 80% (33 no.).

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