

## **EDUCATION & SKILLS**

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### **School Results**

The results for the 2015-2016 academic year build on the improvements seen last year. They indicate that the actions of schools, the local authority and consortium combined have consolidated and further improved provision and outcomes for learners.

In the Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 the rate of improvement over the last four years in Cardiff is greater than across Wales as a whole. Cardiff is now ahead of the national average in the two main indicators in the primary phase. In the Foundation Phase Outcome Indicator the difference is almost two percentage points (2 ppt), in the Core Subject Indicator (CSI) at Key Stage 2 the difference is nearly 1 ppt. At Key Stage 3 performance in the CSI is still improving and the rate of improvement has increased this year.

At Key Stage 4 outcomes improved in all the main indicators. In the level 2+ threshold Cardiff's performance rose by 3 ppt, making a 12 ppt improvement over the last three years. The wider level 2 measure continues to improve but the rate of improvement is too slow (2.8 ppt this year). Following the fall in the level 1 indicator in 2015, the currently available data on this measure shows an increase of 2.8 ppt to 94.9% which also represents an increase on that achieved in 2014. At Key Stage 5 the proportion of subject entries at A\* or A fell slightly but the proportion achieving A\*-C and A\*-E increased. All measures compare favourably with the national averages.

Despite the strengthening picture across the board, outcomes at the end of Key Stage 4, particularly in the level 1 and level 2 thresholds, are not yet high enough. Whilst there was a notable 7.7 percentage point improvement in Level 2 + for eFSM pupils, attainment for this group is still notably below non FSM pupils.

### **Junior Apprenticeships**

This innovative programme, jointly funded by Cardiff City Council, Cardiff schools and Cardiff and Vale College, offers a brand new route for young people to develop their skills for a future career. The aim is to make the young people employable and ready to progress onto a higher level course or apprenticeship in their chosen career at the age of 16. During Year 10 and 11 young people on a Junior Apprenticeship programme go to the College, instead of school, five days a week during term-time. They develop knowledge, skills and gain industry qualifications for their chosen future career. Alongside this

they will study English and Mathematics and continue to sit GCSE exams in these subjects.

The first cohort made up of 30 year 10 and 19 year 11 pupils started at the college in September 2016. They are following one of six pathways; automotive, construction, hospitality and catering, digital media, public services and hair and beauty.

### **School Holiday Enrichment Programme (SHEP)**

SHEP is a joint initiative between Education Catering, Cardiff and Vale UHB, Public Health Wales, Sports Cardiff and Food Cardiff and is delivered in partnership with schools and community settings in Community First areas of Cardiff. It provides good quality meals, nutrition skills and sports education to children living in areas of social deprivation in Cardiff.

This summer eleven Cardiff schools delivered the programme:

- Baden Powell Primary School
- Hywel Dda Primary School
- Meadowbank Primary School
- Millbank Primary School
- Moorland Primary School
- Ninian Park Primary School
- Riverbank Primary School
- Severn Primary School
- Ysgol Coed y Gof
- Ysgol Nant Caerau
- Fitzalan High School

A community initiative also operated in Albany Baptist Church, which was attended by pupils and families from Albany Primary School, Marlborough Primary School and Roath Park Primary School.

The programme ran from 9am until 3pm for 3 days a week for 4 weeks of the summer holidays. It included breakfast, lunch, nutrition skills education, sport and a programme of activities developed through the schools, Community First Teams and other agencies. The last day of each week featured a family lunch and activity afternoon.

Each school appointed a SHEP Co-ordinator, SHEP Assistants and SHEP Kitchen Manager. Staff leading the delivery of the programme in each school completed 'Making Every Contact Count' training and achieved 'Nutrition Skills for Life Level 1' certification.

SHEP schools were visited by:

Emma Williams, Deputy Director, Support for Learners, Welsh Government

Chris Jennings, Director of Sport, Cardiff Metropolitan University

Councillor Caro Wild

Councillor Peter Bradbury

Councillor Sarah Merry

Mark Drakeford AM

Nick Batchelar, Director of Education

Vaughan Gething AM

An evaluation framework has been developed in partnership with Decipher (Centre for the Development and Evaluation of Complex Interventions for Public Health Improvement) at Cardiff University and the programme was overseen by an Independent SHEP Advisory Board. It is anticipated that formal evaluation will be available early November 2016.

SHEP programmes have also run in four other local authorities this summer: Vale of Glamorgan, Neath Port Talbot, Denbighshire and Wrexham.

### **Cardiff 2020**

A renewed vision for education and learning in Cardiff was launched on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at City Hall at an event involving over 400 people including pupils, head teachers, business leaders, council members and officers, school governors and wider partners from across the city. Cardiff 2020 sets out 5 key goals for education and learning: Excellent outcomes for learners; A high quality workforce, 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environments; A self-improving school system and Schools and Cardiff in partnership.

### **Education Development Board**

Cardiff's multi agency Education Development Board will maintain an overview of progress against the vision, goals and outcomes set out in Cardiff 2020 and will develop partnership working to deliver the ambitions that have been set out. A new Chair has been appointed to the Board. Mr Rod Alcott, a former Wales Audit Office manager and peer adviser to the Council will take up the Chair in October 2016.

### **New Headteachers – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016**

Twelve new Headteachers/Acting Headteachers took up post on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016. Eight of these are new to headship.

There are currently eleven schools with Acting Headteachers in place and four schools with Interim Headteachers in place.

Four schools have Executive Headteacher arrangements in place. Three of these are a continuation existing arrangements and the fourth began on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016.

### **School Organisation**

The growing primary age population continues with an increased this year in the numbers of children entering Reception this September.

The number of children who enrolled in Reception in September 2016 was 4,322, those who are enrolled in Year 6 was 3,856, a difference of 466 more children per year entering the primary school system than leaving it to move on to secondary school.

The Council is responding to this by the creation of additional primary forms of entry across the City including this year the completion of an extension to Adamsdown Primary School, Coed Glas Primary and Ysgol Y Wern in Llanishen.

In addition, two new primary schools have recently opened: Howardian Primary in Penylan in 2015 and Ysgol Hamadryad, a welsh medium primary school in September this year.

A successful procurement exercise was undertaken this summer for three new primary school buildings. The first two will accommodate Howardian Primary and Ysgol Hamadryad, whilst the third will accommodate an enlarged Ysgol Glan Morfa in Splott.

The successful bid for the three new schools of £13.5m was made by Morgan Sindall, considerably below the tender level of £17m. The new community focussed primary schools are being designed in consultation with the schools and governing bodies to provide modern and flexible 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning environments.

The Eastern High School construction is now underway and a ground breaking ceremony is taking place on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> September. The school has been designed to be open and flexible, with high standard sporting facilities. A digital flythrough of the design of the school and grounds has been prepared and this can be viewed on the following link <https://youtu.be/7dxu0Em2RI4>

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