

## Performance Tables

Secretary of State's Requirements for the Publication of Information in Performance Tables

### Summary

Arrangements for the collection of data for the school and college performance tables for 2002.

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# Executive Summary

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**Date:** September 2002

**Subject:** Arrangements for the collection of data for the school and college performance tables for 2002.

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**Intended recipients:** Principals of colleges  
Chief Education Officers

**Status:** For Information



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## Introduction

1 As part of the government's policy of raising standards and improving the information available to parents and students about the performance of their local secondary schools and colleges, the secretary of state requires colleges to publish information on the achievements of their students each year. The arrangements for collection and publication of the information to be published in the 2002 School and College Performance Tables are set out in this circular.

## Post-16 Performance Tables

2 Schools and colleges are required to provide information to the Department's contractor about the qualifications achieved by their students aged 16-18. The information is subsequently published in the school and college performance tables. The DfES set out proposals for the 2002 performance tables in a consultation document issued in March 2002. The results of the consultation are available to view on the Department's website at ([www.dfes.gov.uk/consultations/sor/results\\_sor.htm](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/consultations/sor/results_sor.htm)).

3. 2002 will see the first full set of GCE and VCE A level results following the introduction of Qualifying for Success reforms in 2000. The Secretary of State has decided that the tables will continue to report the sum achievements of students at the end of two years of advanced level study, but also to include 16 year olds as well as 17 and 18 year olds. And in a change to the way results are presented,

results will be reported in combined indicators only using the new UCAS tariff. There will be no A/AS improvement measure until a series of summative results over time is available and no further changes will be made to the way in which other advanced and intermediate vocational qualifications or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma are reported.

4. The 2002 tables will include the:
- number of students aged 16, 17 and 18 on roll\*;
  - average point score per student entered for GCE and/or VCE examinations at the end of two years of advanced level study; and
  - average point score per examination entry.

\* aged 16,17 or 18 on 31 August 2001 and on roll at the college at the beginning of the 2002 Spring Term.

## Process

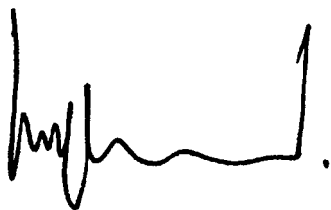
5. The secretary of state has appointed the same contractor as last year to prepare the performance tables for publication. At the request of the secretary of state and in accordance with sections 54(1)(c) of the *Further and Higher Education Act 1992* and section 12(2) of the *Learning and Skills Act 2000*, the Council requests that, on being sent data on the qualification achievements of their students, each college should check the data and return information direct to the contractor.

6. Colleges should expect to receive contextual details including information about the number of students on roll at the college, early in the Autumn term. This should be checked, amended if necessary and returned within two weeks of receipt. Following this, student and subject level data based on GCE and VCE results will be despatched. Again this data should be verified within two weeks of receipt. Comprehensive guidance on how to check and make amendments to data will be provided.

7. Secondary schools will be asked to distribute copies of the published tables to the parents of all pupils in Year 11. Colleges will be required to make a copy available for inspection by parents and others on request. The DfES will distribute copies to Local Education Authorities, local libraries, local Learning and Skills Council offices, local careers services and the local and national media.

8. Enquiries concerning the performance tables should be addressed to:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Harwood', with a stylized flourish at the end.

*John Harwood, Chief Executive*



# Notes

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