Education in Southwark

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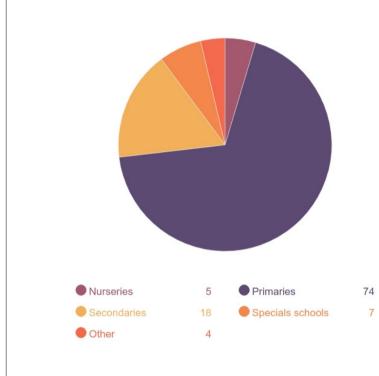
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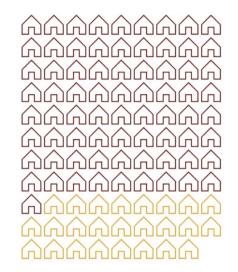
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Schools in Southwark (2017)



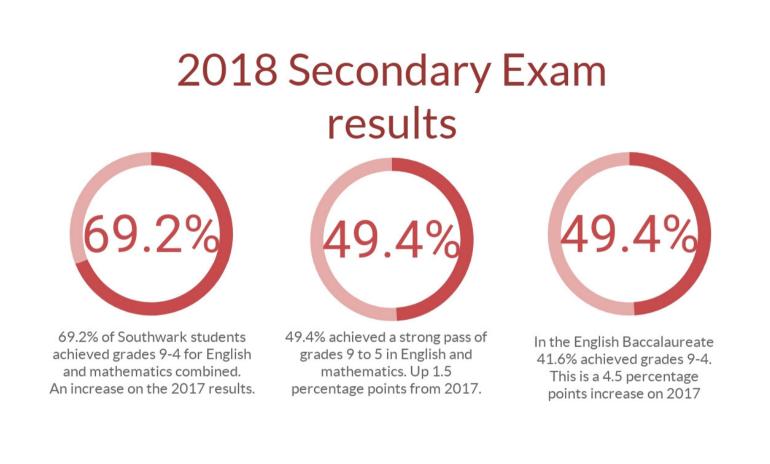


73 schools are maintained by the Local Authority. 25 are academies or free schools, including 15 secondaries.



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Demographics



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Southwark Labour policies

• Free school meals, free fruit, free swim and gym

Narrowed the gap in attainment for children from disadvantaged backgrounds and their better off peers

- Southwark Scholarships
- Good Ofsted
- Next steps: mental health/revolution in CAMHS

• Since coming to power outcomes for learners of every age and at every stage have improved significantly

- Southwark has gone from being one of the lowest performing boroughs to sitting in the top 2 quartiles for outcomes
- All of our nursery and special schools are graded as good or better
- All but one of our secondary schools are graded as good or better
- So is our provision for adult learners
- 90% of primary schools are graded good or better

• We are developing more provision for some of our most vulnerable groups and expanding schools for children and young people from 0-25 with SEND

• Our very recent SEND inspection is highly positive for how we work to ensure good outcomes for this group

• We are developing more opportunities for our young people 16+ to get into apprenticeships, work and continued learning through the Southwark Skills strategy

• More of our 18 year-olds are gaining and taking up places at university and more than ever at the Russell Group universities, up to 12 of whom are supported through the Southwark scholarship programme

• Southwark has one of the lowest figures in London for NEET – not in employment, education or training

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- We coordinate our efforts across the council to get children the best start in life
- All of our children in primary schools receive a free healthy school meal and free fruit
- In the last 3 years 58 schools have qualified for a bronze healthy schools award, 36 for a silver and 17 for a gold
- We have invested over £200 million in the last five years upgrading, building and expanding schools to provide high quality learning environments
- We invest heavily in early help and children's centres to help vulnerable families

- Good Ofsted
- Our safeguarding inspection of children's services is also good

• This validates our focus on helping the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children and young people to thrive

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Challenges

- Reduction in real term funding in education and children's services
- Some parts of the borough remain high deprivation areas
- More children coming into school with greater SEND needs
- Increasing number of children and young people identified and/or diagnosed with mental health needs
- Impact of changes in welfare reform on most vulnerable or creating more vulnerability
- Rise in youth violence
- Obesity Southwark has some of the highest levels across London
- Life expectancy across the borough varies widely