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## Ofsted- Local Authority League Tables

Ofsted is launching a league table ranking local authorities according to inspectors' ratings of schools. Sir Michael said: "The inequalities for local children are stark."

Figures published by Ofsted show that in some areas there is a less than 50% chance of a good or outstanding school - compared with more than 90% in others.

Ofsted's annual report said schools in England were getting better, with 70% of schools now rated good or outstanding compared to 64% five years ago. An extra half a million pupils were now being in taught in good or better schools, it said, but almost 2.3 million children were still attending a "small minority" of schools that are less than good. And the gap in standards between authorities facing similar challenges was too wide.

The top five in the table are;

- Camden 92%
- Barnet 91%
- Richmond upon Thames 90%
- Sefton 90%
- Trafford 90%

Source: Ofsted, % of pupils attending good or outstanding primary

Find out about the standard of provision in your region through Ofsted data view here; <http://dataview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

### Ofsted Annual Report 2011/2012

Ofsted report on the findings of nearly 25,000 inspections carried out during 2011/12 – of schools, early years and childcare, adult learning and skills, and colleges. Here are some key points from the report;

- Schools in England are getting better – although there is still a long way to go before the nation catches up with the best in the world.
- Ofsted has identified major concerns with the quality of provision in the post-16 Learning and Skills sector, especially in colleges, which are not adequately preparing young people for the world of work.

Read the full schools report here; <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/report-of-her-majestys-chief-inspector-of-education-childrens-services-and-skills-schools>

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## Literacy & Numeracy cash into schools– January '13

Schools will receive an additional premium of £500 for each Year 7 pupil who has not achieved at least level 4 in reading and/or maths (maximum £500 per pupil) at Key Stage 2. The premium will be available to all state-funded schools with a Year 7 cohort, including PRUs and special schools (LAs will also receive funds for students in alternative provision). Funding is committed to 2015. The money is to be used by schools to deliver additional tuition or intensive support in small groups, giving pupils valuable support to bring them up to speed so that they are more likely to succeed at secondary school. The FAQ DfE page gives useful information on timescales and figures, access it through this link

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/year7catchup/a00216777/y7-catch-up-premium-faq>

## Literacy and Numeracy Intervention- What works???

The DfE have put together a paper on research into effective intervention for pupils who need catch up support in literacy and numeracy. Information is given for primary-age pupils as well as for secondary-age pupils, as some interventions for younger pupils may also be useful for year 7 pupils, depending on the specific needs of those pupils.

The summary also includes some generic strategies which can be beneficial to low attainers and looks at effective practice during transfer and transition from primary to secondary schools. <http://media.education.gov.uk/assets/files/pdf/l/literacy%20and%20numeracy%20catch%20up%20strategies%20in%20secondary%20schools%2027%20nov%202012.pdf>

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## Wolf Approved Qualifications- 14-16 Performance 2015

This is the list of qualifications that will be included in the 2015 Key Stage 4 Performance Tables (to be reported in early 2016).

<http://media.education.gov.uk/assets/files/pdf/q/2015%20ks4%20wolf%20list.pdf>

This list includes qualifications that will be reported in both the 2014 and 2015 performance tables. Qualifications that will be reported in performance tables for the first time in 2015 are indicated with an asterisk (\*).

Schools may offer qualifications that are not included in the performance tables and in all cases should act as they judge to be in the best interests of their students.

This link leads to FAQs to guide you through this table and the previous table can be found here;

<http://media.education.gov.uk/assets/files/pdf/k/web%20faqs%20-%20ks4%202015%20list.pdf>

## Heads up on Dux Awards 2013

Schools minister David Laws wants more pupils to benefit from the successful Dux awards scheme next year.

All 24 Russell Group universities will take part in the 2013 scheme, recognising and rewarding top performance and potential in maintained secondary school pupils, and raising their aspirations. Teachers select a Year 9 pupil as their "Dux" (latin for champion), who is rewarded with a visit to a Russell Group university.

This year, the first of the scheme, 1400 pupils from 750 schools attended a special event at one of the universities. DfE hope to expand the scheme significantly that next year, with around 2000 schools registering. Registration for next year's scheme will open in late January and close in mid-February!

Merry Christmas to All from  
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