



**Havering**  
LONDON BOROUGH

## PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024

**Subject Heading:**

School Performance Outcomes 2023  
(Provisional)

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**Policy context:**

Education outcomes

### SUMMARY

This report updates members of the Committee on the provisional outcomes of the 2023 statutory assessments within the primary and secondary sectors.

It includes headline figures for:

- Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS);
- Year 1 Phonics Check;
- Key Stage 1 results;
- Key Stage 2 results;
- Key Stage 4 results;
- Key Stage 5 results.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Members should note the content of the report and the performance of Havering schools and academies in relation to national standards, outcomes across London, and in comparison to statistical neighbours.

**REPORT DETAIL**

Note: 152 Local Authorities nationally; 33 London boroughs; 11 statistical neighbours

Havering: 10 Infant, 10 Junior and 39 Primary Schools, 18 Secondary Academies, 6 Academy Sixth Forms, 3 Special Schools

It should be noted that achievement across all key stages decreased in 2022 and 2023 compared to pre-Covid examinations. This is a national picture that also affects Havering.

**1. The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)**

1.1 Standards in the EYFS in Havering are broadly at the national average – see Table 1. The proportion of children achieving a Good Level of Development (GLD) in Havering remained at 65% in 2023, national did increase by 2 percentage points.

**Table 1: Early Years: % attaining a 'Good Level of Development' (GLD)**

Area	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023	Trend
National	71	72	72	65	67	■ ■ ■ ■ _ ■
Inner London	73	74	73	68		■ ■ ■ ■ _
Outer London	73	74	75	68		■ ■ ■ ■ _
Statistical neighbours	72	72	72	65		■ ■ ■ ■ _
Havering	72	72	72	65	65	■ ■ ■ ■ _
National	52	73	77	89		↗ ↘ ↗ ↘ ↗
Statistical Neighbours	6	6	6	7		↔ ↗ ↘ ↗
London	20	25	25	30		↗ ↘ ↗ ↘ ↗

**2. Year 1 Phonics Check**

2.1 Similar to Early years the percentage of Year 1 pupils meeting the required standard remained at 77% in 2023, standards in Havering remain roughly inline with the national average and are generally in line with our neighbouring London boroughs and our statistical neighbours – see Table2 with the percentage of pupils having become static nationally and in London in recent years.

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**Table 2: Year 1 Phonics: % pupils attaining required standard of phonic decoding**

Area	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023	Trend
National	81	82	82	75	79	
Inner London	85	85	84	78	81	
Outer London	84	85	84	78	81	
Statistical neighbours	82	83	82	75	78	
Havering	86	85	83	77	76	
National	7	26	45	40	119	
Statistical Neighbours	1	2	2	2	9	
London	7	16	24	18	32	

**3. Key Stage 1 (KS1)**

3.1 Overall, standards at Key Stage 1 remain above the national average in all subjects, being top 3 amongst statistical neighbours and in the top quintile for Writing and top 40% for Reading and Maths.

**Table 3a: Key Stage One: % Level 2B+ Reading | EXS+**

Area	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023	Trend
National	76	75	75	67	68	
Inner London	79	79	78	71	71	
Outer London	78	78	77	70	71	
Statistical neighbours	77	76	75	67	69	
Havering	77	77	77	67	70	
National	48	43	36	66	36	
Statistical Neighbours	5	4	2	4	2	
London	23	22	20	29	21	

**Table 3b: Key Stage One: % Level 2B+ Writing | EXS+**

Area	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023	Trend
National	68	70	69	58	60	
Inner London	73	75	73	64	65	
Outer London	71	73	72	62	64	
Statistical neighbours	70	71	70	58	61	
Havering	71	73	72	58	64	
National	41	25	28	60	26	
Statistical Neighbours	4	2	2	5	1	
London	20	19	19	30	18	

**Table 3c: Key Stage One: % Level 2B+ Mathematics | EXS+**

Area	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023	Trend
National	75	76	76	68	70	
Inner London	79	79	78	71	73	
Outer London	78	79	79	71	73	
Statistical neighbours	76	77	76	68	71	
Havering	77	78	79	68	72	
National	45	32	20	64	44	
Statistical Neighbours	4	3	1	6	3	
London	23	18	15	28	24	

#### 4. Key Stage 2 (KS2) – Attainment

- 4.1 Standards at Key Stage 2 in all subjects (and when combined) are above the national average, and better than the outcomes achieved by other London boroughs and our statistical neighbours.
- 4.2 The proportion of pupils achieving the Expected Standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined increased by 1 percentage point in 2023, following the decline in 2022 after examinations resumed. Havering is 3%pts above the national average – see Table 4.

