

Meeting:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date:	12 February 2008
Subject:	Final Education Results
Key Decision:	No
Responsible Officer:	Heather Clements
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Christine Bednell
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Every Children Matters Scorecard: Enjoy & Achieve Q3

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report summarises the final education results for Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4. Key Stage 3 results are still provisional and will not be finalised until 27th February.

Recommendations:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee is requested to note this report

Reason: n/a

Section 2 – Report

Introductory paragraph

The final Key Stage 2 (KS2) and Key Stage 4 (KS4) education results have been published by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF)¹. The Achievement and Attainment Tables (formerly School Performance Tables) give information on the achievements of pupils in local schools and comparisons with other schools in the local authority area, and in England as a whole.

The KS2 tables show the percentages of pupils achieving Level 4 or above, and Level 5 or above in the Key Stage 2 tests for English, mathematics and science. Level 4 is the level expected of most 11-year-olds.

The KS4 tables show the results for secondary school students who are at the end of Key Stage 4 (end of Year 11). The tables aggregate GCSE and equivalent qualifications.

Key Stage 3 results are expected to be finalised by the DCSF by 27th February 2008.

Final 2007 Key Stage 2 results:

- 82% of pupils achieved Level 4 or above in the English test. This is above the England average of 80%.
- The LA target of 85% of pupils achieving Level 4 or above in the English test was not met, though this was an ambitious figure agreed in response to unrealistically high floor targets set by the (then) DfES in 2002. Aggregating schools' individual targets gave a lower overall LA target which was met - this suggests that the decrease from last year's 85% was attributable, at least in part, to year on year variation in the pupil cohort.
- 79% of pupils achieved level 4 or above in the mathematics test, above the England average of 77%. This was below the LA target of 85%, but, as for English, the aggregate of the individual school targets was met.
- 34% of pupils achieved Level 5 or above in English and 38% achieved Level 5 or above in mathematics – the latter significantly above the national average.
- In science 88% of pupils achieved Level 4 or above, in line with the national average. 51% of pupils achieved level 5 or above, significantly above the national average of 46%.
- Harrow's overall contextual value added score (CVA) was 100.2, which indicates that pupils are making more progress than would be expected given their starting point and other factors.

¹ <http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/performance/tables/>

Final 2007 Key Stage 4 results

- The number of pupils achieving 5 or more grades A*-C at GCSE (or equivalents) was 68.0% - well above the national figure of 62.0%. This was an increase of nearly 4 percentage points from last year's figure of 64.3% and exceeded the DCSF target of 67.5%.
- 56.1% of pupils achieved 5 or more grades A*-C including English and maths at GCSE or equivalent, again well above the national average of 46.7%. This was an increase of 2.7 percentage points from 2006.
- 94.9% of pupils achieved 5 or more grades A*-G at GCSE or equivalent, up 0.7 percentage points from 2006 and above the England average of 91.7%.
- The percentage of pupils achieving at least one qualification was 98.5%, in line with both the national average of 98.9% and the 2006 figure. It is possible that some of the remaining 1.5% pupils achieved a qualification which falls outside GCSE equivalence.
- The average total point score per pupil was 399.7, an increase of 10 points from 2006. This point score was well above the national figure of 378.1.
- Harrow's contextual value added scores of 1010 from Key Stage 2 to 4, and 1004.2 from Key Stage 3 to 4, indicate that pupils are making more progress than expected given their starting point and other factors.

Options considered – results to be noted

Financial Implications - The indicator 'Average points score per pupil at level 2 at age 16' is one of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) stretch targets for 2008/09. The present academic year result of 399.7 is above the local set target of 393.10. If this progress is maintained into the next academic year we will achieve the LAA with rewards target set for 2008/09. If rewards are achieved these will be shared as according to the Harrow Strategic Partnership agreement.

Performance Issues

The indicators are included on the quarterly Every Child Matters Outcome scorecard under the perspective Enjoy & Achieve. Provisional results are reported at Quarter 2, and final results (where available) at Quarter 3.

The Every Child Matters scorecard also includes more detailed KS2 and KS4 indicators relating to specific groups of pupils. These will be reported at the end of Quarter 3.

A print out from the Every Child Matters scorecard is attached.

Analysis against challenging local and national targets has identified schools where progress is greater and less than predicted. Where less, the local authority discusses this with schools. These discussions inform decisions on target schools that will receive training and consultant support in the forthcoming year.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

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Section 4 – Performance Officer Clearance

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Section 5 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

Every Child Matters Scorecard: Enjoy & Achieve Q3

The latest KS2 and KS4 results can be viewed at the DCSF's Achievement & Attainment tables alongside the results of any other Local Authorities:

www.dcsf.gov.uk/performance/tables/