

# Secondaries rated for pupil progress



Dixons Trinity Academy, in Trinity Road, was the best performing secondary according to Progress 8 scores

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THE BEST and worst performing Bradford secondary schools have been revealed, according to their 'Progress 8' score.

The Department for Education has released its annual dataset, outlining the overall performance at the end of key stage four of secondary schools across the country in 2019.

There are 58 institutions on the list for Bradford, which includes schools maintained by the Local Authority (LA), academies, independent schools and special schools.

They are ranked primarily on their 'Progress 8' score - this shows how much progress pupils at a school made between the end of key stage two and the end of key stage four, in up to eight subjects - such as maths, English, languages, geography and computer science.

This is then compared to pupils across England who got similar results at the end of key stage two.

There are 25 Bradford schools that did not have a Progress 8 score for one reason or another.

This includes, eight with no data available, 14 which were not published, and three with no entries.

Dixons Trinity Academy is the best performing secondary school in Bradford, with a Progress 8 score of 1.21, which is deemed to be "well above average".

In second, is Feversham Academy (1.12) in Cliffe Street, with Dixons Kings Academy (1.07) in Lidget Green rounding out the top three.

The next two schools are much lower scores than the first three, but are still performing "well above average".

Bradford Girls' Grammar School, near Girlington, sits in fourth (0.74) despite being rated Inadequate by Ofsted back in March 2019.

A recent monitoring visit though did show the school was improving.

The fifth-best high school in Bradford is Dixons McMillan Academy (0.68), which is just down the road from Dixons Trinity Academy.

It has been a good performance all

round for the Dixons banner, with the academy trust repeating last year's efforts by coming second again in the multi-academy trusts (MATs) tables.

Queensbury Academy came out as the worst mainstream school in the secondary school tables for its Progress 8 score.

The school was "well below average" in 2019 with a rating of -0.83.

A special school, Oastlers, had a rating of -1.35, but at the end of last month the East Bowling-based institution received a national award and was told by Ofsted it could be an Outstanding school in its next inspection.

A further six secondary schools were "well below average" for Progress 8.

Third-bottom was One In A Million Free School (-0.83), next-door to Valley Parade, with Hanson School just above (-0.63).

Appleton Academy was next in the table (-0.57), with Bradford Academy (-0.55) and Laisterdyke Leadership Academy (-0.53).

The schools that are "well below average" is rounded off by The Holy Family Catholic School (-0.52), in Keighley.

# Academy 2nd for another year

A BRADFORD-BASED academy trust has come second once again in national performance tables.

Dixons Academies Charitable Trust LTD got a multi-academy trusts (MATs) Progress 8 score of 0.72.

This put the Trust just 0.02 behind Star Academies - in first - based in Blackburn.

MATs Progress 8 works in a similar way to a Progress 8 score for an individual school.

The progress score for each MAT is calculated from the progress scores of its schools, weighted by length of time the school has been with the MAT, and the number of pupils who were in year 11 in the school.

Sir Nick Weller, CEO of the Trust, said the result is credit to students and staff under the Dixons banner. He added: "Even more pleasing, we have been in the top three for each of the three years

we have qualified for these tables."

There were five other academies with Bradford and Keighley schools represented among them in the list.

Bradford Diocesan Academies Trust came in at 20th (0.2), while BBG Academy, in Birkenshaw, part of The Rodillian Multi-Academy Trust, came 35th (0.009).

Meanwhile, the Beckfoot Trust - which has 10 schools across Bradford and Keigh-

ley - was 14 places behind in 49th (-0.02).

Northern Education Trust, which includes Ryecroft Primary Academy, in Holme Wood, and Merlin Top Primary Academy, in Keighley, got -0.11 and was "below average" in 63rd.

Finally, Co-op Academy - which has Priesthorpe School in Pudsey and Southfield School in Haycliffe Lane under its banner - was in 75th with a -0.2 rating.

# Major scheme is up for discussion

EARLY plans to create 550 houses, a new road and a primary school near Otley are set to go before Leeds planning chiefs this week.

Leeds City Council officers claim a site to the east of Otley represents 'a significant opportunity' for the council to contribute to its own housing targets, and plans to submit a planning application for the site.

A document, set to go before the authority's executive board, added more than a third of the houses would be 'social or affordable rented', while the site would require a construction of a new primary school and new relief road.

The authority claims the planned East of Otley relief

road would connect Leeds Road to Pool Road, and could help reduce traffic congestion in Otley town centre.

The document stated: "The site presents a significant opportunity to deliver a high-quality mixed use and sustainable extension of Otley and in so doing make a major contribution to the delivery of the city's Core Strategy objectives and the Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy."

"The development of the site requires a new East of Otley Relief Road to service the development and for the wider benefit of relieving traffic congestion, improving the environment of Otley town centre and helping to grow the local economy as a whole."

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