

appendix 3

# Church of England secondary school GCSE results and other statistics

Research undertaken for the Review Group showed that looking at average GCSE point scores at the aggregate level of LEAs, Church of England secondary school GCSE results were about 12 per cent higher than the results for all maintained schools in LEA areas:

LEA average GCSE point scores in 1999 and 2000		
	1999	2000
Church of England schools	41.1	42
All LEA schools *	36.8	37.6

(\* includes all maintained schools in each local education authority area including special schools and city technology colleges)

Source of data: DfEE website

An analysis of standards in Church schools provided by Dr John Marks for the research institute Civitas, who submitted evidence to the Review Group, showed that the percentage of pupils achieving five or more A\*–C GCSE passes in Church of England and Community schools is as follows:

Percentage of pupils in Church of England and Community secondary schools achieving five or more A*–C passes at GCSE		
	Percentage achieving 5+ A*–C Passes	Number of Schools
<b>Comprehensive schools</b>		
Church of England schools	50.8%	128
Community schools	41.8%	2204
<b>Secondary modern schools</b>		
Church of England schools	36.3%	7
Community schools	30.9%	139
<b>Grammar schools</b>		
Church of England schools	99.0%	4
Community schools	95.0%	91

At A Level, the analysis by Dr Marks showed very little difference in results between Church of England and Community schools.

The following tables illustrate our own analysis, based on OFSTED data for individual Church schools, of the performance of Church of England secondary schools, together with some other useful statistics.

Church of England secondary school statistics			
Average GCSE point scores			
	1998	1999	2000
Mean	39.2	40.5	41.1
Median	39.0	40.8	42.1
Highest	63.5	64.5	65.1
Lowest	15.6	14.7	15.5

Percentage of pupils with English as an additional language (#)			
	1998	1999	2000
Mean	8.3%	8.6%	10.0%
Median	1.2%	1.2%	1.5%

Percentage of pupils with special needs			
	1998	1999	2000
Mean	18.1%	18.9%	19.9%
Median	16.3%	16.4%	16.5%

Percentage of pupils with statements of special needs			
	1998	1999	2000
Mean	2.3%	2.3%	2.5%
Median	2.0%	2.0%	1.9%

(#) N.B. The large difference between the mean and the median (percentage of pupils with English as an additional language) is because a small number of schools have a very high proportion of pupils in this category.

The proportion of free school meals is often taken as an indicator of the social background of parents (although some have questioned this measure). An analysis by the Review Group, based on OFSTED data, has shown that an average of 14.9 per cent of children in Church of England secondary schools were eligible for free school meals over the three years 1998–2000 compared with an overall England average of 17 per cent over the same period.

## OFSTED inspection data

OFSTED provided the Review Group with inspection data for 133 Church of England secondary schools. Of these, 34 were given a ‘Very Good’ rating, 62 were given a ‘Good’ rating, 29 were given a ‘Satisfactory’ rating and 8 were given an ‘Unsatisfactory’ rating.

We are most grateful to OFSTED for supplying the base statistics for us to analyse.