

## **Provisional Headline KS4 GCSE results 2020 for CLA pupils looked after continuously for a year as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and all year 11 CLA pupils (as at 20/07/2020).**

Key Stage 4 GCSE results were released to schools and students on the 20/08/2020. The short briefing note below, based on early provisional data provides an overview of Southampton's performance for CLA pupils looked after continuously for a year as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and all year 11 CLA pupils as at 20/07/2020. National and other Local Authority data for 2020 is currently not available therefore comparisons will be made, where available, against last year's National data for CLA pupils.

The Department for Education (DfE) [announced on the 8<sup>th</sup> April](#) that school, college or multi-academy trust (MAT) level performance data based on summer 2020 tests, assessments and exams at any phase would not be published. Schools and colleges should not be held to account on the basis of exams and assessment data from summer 2020 and that data will not be used by others, such as Ofsted and local authorities, to hold schools and colleges to account.

For 2020, pupils were awarded the higher outcome between center assessed grades or an algorithm that incorporated center assessed grades but considered school and pupil prior performance. As a consequence of this change in methodology, trend comparisons between years should be treated with extreme caution.

The current indication is that National and Local Authority data will not be published by the DfE. It will therefore not be possible to issue a further briefing note outlining Southampton's performance compared to Statistical Neighbours, Core Cities and National performance for 2020.

### **Changes to Key Stage 4 accountability**

In 2016, new school accountability was introduced which includes two new headline measures; Progress 8 and Attainment 8. Progress 8 is a value added measure where a pupil's results are compared with the achievements of other pupils with the same prior attainment at the end of Key Stage 2. Attainment 8 measures the achievements of pupils across 8 qualifications including English and Maths (double weighted), three Ebacc subjects and three other GCSE or DfE approved non-GCSE qualifications. Please be aware that no Progress 8 figures are included in this briefing note. The current indication is that Progress 8 outcomes which are dependent on a National dataset will not be published by the DfE for 2020.

In 2017, new, reformed English and Maths GCSEs were first examined and a new grading of 9-1 was introduced, with 9 being the highest grade. All other GCSE subjects were graded A\*-G in 2017 and converted to a scale of 9-1 to ensure compatibility with English and Maths when calculating Attainment 8 and Progress 8 scores. In 2018, additional English Baccalaureate subjects were given the new grading of 9-1. In 2019, the remaining GCSE subjects were given the new grading of 9-1. Consequently, any comparisons made between 2019, 2018 and 2017 results for the key headline performance measures must be treated with caution.

The headline English Baccalaureate (Ebacc) indicator changed from 2018 onwards and is now focused on an average point score achieved in English, Maths, two Sciences, Humanities (Geography or History) and a Language. The Performance Tables still report on the percentage of pupils entering and achieving the Ebacc at both the strong (grade 5+) and standard (grade 4+) pass.

## Headlines

In advance of results day, the Data Team and Virtual School had been in contact with all schools where a CLA pupil is educated to agree that as the corporate parent, we would receive information about the pupils' achievements. Southampton's provisional KS4 cohort of pupils consisted of 55 CLA pupils and of those, 44 were looked after continuously for 12 months as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. 5 pupils within the CLA cohort were either recorded as EOTAS (Education Other Than At School) or were educated in a provision that is not included in the DfE methodology and are therefore excluded from the calculations in this briefing note.

## Looked After Children - 1 year continuous

The analysis below is focused on those pupils that have been looked after continuously for 12 months as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. There were 41 pupils within this cohort and therefore each pupil counts for 2.4%.

- Southampton's 2020 average Attainment 8 outcome for children who have been looked after continuously for at least twelve months was 18.6. In 2019, Southampton and National CLA pupils achieved an Attainment 8 average of 21.0 and 19.1, respectively.
- In 2020, Southampton's average EBacc Average Points Score, for children who have been looked after continuously for at least twelve months, was 1.52. In 2019, Southampton and National CLA pupils achieved an EBacc points score of 1.67 and 1.52, respectively.
- 12.2% (5 no.) of pupils achieved 9-5 (Strong Pass) GCSE in English Language or English Literature in 2020. In 2019, 16.7% of Southampton CLA and 16.0% of National CLA achieved a 9-5 (Strong Pass) in English Language or English Literature.
- 24.4% (10 no.) of pupils achieved 9-4 (Standard Pass) GCSE in English Language or English Literature in 2020. In 2019, 33.3% of Southampton CLA and 27.0% of National CLA achieved a 9-4 (Standard Pass) in English Language or English Literature.
- 9.8% (4 no.) of pupils achieved 9-5 (Strong Pass) GCSE in Maths in 2020. In 2019, 10.0% of Southampton CLA and 11% of National CLA achieved a 9-5 (Strong Pass) in Maths.
- 17.1% (7 no.) of pupils achieved 9-4 (Standard Pass) GCSE in Maths in 2020. In 2019, 20.0% of Southampton CLA and 24.0% of National CLA achieved a 9-4 (Standard Pass) in Maths.