**Table 4: Key Stage Two: % Level 4+ Reading, Writing and Mathematics | Achieved Standard**

Area	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023	Trend
National	62	64	65	58	59	
Inner London	68	71	69	65	65	
Outer London	67	70	69	64	65	
Statistical neighbours	62	65	65	58	59	
Havering	72	70	71	61	62	
National	6	23	15	38	37	
Statistical Neighbours	1	1	1	3	2	
London	6	17	12	23	24	

- 4.3 Standards attained are also above our London neighbours, significantly higher than our statistical neighbours placing Havering in the second quintile of Local Authorities.

## 5. Key Stage 2 (KS2) – Progress

- 5.1 The DfE has yet to produce/publish progress measures for 2023.
- 5.2 Due to the pandemic, pupils in year 2 in 2019/20 and during 2020/21 did not get assessed at Key Stage 1 (at least not as a statutory assessment). This means that those pupils have no KS1 start point for their KS1 to KS2 progress measures as they reach the end of year six in 2024 and 2025 respectively.

[DfE made the announcement on 13th July 2023 in their technical guidance \(embedded link\)](#)

## 6. Key Stage 4 (GCSE's) – Attainment

**Table 6b: Key Stage 4: Attainment 8**

Area	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Trend
National	46.8	50.2	50.9	48.9	46.3	
Inner London	48.4	52.3	53.4	52.0	49.6	
Outer London	50.4	53.6	54.5	53.1	51.0	
Statistical neighbours	46.0	49.7	50.2	47.9	45.3	
Havering	48.5	51.9	52.2	50.3	47.3	
National	43	38	44	43	46	
Statistical Neighbours	2	2	2	2	2	
London	21	22	21	23	25	

- 6.1 Standards in the GCSEs in Havering are above national. The average Attainment 8 score in 2023 was 47.3 – above the national average of 46.3. This places Havering in the second quintile nationally and above the majority of its statistical neighbours.
- 6.2 Outcomes have fluctuated over the last few years, with the ongoing changes in exams and methodology however it has remained consistently above national.

**Table 7a: Key Stage 4: % Entering the English Baccaalaureate**

Area	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Trend
National	40.1	39.8	38.7	38.8	39.4	
Inner London	54.7	56.9	57.5	58.6	58.7	
Outer London	53.3	54.0	52.2	54.0	53.8	
Statistical neighbours	39.4	38.7	35.2	35.7	35.5	
Havering	51.8	54.6	56.9	56.5	61.7	
National	22	16	11	16	9	
Statistical Neighbours	2	1	1	1	1	
London	19	16	11	16	9	

6.3 Havering performs extremely well in terms of entry into the Ebacc, being more than 22.3%pts higher than national resulting being in the top quintile nationally for the last five years and 1<sup>st</sup> amongst Statistical Neighbours.

**Table 7b: Key Stage 4: % Achieving the English Baccaalaureate (9-4)**

Area	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Trend
National	25.1	29.8	29.5	26.9	24.2	
Inner London	32.2	40.1	41.0	37.4	33.8	
Outer London	34.6	40.8	39.5	37.4	34.5	
Statistical neighbours	23.6	29.3	27.5	25.3	22.6	
Havering	31.1	39.5	39.7	37.1	32.4	
National	31	22	21	24	24	
Statistical Neighbours	2	1	1	2	1	
London	21	18	17	19	18	

6.4 The percentage of pupils achieving an Ebacc decreased 4.7%pts in 2023 however Havering remains 8.2%pts above national and ranked in the top quintile.

**Table 8: Key Stage 4: % Achieving a Standard Pass in the Basics (A\*-C in both English and Maths)**

Area	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Trend
National	64.9	71.2	72.2	69.0	65.1	
Inner London	66.5	73.6	74.7	73.7	69.4	
Outer London	69.8	75.7	76.1	74.5	71.7	
Statistical neighbours	64.3	71.0	71.6	67.5	63.8	
Havering	69.8	77.0	76.1	71.6	69.2	
National	28	20	26	46	35	
Statistical Neighbours	1	1	1	2	1	
London	12	10	12	22	19	

6.5 Havering had a 2.4%pts decrease on 2022 but remains 4.1%pts above National. This results in Havering moving to the top 40% nationally, 1<sup>st</sup> amongst its Statistical Neighbours.

