

Southwark Virtual School

Highlights from Virtual School Headteacher's Report from 2019 CLA outcomes

1. In the 2018/2019 academic year, 450 students were recorded **on the roll** of Southwark Virtual School at any one time during the year. 245 children had been in Care for more than 12 months and 329 students were recorded on the school roll as at the end of March 2019.
2. 58% of the cohort are male, 42% female and 67% of the cohort are of **secondary school age**.
3. 6% of Southwark Looked after children are educated in schools graded less than Good by **Ofsted**. Children only attend 'Requires Improvement' schools in exceptional circumstances, such as when a previously Good school has a poor inspection outcome but it is considered in best interests of the child for them to remain there.
4. Over £840k of **Pupil Premium** grant has been received by the team to support its work with school aged learners.
5. **Southwark Personal Education Plan (PEP)** performance as at 31st July 2019 was reported as 70% up from 53% last year. The target remains above 90%.
6. **KS1 Outcomes:** Southwark Virtual School was below DfE region and national levels for all comparators at Key Stage 1 which reflects the low starting points of many of the younger children in care.
7. **KS2 Outcomes:** figures fell for reading and writing this year but Maths continues to be strength for the third year running. The numbers achieving the expected standard in maths is once again above the figures for London and National looked after children.
8. **KS4 GCSE outcomes:** 2019 was a good year from Southwark children in care. The percentage achieving the English Baccalaureate, English, Maths and basic GCSE grades was higher than the previous year as well as higher than London figures. Attainment 8 and Progress 8 figures were both improved from the previous year with Attainment 8 higher than and Progress 8 in line with London and National data. Southwark's KS4 SEND cohort achieved better than DfE region and national CLA with SEND
9. **KS5 Outcomes:** 88% of the Year 12 cohort passed at a Level / Level 3 exams. Overall, 85% passed at all levels in year 12. In Year 13 79% of learners passed their exams.
10. **Southwark Unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC):** 95% of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children were placed in an ESOL provision within 14 days of becoming known to Southwark Virtual School.
11. **Destinations:** continues to be a strength of the Virtual school with vast the majority of children choosing to continue in education.
12. **Persistent absenteeism** data shows an increase from 9% to 23% representing 61 looked after children. Reasons were mainly due to medical absences and appointments where 45 children lost 471 school sessions. Fixed term exclusions has also contributed to this increase with 23 children losing 125 sessions.
13. **Children Missing Education:** Through very focussed advocacy work the number of children out of education dropped from 22 to 10. This is a significant achievement when considering that the rate of mobility of looked after children in this cohort.
14. **Virtual School Priorities:**
 - Raising attainment, with a focus on reading and writing for KS1 and KS2 for both boys and girls.;
 - Working with social workers, schools and other partners to develop strategies for improving school attendance
 - Increase the quality of Personal Education Plans to improve education outcomes, with an intention to move forward on developing capacity for an electronic PEP system.
 - To decrease the rate of Persistent Absences and Exclusions by developing our response to the growing social, emotional and mental health needs of children on the roll of the Virtual School.