- 4.9% (2 no.) of pupils achieved 9-5 (Strong Pass) GCSE in English and Maths in 2020. In 2019, 6.7% of Southampton CLA and 7.0% of National CLA achieved a 9-5 (Strong Pass) in English and Maths.
- 12.2% (5 no.) of pupils achieved 9-4 (Standard Pass) GCSE in English and Maths in 2020. In 2019, 16.7% of Southampton CLA and 18% of National CLA achieved a 9-4 (Standard Pass) in English and Maths.
- 4.9% (2 no.) of CLA pupils were entered for the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) in 2020. In 2019, 6.7% of Southampton CLA pupils and 9.0% of National CLA pupils were entered for the English Baccalaureate.
- 2.4% (1 no.) of CLA pupils achieved a 9-5 (Strong Pass) in the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) in 2020. In 2019, 0.0% of Southampton CLA pupils and 1.0% of National CLA pupils achieved a 9-5 (Strong Pass) the English Baccalaureate.
- 2.4% (1 no.) of CLA pupils achieved a 9-4 (Standard Pass) in the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) in 2020. In 2019, 0.0% of Southampton CLA pupils and 3.0% of National CLA pupils achieved a 9-4 (Standard Pass) the English Baccalaureate.

#### **Looked After Children - All KS4**

The analysis below is focused on all CLA pupils in Year 11 as at 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020. There were 50 pupils within this cohort therefore each pupil counts for 2.0%.

- Southampton's 2020 average Attainment 8 outcome for all CLA was 17.9. In 2019, Southampton and National CLA pupils achieved an Attainment 8 average of 21.5 and 17.9 respectively.
- In 2020, Southampton's average EBacc points score for all CLA was 1.46. In 2019, Southampton and National CLA pupils achieved an EBacc points score of 1.80 and 1.00 respectively.
- 10.0% (5 no.) of pupils achieved 9-5 (Strong Pass) GCSE in English Language or English Literature in 2020. In 2019, 19.5% of Southampton CLA and 15.0% of National CLA achieved a 9-5 (Strong Pass) in English Language or English Literature.
- 22.0% (11 no.) of pupils achieved 9-4 (Standard Pass) GCSE in English Language or English Literature in 2020. In 2019, 34.1% of Southampton CLA and 25% of National CLA achieved a 9-4 (Standard Pass) in English Language or English Literature.

- 8.0% (4 no.) of pupils achieved 9-5 (Strong Pass) GCSE in Maths in 2020. In 2019, 12.2% of Southampton CLA and 10.0% of National CLA achieved a 9-5 (Strong Pass) in Maths.
- 16.0% (8 no.) of pupils achieved 9-4 (Standard Pass) GCSE in Maths in 2020. In 2019, 22.0% of Southampton CLA and 23% of National CLA achieved a 9-4 (Standard Pass) in Maths.
- 4.0% (2 no.) of pupils achieved 9-5 (Strong Pass) GCSE in English and Maths in 2020. In 2019, 9.8% of Southampton CLA and 7.0% of National CLA achieved a 9-5 (Strong Pass) in English and Maths.
- 10.0% (5 no.) of pupils achieved 9-4 (Standard Pass) GCSE in English and Maths in 2020. In 2019, 19.5% of Southampton CLA and 17% of National CLA achieved a 9-4 (Standard Pass) in English and Maths.
- 4.0% (2 no.) of CLA pupils were entered for the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) in 2020. In 2019, 12.2% of Southampton CLA pupils and 9.0% of National CLA pupils were entered for the English Baccalaureate.
- 2.0% (1 no.) of CLA pupils achieved a 9-5 (Strong Pass) in the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) in 2020. In 2019, 0.0% of Southampton CLA pupils and 2.0% of National CLA pupils achieved a 9-5 (Strong Pass) the English Baccalaureate.
- 2.0% (1 no.) of CLA pupils achieved a 9-4 (Standard Pass) in the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) in 2020. In 2019, 4.9% of Southampton CLA pupils and 3.0% of National CLA pupils achieved a 9-4 (Standard Pass) the English Baccalaureate.

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