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## 1. School census pupil context

1.1 There are significantly fewer pupils with Free School Meals (FSM) in Grammar schools than in non-selective schools. The October 2015 school census reports that 12.5 % of children are eligible for FSM in Kent schools, 12.9% in primary and 11.2% in secondary. Nationally, 14.9% of secondary school pupils are eligible for FSM<sup>1</sup>. Overall, 2.8% of the pupils in Grammar schools are eligible for FSM, compared to 13.4% in non-selective schools. The proportions vary by year group, and in non-selective schools the numbers reduce significantly in the sixth form. The numbers of Children in Care (CIC) are low in Grammar schools, accounting for just 0.1% (40 children) of the school population. In non-selective schools the numbers are higher, rising to 0.9%. Conversely, Grammar schools have a higher proportion of ethnic minority pupils than non-selective schools, 20.2% compared to 13.9%. (January 2015 figures are included as ethnic minority data is reported annually).

Grammar Schools Contextual Data								
Year Group	Total Pupils - Oct 2015	Number of FSM	% FSM	Number of CIC	% CIC	Total Pupils - Jan 2015	Number of Ethnic Minority	% Ethnic Minority
7	5,066	172	3.4	11	0.2	4,871	1082	22.2
8	4,910	183	3.7	5	0.1	4,789	1031	21.5
9	4,902	129	2.6	8	0.2	4,748	951	20.0
10	4,746	120	2.5	3	0.1	4,708	891	18.9
11	4,685	134	2.9	6	0.1	4,644	818	17.6
12	4,996	108	2.2	5	0.1	5,044	1035	20.5
13	4,519	95	2.1	2	0.0	4,541	935	20.6
All Year Groups	33,824	941	2.8	40	0.1	33,345	6743	20.2

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<sup>1</sup> Jan 2015 school census

Non Selective Schools Contextual Data								
Year Group	Total Pupils - Oct 2015	Number of FSM	% FSM	Number of CIC	% CIC	Total Pupils - Jan 2015	Number of Ethnic Minority	% Ethnic Minority
7	11,076	1,617	14.6	85	0.8	10,976	1567	14.3
8	10,940	1,706	15.6	91	0.8	10,691	1456	13.6
9	10,695	1,550	14.5	102	1.0	10,718	1491	13.9
10	10,693	1,589	14.9	112	1.0	11,007	1426	13.0
11	10,897	1,490	13.7	137	1.3	11,161	1435	12.9
12	5,741	453	7.9	51	0.9	5,846	919	15.7
13	4,411	247	5.6	23	0.5	4,323	677	15.7
All Year Groups	64,453	8,652	13.4	601	0.9	64,722	8971	13.9

1.2 When looking at the total FSM cohort in secondary schools, 9.8% of the secondary FSM cohort attends grammar schools and 90.2% attends non-selective schools.

## 2. The Kent Test (Pupils entered in September 2014)

2.1 Entry information for the Kent Test shows that 15.6% of pupils entered for the Kent test are FSM Ever (those that are either currently eligible or have been eligible within the last 6 years) and that they account for 8.3% of those passing the test. Those who are currently eligible account for 7.0% of entries and 3.0% of passes. DfE information about Pupil Premium allocations for 2014-15 showed that nationally, 28.3% of pupils in mainstream secondary schools were eligible for the deprivation Pupil Premium.

District/Area	FSM Ever	Number Pupils Entered	% Pupils Entered	Number Assessed Grammar in Kent Test	% Assessed Grammar in Kent Test
Kent LA	Yes	1435	15.6	292	8.3
Kent LA	No	7736	84.4	3217	91.7

District/Area	FSM Eligible	Number Pupils Entered	% Pupils Entered	Number Assessed Grammar in Kent Test	% Assessed Grammar in Kent Test
Kent LA	Yes	639	7.0	107	3.0
Kent LA	No	8532	93.0	3402	97.0

Pupils from ethnic minorities account for 17.9% of Kent Test entries, and for over 20% of the passes in the Kent Test, which is higher than the percentage of pupils from ethnic minorities in Kent primary schools (17.9%).

District/Area	Ethnicity	Number Pupils Entered	Number Pupils Entered	Number Assessed Grammar in Kent Test	% Assessed Grammar in Kent Test
Kent LA	White-British	7482	82.1	2762	79.1
Kent LA	Non White-British	1628	17.9	728	20.9

2.2 A quarter of the FSM **Ever** pupils that entered the Kent Test also went on to achieve Level 5+ at Key Stage Two (KS2). They accounted for 73.6% of the FSM Ever pupil passes in the Kent Test.

