



Hackney takes Gold, Silver and Bronze in most improved 14-19 education provision

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Hackney continues to set the pace as one of the most improved providers of education for 14-19 year olds in England, according to data published today by the Department for Children, Schools and Families.

The government figures confirmed that in 2009, Key Stage 4 and post-16 students in the London Borough of Hackney – one of the host boroughs for the London 2012 Olympic Games – recorded results that ranked in the top third nationally.

Hackney was the nation's most improved local authority at Key Stage 4¹, while at post-16, Hackney ranked as the country's second most improved authority per student and the third most improved per subject studied².

Hackney's average point score per student of A/AS Level or equivalent in 2009 was 625.4, a considerable improvement on the 552.3 score recorded last year.

Based on average point score per examination entry, the performance of students has - for the first time - risen above the average achieved by other London authorities and is now in line with the rest of the country³.

Alan Wood, Chief Executive of The Learning Trust, said: *"These are truly phenomenal results. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of students, staff and the wider community, Hackney is one of the most improved areas of the country at Key Stage 4 and post-16, an achievement that should make everyone involved immensely proud. For the first time, we are ahead of the national average at Key Stage 4 and we have once again narrowed the gap between ourselves and the national average at post-16. We can look forward to further success in 2010 with increased provision of sixth form study across the borough opening up opportunities for new cohorts of students. It is clear that the breadth and depth of these education opportunities in Hackney, allied to the determination and ability of its students and staff, makes this one of the most attractive places in the country to study post-16. I look forward to welcoming many more young people in Hackney into our schools and colleges and congratulate those that have set a new benchmark for future students to beat."*

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Notes to Editors

About The Learning Trust

The Learning Trust took over the responsibility for education in Hackney from Hackney Council on Thursday 1 August 2002. It's the first time in the UK, a private, not-for-profit company is managing the education of an entire Borough.

The organisation is headed by Chief Executive Alan Wood and Chair, Richard Hardie. The Learning Trust employs approximately 750 staff, and is responsible for the education of over 27,000 children, and the maintenance of over 70 schools. For further information visit our website at www.learningtrust.co.uk

1. Excludes the Isles of Scilly. Over half of students achieved 5 A*-C GCSEs including English and Mathematics (52.2 per cent), a performance that outstripped both the national and inner London averages. In 2003, only 26 per cent of students in Hackney achieved 5 A*-C GCSEs with English and Maths.
2. Hackney ranked behind only Newham and Knowsley on improvement to average point score per exam entry, while only Portsmouth recorded a greater improvement to average point score per student.
3. In 2009, students in Hackney achieved an average points score per exam entry of 210.5, compared to a score of 207.8 achieved as the local LSC area average. This is equivalent to an average of a C grade per subject studied. The national average point score per examination entry in 2009 was 211.7. The average point score per exam entry in Hackney has now risen by 15 per cent since 2006, compared to a 3 per cent rise nationally.