

DfE: The School Destinations of Secondary School Pupils Resident in London Boroughs Statistical Bulletin

Discontinuation of the Statistical Bulletin on School Destinations

The Department has published this Statistical Bulletin on an annual basis since 2005. Its main purpose is to bring together and make available to a wider audience, including London Local Authorities, a single comprehensive picture of secondary school destinations across London using data collected in the School Census. It contains information about the pupils living and / or attending maintained secondary schools (including middle deemed), City Technology Colleges and Academies in London.

The scope and content of the bulletin has changed over time to reflect developments in the scope of the DfE data collection programme and user interests.

The most recent bulletin published in August 2010 is available at:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/SBU/b000951/index.shtml>

During autumn 2010 we conducted a consultation seeking views on the Bulletin in order to obtain feedback on the publication. In total there were 30 respondents to the survey, of which 4 completed the whole survey. A summary of the responses to the consultation can be found at:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/rsgateway/onlinesurveys.shtml>

We are concerned that the low response rate is an indication that the publication is of interest to a niche audience and that meeting this requirement may not be the most effective use of our resources. With this in mind the recommended course of action is to consult with users to assess the impact of dropping the publication from the schedule on a permanent basis.

Therefore we would be grateful if you could let us know your views....in particular your responses to the following questions will inform the decision on whether to continue with this publication.

Do you use the School Destinations of Secondary School Pupils Resident in London Boroughs Statistical Bulletin?

What would the impact to you/your organisation of withdrawing the bulletin?

If we were to withdraw the publication but publish a selection of tables which tables would you find most useful?

For what purpose would these tables and the information in them be used?

You are invited to let Jill Bodey know your views by 30 September 2011
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