District/Area	Achieving L5+ RWM at KS2	Number FSM Ever Pupils Entered	% Pupils FSM Ever Entered	Number of FSM Pupils Assessed Grammar in Kent Test	% FSM Pupils Assessed Grammar in Kent Test
Kent LA	Yes	366	25.5	215	73.6
Kent LA	No	1047	73.0	73	25.0
Kent LA	Unmatched	22	1.5	4	1.4

The proportions are similar when looking at **current** FSM eligibility. Over 20% of the FSM pupils that entered the Kent Test also went on to achieve Level 5+ at Key Stage 2 (KS2). They accounted for 72.9% of the FSM Ever pupil passes in the Kent Test.

District/Area	Achieving L5+ RWM at KS2	Number FSM Eligible Pupils Entered	% Pupils FSM Eligible Entered	Number of FSM Eligible Pupils Assessed Grammar in Kent Test	% FSM Eligible Pupils Assessed Grammar in Kent Test
Kent LA	Yes	141	22.1	78	72.9
Kent LA	No	482	75.4	25	23.4
Kent LA	Unmatched	16	2.5	4	3.7

2.3 Twenty-nine (out of 96) CIC entered the Kent Test, and 5 of them passed, which accounts for just 0.1% of all passes.

District/Area	CIC	Number of Pupils Entered	% Pupils Entered	Number of Pupils Assessed Grammar in Kent Test	% Pupils Assessed Grammar in Kent Test
Kent LA	Yes	29	0.3	5	0.1
Kent LA	No	9142	99.7	3504	99.9

Of those 29 CIC who entered, 6 (20.7%) went on to achieve Level 5+ at KS2, accounting for 40% of those CIC that passed the Kent Test.

District/Area	Achieving L5+ RWM at KS2	Number CIC Pupils Entered	% CIC Pupils Entered	Number of CIC Pupils Assessed Grammar in Kent Test	% CIC Pupils Assessed Grammar in Kent Test
Kent LA	Yes	6	20.7	2	40.0
Kent LA	No	23	79.3	3	60.0

2.4 Around a quarter of both FSM Ever and FSM Eligible pupils that passed the Kent Test had previously achieved Level 2B+ at Key Stage One (KS1).

District/Area	Kent Test Result	Number FSM Ever Pupils Achieving L2B+ RWM at KS1	% FSM Pupils Achieving L2B+ RWM at KS1
Kent LA	Grammar	232	27.9
Kent LA	High	585	70.4
Kent LA	Withdrawn	14	1.7

District/Area	Kent Test Result	Number FSM Eligible Pupils Achieving L2B+ RWM at KS1	% FSM Pupils Achieving L2B+ RWM at KS1
Kent LA	Grammar	83	23.8
Kent LA	High	256	73.4
Kent LA	Withdrawn	10	2.9

2.5 Independent schools have the highest pass rate for the Kent Test, and for the last three years it has remained at around 70%. However, they account for fewer than 7% of entries, and 10% of passes. The pass rate for Kent schools (excluding independent schools) has remained around 40%, and for out of county schools (excluding independent schools) this figure rises to over 50%. Kent schools (excluding independent schools) account for 69% of entries and 66% of passes.

Year of Entry	Kent schools excluding Independent			Independent schools			Out of county schools excluding Independent		
	Total assessed	Number assessed suitable for a Kent Grammar school	% assessed suitable for a Kent Grammar school	Total assessed	Number assessed suitable for a Kent Grammar school	% assessed suitable for a Kent Grammar school	Total assessed	Number assessed suitable for a Kent Grammar school	% assessed suitable for a Kent Grammar school
2014	8741	3567	40.8%	885	635	71.8%	2485	1304	52.5%
2015	9346	3659	39.2%	886	618	69.8%	2813	1499	53.3%
2016	9473	3886	41.0%	907	637	70.2%	3361	1741	51.8%

2.6 For the last three years there has consistently been a difference of over 25 percentage points between the districts with the highest and lowest pass rates for the Kent Test. In the latest year, the lowest pass rate was in Shepway (27.4%), with the highest in Tunbridge Wells (54.4%).

