Hertfordshire Association of School Governors

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Governors' Briefing

- Thank you! test and examination results
- Budget challenges
- New DfE guidance governance



Test and Examination results 2013/14 and Ofsted Outcomes

- Sustained high standards at all key stages
- Hertfordshire schools' performance 1st or 2nd quintiles for most indicators

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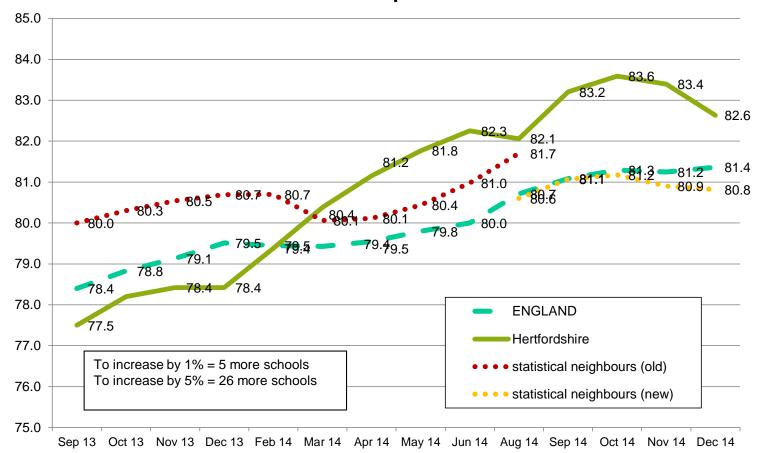
 For some vulnerable groups the gap remains wide...Children Looked After, Pupil Premium



Hertfordshire quintile profile

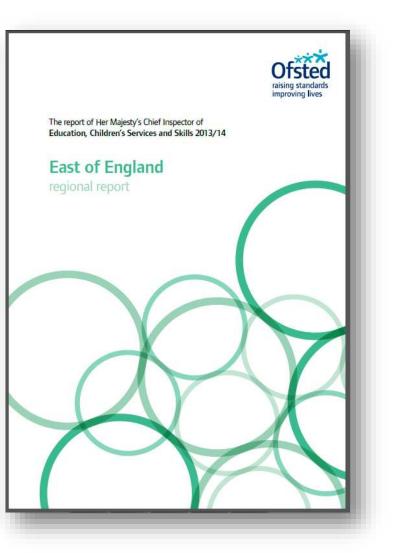
QUINTILE 1 Top 20%	QUINTILE 2 Top 40%	QUINTILE 3 National average	QUINTILE 4 Bottom 40%	QUINTILE 5 Bottom 20%
KS5 – APS entry				
EBacc				
KS4 Maths prog				
KS4 Eng prog				
5A*-C GCSE				
5A*-C GCSE EM			KS2 FSM gap	
KS2 RWM			KS1 M FSM gap	
KS1 writing	KS1 maths	KS2 M prog	KS1 W FSM gap	
KS1 reading	phonics	KS2 W prog	KS1 R FSM gap	
EYFS GLD	EYFS 20% gap	KS2 R prog	EYFS FSM gap	GCSE FSM gap





Ofsted - % of all schools good and outstanding - most recent inspection





The percentage of good and outstanding schools in the county has risen from 77% in August 2013 to 83% in August 2014. Attainment for children and young people in Hertfordshire is in the top quartile nationally at most key stages and continues to improve in relation to the national figures.



Budget Challenges

- GBs should this year consider carefully the 3 years position when setting budgets, especially as staffing establishment from September will run into the financial year 16/17.
- HCC will be funding schools to meet inflation, etc. this year and budgets should be issued this month to maintained schools.
- For 16/17 we expect to provide schools with flat cash per pupil, which will mean a cut after inflation of a bit over 2%.
 For 17/18, expect at best flat cash again, ie a real terms cut.



Budget Challenges – an election

- The Conservatives have recently announced they will continue with flat cash
- Liberal Democrats are proposing protection from inflation.
- Labour has yet to announce.
- A redistribution of funding between different authorities? What are we doing?

Working for the next 6 months with schools and their representative bodies on how to reduce costs and share resources so as to try to mitigate the effect of budget reductions



Statutory Guidance for LAs - Schools Causing Concern

Hertfordshire's Strategy for School Improvement



Hertfordshire County Council	
Children's Services	
www.thegrid.org.uk/leadership/improvement	



- David Laws and Lord Nash letter to LAs
- Importance of high standards of governance
- Guidance for LAs in overseeing effective governance in maintained schools
- Overarching safeguarding duties of LA

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