



# Children, Young People and Learning Cabinet Member Bulletin Councillor Alisa Flemming OCTOBER 2016

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## Delivering our Ambitions

### A Year of Success for Croydon's Children and Young People

2016 has been a year to celebrate for children and young people in Croydon as their exam results rolled in over the summer. For the first time, outcomes at all Key Stages are above national outcomes. Croydon's schools, in partnership with the Council and Octavo, are delivering for young people so that no child is left behind. Unvalidated results for Croydon show that:

- **Combined attainment in English and mathematics at the end of Key Stage 4 has shown an improvement from 61.9% in 2015 to 63% this year, bucking the national trend and also showing an improvement in the top A/A\* grades, again going against the national trend**
- **Pupils in our schools have, according to the unvalidated figures, made better than expected progress from their end of KS2 results. For the first time in at least 5 years we have no secondary schools below the government floor standard.**
- **Outcomes at the end of Key Stage 2 are also extremely positive. Our outcomes are above both national and our statistical neighbours – 54% of Croydon pupils achieved a combined expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics compared with 52% of pupils nationally and 53% of our statistical neighbours.**
- **A-level pass rates are in line with the national average and show an improvement in the top grades.**
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My congratulations go to all our children and young people for their achievements and to their teachers, parents and carers for their hard work in supporting such positive results.

### New School Places –Autumn Term 2016

A number of new school places and buildings have opened this term.

#### **Primary**

- Krishna Avanti – new free school. The school will go on to offer 60 places in each year group. This year this school is co-located with the Minster School whilst their new site at Victoria House is developed.
- Harris Primary, Purley Way - new Academy. The school will go on to offer 90 places in each year group.
- Additional classes have opened at Heavers Farm, Woodcote, Christchurch, Chipstead Valley and St Johns Primary as part of planned permanent school expansions.
- A bulge class opened at Gresham Primary

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- Chestnut Park Primary (the Academy opened in 2015) moved to its permanent location on St James Road at the end of August. The school will offer 90 places in each year group. Heathfield Primary (60 places) is co-located on the same site this year whilst their permanent building at Spicers Yard is completed.
- West Thornton (primary Annex) – the annex expansion (60 places in each year group) has moved to a site adjacent to the permanent building which will be ready next year.

## **Special School Places**

- Beckmead College is completed and will formally open in November.

## **Secondary Transfer 2017**

The admissions process is now live and the application deadline is **31 October 2016**.

We recommend that parents and carers apply online at [www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions)  
The webpage contains all the information needed to apply for a place.

Offers will be made on 1 March 2017.

## **Reception and Junior Admissions 2017**

The admissions process is now live and the application deadline is **15 January 2017**.

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Offers will be made on 18 April 2017.