Area	Proportion of tested pupils assessed suitable for a Kent Grammar school		
	2014	2015	2016
Ashford	41.8%	41.3%	42.9%
Canterbury	42.0%	43.8%	44.6%
Dartford	35.2%	33.4%	40.6%
Dover	32.6%	34.7%	34.2%
Gravesham	37.1%	39.7%	35.5%
Maidstone	42.7%	38.2%	46.3%
Sevenoaks	54.1%	50.3%	50.5%
Shepway	29.9%	24.9%	27.4%
Swale	39.8%	36.6%	36.3%
Thanet	32.0%	30.8%	32.0%
Tonbridge & Malling	47.6%	44.7%	47.9%
Tunbridge Wells	55.4%	51.6%	54.4%

### 3. Pupil Destinations

3.1 The latest information about pupil destinations from Year 11 in Grammar schools, matched to FSM eligibility, shows that 79% of FSM pupils stay-on into Year 12 school sixth form, compared to over 91% of non-FSM pupils. Most of the FSM pupils not staying in school sixth form chose to attend college, which accounted for an additional 15% of the cohort. Conversely, only 6% of the non-FSM pupils in Grammar schools chose to go to college.

<b>16 Year Olds as at November 2015</b>				
Destination	FSM eligible pupils in cohort - number by destination	% of FSM eligible pupils in the 16 year old cohort (106) split by destination	Pupils in cohort not eligible for FSM - number by destination	% of non FSM eligible pupils in the 16 year old cohort split by destination
Apprenticeship	1	0.94	22	0.53
Employment with non-accredited training	0	0.00	1	0.02
College	16	15.09	250	5.99
Not Available - Illness	0	0.00	1	0.02
Re-sitting School Year 11	0	0.00	5	0.12
<b>School Year 12 - sixth form</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>79.25</b>	<b>3817</b>	<b>91.51</b>
School Year 13 - sixth form	0	0.00	29	0.70
School Year 14 - sixth form	0	0.00	0	0.00
Traineeships	0	0.00	1	0.02
Training	0	0.00	9	0.22
Unemployed	1	0.94	4	0.10
Unknown	4	3.77	32	0.77
Work Based Learning	0	0.00	0	0.00
Employment - Part Time/Temp	0	0.00	0	0.00
Employment without training	0	0.00	0	0.00
Higher Education	0	0.00	0	0.00
Not Available - Parent	0	0.00	0	0.00
Employment with accredited training/part time study	0	0.00	0	0.00
Gap year	0	0.00	0	0.00
Self Employed	0	0.00	0	0.00
Volunteer work	0	0.00	0	0.00
Not Available - Pregnancy	0	0.00	0	0.00
<b>All Pupils</b>	<b>106</b>		<b>4,171</b>	

3.2 Pupil destinations information from Year 12 in Grammar schools, matched to FSM eligibility, shows that 64% of FSM pupils stay-on into Year 13, compared to over 80% of non-FSM pupils. Most of the FSM pupils not staying in school sixth form chose to attend college, which accounted for an additional 21% of the cohort. Conversely, only 9% of the non-FSM pupils in Grammar schools chose to go to college.

<b>17 Year Olds as at November 2015</b>				
Destination	FSM eligible pupils in cohort - number by destination	% of FSM eligible pupils in the 17 year old cohort (119) split by destination	Pupils in cohort not eligible for FSM - number by destination	% of non FSM eligible pupils in the 17 year old cohort split by destination
Apprenticeship	2	1.68	80	1.89
Employment with non-accredited training	0	0.00	5	0.12
College	25	21.01	389	9.20
Not Available - Illness	0	0.00	4	0.09
Re-sitting School Year 11	0	0.00	0	0.00
School Year 12 - sixth form	8	6.72	139	3.29
<b>School Year 13 - sixth form</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>63.87</b>	<b>3,422</b>	<b>80.90</b>
School Year 14 - sixth form	0	0.00	0	0.00
Traineeships	0	0.00	0	0.00
Training	0	0.00	7	0.17
Unemployed	3	2.52	11	0.26
Unknown	5	4.20	145	3.43
Work Based Learning	0	0.00	1	0.02
Employment - Part Time/Temp	0	0.00	2	0.05
Employment without training	0	0.00	10	0.24
Higher Education	0	0.00	13	0.31
Not Available - Parent	0	0.00	2	0.05
Employment with accredited training/part time study	0	0.00	0	0.00
Gap year	0	0.00	0	0.00
Self Employed	0	0.00	0	0.00
Volunteer work	0	0.00	0	0.00
Not Available - Pregnancy	0	0.00	0	0.00
<b>All Pupils</b>	<b>119</b>		<b>4,230</b>	

3.3 The latest information about pupil destinations from Year 13 in Grammar schools, matched to FSM eligibility, shows that 44% of FSM pupils went on to Higher Education (HE), compared to over 60% of non-FSM pupils. Tracking of destinations post Year 13 is more difficult than for Years 11 and 12, so there are higher numbers of pupils with an unknown destination (16% of FSM pupils and 7% of non-FSM pupils). In terms of other destinations, 11% of the FSM pupils chose to attend college compared to 8% of the non-FSM pupils. Thirteen FSM pupils went into employment without training, accounting for 10% of the FSM cohort, but there were 293 non-FSM pupils in this destination group (7%). Percentages taking up apprenticeships from Grammar school were similar for both the FSM and non-FSM groups, at between 3 and 4%.