## 7. Key Stage 4 (GCSE's) – Progress

Table 6a: Key Stage 4: Progress 8

Area	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Trend
National	-0.03			-0.03	-0.03	— — —
Inner London	0.18			0.20	0.22	■ ■ ■
Outer London	0.18			0.25	0.30	■ ■ ■
Statistical neighbours	-0.10			-0.13	-0.11	— ■ ■
Havering	-0.04			-0.17	-0.09	— ■ ■
National	72			108	85	↘ ↘ ↘
Statistical Neighbours	3			7	4	↘ ↘ ↘
London	28			32	32	↔ ↔ ↔

7.1 Progress nationally will always remain static with state-funded schools being marginally below 0. The DfE did not publish Progress 8 for 2020 and 2021 during the COVID period as grades were teacher assessed.

7.2 Progress 8 in Havering increased 0.08pts from 2022 to be broadly in line with national in 2023. Historically Havering has always been in the middle quintile at the end of Key stage 4 this is regarded due to high prior attainment at Key Stage 2 this remains true.

## 8. Key Stage 5 (A-Level's) – Attainment

A/AS levels in 2020 and 2021 were awarded predominately through centre-assessment grades (what a school or college believed a student would most likely have achieved had exams gone ahead); for vocational and technical qualifications (VTQs) awarding organisations were often able to use evidence of work already completed for CAGs. For other VTQ qualifications adapted assessment meant calculation was not needed at all. There was no national standardisation/moderation and some boroughs increased their attainment by significantly large percentages.

For all indicators both national and local authority the attainment trend increases and peaks in 2021 which was the second year of teacher assessed grades. Both then declined in 2022 and 2023 with examinations resuming reflecting the national trends.

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**Table 9: Key Stage Five: Average Points Score (APS) per Entry at A level (excl. FE Colleges)**

Area	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Trend
National	33.8	38.4	40.4	37.8	34.5	
Inner London	33.8	38.7	40.3	38.6	35.7	
Outer London	32.9	38.9	41.3	38.7	35.4	
Statistical neighbours	31.7	37.4	39.7	37.3	33.6	
Havering	34.9	39.4	41.0	39.6	34.6	
National	26	34	41	34	58	
Statistical Neighbours	1	1	3	2	2	
London	8	12	17	11	18	

8.1 Outcomes have fluctuated over the last few years, with the ongoing changes in exams and methodology calculations. The six academy sixth forms have remained above national and has resulted in Havering now being ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> amongst statistical neighbours and 58<sup>th</sup> nationally, placing in the top 40%. Havering schools decreased by 5.0 percentage points in 2023 marginally above national.

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**Key Stage 5: APS for best 3 A-Levels (excl. FE Colleges)**

Area	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Trend
National	33.3	37.8	40.2	38.7	35.2	
Inner London	34.6	38.7	40.2	38.8	35.7	
Outer London	33.4	39.0	41.7	38.8	35.4	
Statistical neighbours	31.5	37.1	39.9	38.2	34.4	
Havering	35.2	39.1	41.0	39.6	34.6	
National	22	34	46	38	72	
Statistical Neighbours	1	2	5	3	6	
London	8	16	19	12	22	

8.3 Outcomes for the best 3 A-Levels have fluctuated over the last few years, with the ongoing changes in exams and methodology calculations however they have not improved as rapidly as elsewhere nationally or as swiftly as other London boroughs. Nevertheless, this year we have consistently outperformed our statistical neighbours currently ranked 6<sup>th</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup> nationally. Havering schools decreased by 3%pts in 2023.



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**Table 10a Key Stage Five: % of students achieving grades AAB or better at A level, of which at least two are in facilitating subjects (excl. FE Colleges)**

Area	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Trend
National	15.8	21.2	25.4	21.6	17.0	
Inner London	17.7	23.6	26.7	21.9	35.7	
Outer London	15.7	23.2	29.1	24.1	35.4	
Statistical neighbours	12.5	17.8	21.4	18.8	13.8	
Havering	13.1	19.5	21.3	19.7	9.7	
National	<b>63</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>132</b>	
Statistical Neighbours	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	
London	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>28</b>	

8.4 The percentage of pupils achieving grades AAB or better at A-level for the last 5 years have remained below that of national, rank against statistical neighbours has declined steadily. Havering dropped 10%pts to 9.7% in 2023. It's uncertain whether this is due to a drop in children eligible having selected at least two facilitating subjects at A-Levels or equivalent (there is no obligation to do so) and this was true in all sixth-forms.

**IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

**Financial implications and risks: None.**

**Legal implications and risks: None.**

**Human Resources implications and risks: None.**

**Equalities implications and risks: None.**

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

**None.**

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**DfE Statistics**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics>

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