

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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<b>Subject:</b> Un-validated Examination Results 2014	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Director of Community and Children's Services	<b>For Information</b>
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>The City of London Corporation is responsible for three academy schools and three independent schools which have undertaken national examinations in 2014. The City of London Corporation is held accountable for the progressive and sustainable performance of the three academies of which it is a sponsor. This report provides the Education Board with an early headline summary of the examination results for the academies and independent schools.</p> <p>Members should note that the Department for Education has not yet validated these figures. Although there could be some slight adjustments, this report provides an outline summary of the results for 2014. Full un-validated examination results tables are provided as appendices. A further report, with full analysis, will be presented to the Board in October.</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>Members are asked to note the report.</p>	

## Main Report

### Background

1. The City of London Corporation is responsible for three academy schools and three independent schools which have undertaken national examinations in 2014. Students from the City of London Academy, Southwark, City of London Academy, Islington, City of London School, City of London School for Girls and City of London Freemen's School undertook GCSE and A level examinations in 2014. Students from The City Academy, Hackney also took examinations at GCSE.
2. The City of London Corporation is held accountable for the progressive and sustainable performance of the three academies of which it is a sponsor.
3. This report provides the Education Board with an early headline summary of the examination results for the academies and independent schools. A further report, with full analysis, will be presented to the Board in October.

## Current position

4. Examination results for 2014 received from the academies are presented in full at Appendix 1, together with the results for 2012 and 2013 to aid comparison. Appendix 2 details the 2014 examination results received from the independent schools, together with the results for 2012 and 2013.
5. Members should note that the Department for Education has not yet validated these figures. Although there could be some slight adjustments, this report provides an outline summary of the results for 2014.

### National overview – 2014

6. **GCSEs** – 68.8% of pupils in England achieved 5 A\*–C grades (a 0.7 percentage point increase from 2013). The percentage of pupils awarded the top A\* grade across all subjects fell slightly to 6.7%, down from 6.8% last year.
7. **A levels** – there was a small increase in the proportion of pupils in England who achieved the highest grade of A\*, but all other grades saw a slight decline, including the first fall in the proportion being awarded A\*–E grades for 32 years.

A level grades	2014 % awarded	2013 % awarded
Grade A*	8.2%	7.6%
Grade A*–A	26%	26.3%
Grade A*–B	52.4%	52.9%
Grade A*–E	98%	98.1%

### City of London Academy, Southwark

8. In 2013, 50% of pupils at the City of London Academy, Southwark were entered for science (EBacc) and 87% of these attained grades A\*–C; in 2014 the Academy announced that it had improved on this figure. In addition, the achievement level in Maths was maintained with 75% of all pupils attaining grade A\*–C (EBacc); however, provisional results indicate a 10 percentage point drop in the number of 5+ A\*–C grades (with English and Maths).
9. The A level results at the City of London Academy, Southwark show that 44% of students were awarded A\*–B grades and 72% achieved A\*–C grades. Southwark got 22% more students into Russell Group universities than in any previous year and their Head Boy become their first student to get into Cambridge, accepting a place at Corpus Christi to read Natural Sciences.

### City of London Academy, Islington

10. At the City of London Academy, Islington 80% of students achieved 5+ A\*–C grades at GCSE, maintaining the record high achieved last year. In addition, 69% of students achieved 5+ A\*–C grades (including English and Maths), a 9 percentage point improvement from last year.
11. The A level results at the City of London Academy, Islington show a significant increase in the achievement of top A level grades, with 48% of all pupils securing A\*–B grades (a 34 percentage point increase from 2013), while the overall pass rate also increased to 100%.

### The City Academy, Hackney

12. The City Academy, Hackney's first cohort of students took their GCSE exams this summer, receiving excellent results. 82% of students achieved 5+ A\*–C grades (including English and Maths), 91% achieved 5+ A\*–C grades overall, 66% achieved the English Baccalaureate, and 30% achieved 5+ A\*–A grades.
13. There are no A level results from The City Academy, Hackney, as the first cohort of pupils will not enter the sixth form until the start of the 2014/15 academic year.

### City of London School (Boys)

14. The City of London School recorded excellent GCSE results with 97.9% achieving A\*–B grades and 100% being awarded 5+ A\*–C grades (with English and Maths).
15. The A level results at the City of London School maintain the school's high academic record with 72.1% being awarded A\*–A grades and 97.1% achieving grade A\*–C.

### City of London School for Girls

16. The City of London School for Girls maintained their consistent high standards with 73.7% of pupils achieving grade A\* at GCSE, 99.7% being awarded A\*–B grades, and 100% receiving 5+ A\*–C grades (with English and Maths).
17. The A level results at the City of London School for Girls demonstrate continued excellent academic performance. 98.4% of pupils achieved A\*–C grades and 77.8% were awarded A\*–A grades.

## City of London Freemen's School

18. The GCSE results at the City of London Freemen's School were excellent with 79.9% of pupils receiving grades A\*–A and 99.8% being awarded 5+ A\*–C grades.
19. The A level results at the City of London Freemen's School built on the previous high standards with increases in performance across all categories, including 98.5% of pupils achieving A\*–C grades and 91.2% A\*–B grades.

### **Recommendation**

20. Members are asked to note the report.

### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – City of London Academies – examination results 2014
- Appendix 2 – City of London Independent Schools – examination results 2014

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