<b>18 Year Olds as at November 2015</b>				
Destination	FSM eligible pupils in cohort - number by destination	% of FSM eligible pupils in the 18 year old cohort (127) split by destination	Pupils in cohort not eligible for FSM - number by destination	% of non FSM eligible pupils in the 18 year old cohort split by destination
Apprenticeship	4	3.15	158	3.81
Employment with non-accredited training	2	1.57	46	1.11
College	14	11.02	313	7.54
Not Available - Illness	0	0.00	6	0.14
Re-sitting School Year 11	0	0.00	0	0.00
School Year 12 - sixth form	0	0.00	1	0.02
School Year 13 - sixth form	9	7.09	161	3.88
School Year 14 - sixth form	0	0.00	14	0.34
Traineeships	0	0.00	1	0.02
Training	1	0.79	15	0.36
Unemployed	6	4.72	166	4.00
Unknown	20	15.75	278	6.70
Work Based Learning	0	0.00	0	0.00
Employment - Part Time/Temp	1	0.79	32	0.77
Employment without training	13	10.24	293	7.06
<b>Higher Education</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>44.09</b>	<b>2,520</b>	<b>60.71</b>
Not Available - Parent	0	0.00	0	0.00
Employment with accredited training/part time study	0	0.00	6	0.14
Gap year	1	0.79	129	3.11
Self Employed	0	0.00	2	0.05
Volunteer work	0	0.00	9	0.22
Not Available - Pregnancy	0	0.00	1	0.02
<b>All Pupils</b>	<b>127</b>		<b>4,151</b>	



#### **4. School Level Data**

- 4.1 Some primary schools have not entered any FSM pupils for the Kent Test. Of those that have, the percentage of the FSM cohort entered ranges from 6% up to 100%, with subsequent pass rates ranging from 0 to 100%. In the 25 schools where 100% of entered FSM pupils passed, their proportion of the FSM cohort entered for the test ranged from 8% up to 100%, but these were typically cohorts with small numbers of FSM, as the average number of FSM pupils entered across these 25 schools was 1 pupil from an average FSM cohort size of 4. There were 41 schools that entered 100% of their FSM cohort, and these were typically schools with just one FSM pupils in the cohort. However, only 10 of these 41 schools had FSM pupils that passed the test. [See appendix 1]
- 4.2 There are 60 schools with 10 or more FSM pupils in their cohorts that entered at least one FSM pupil for the Kent Test. In these schools the percentage of FSM pupils entered ranged from 6% up to 70%. Pass rates in these schools varied from 0% (33 schools) up to 100% (two schools that both entered one FSM pupil). Upton Junior School and Greenfields Community Primary School both have high numbers of FSM pupils and fairly high numbers of those going to grammar school, whilst Drapers Mill Primary Academy and Newington Community Primary School had no FSM pupils going to grammar school despite their high numbers of FSM pupils. [See appendix 1a]
- 4.3 There are 55 primary schools in Kent that have consistently narrowed their FSM attainment gap over the last three years. However, there appears to be no correlation between consistent gap-narrowing and a high proportion of FSM pupils passing the Kent Test. [See appendix 1]
- 4.4 Of these 55 schools that have consistently narrowed their FSM attainment gap over the last three years, 16 of them (29%) have also shown an increasing proportion of the FSM cohort achieving Level 5+ at KS2 over the last three years. [See appendix 2]
- 4.5 The FSM attainment gaps in Grammar schools are significantly smaller than in non-selective schools, though the numbers of pupils with FSM are much lower. The gaps are small for most indicators at the end of KS4, apart from average point scores (APS) which are slightly bigger. However, given the low numbers of FSM pupils the attainment gap information needs to be read carefully as a gap can shift significantly based on the performance of just one pupil. Harvey Grammar and Dover Grammar School for Girls have the best performance in terms of FSM eligibility attainment gap and Norton Knatchbull and Cranbrook have room for improvement. It is also worth noting that in the latest KS4 gap data for Grammar schools, there are three schools with no FSM pupils in their cohort: Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School, Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School and Tonbridge Grammar School. [See appendix 3]

#### **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 The Select Committee is asked to note the information included in this report and use it to support its work.

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