

West Berkshire Schools' Forum	
Title of Report:	School Funding Benchmarking Tables 2014/15
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For Information	

1. The Department for Education has recently published benchmarking information on school funding, based on 2014/15 budget submissions.
2. The Appendices to this report provide the key funding data for West Berkshire Council compared to our statistical neighbours and to all other unitary authorities.
3. Compared to our statistical neighbours, West Berkshire funds schools well above the median – second highest, though this is also reflected in the unit of funding received – being the highest.
4. Our schools block unit of funding received is below average compared to unitary authorities, and individual school budgets are just below the median. This pattern will change next year following the increase to school block funding to bring the lowest funded authorities up to the median. Our high needs budget is significantly higher than the median, with just 5 other unitary authorities spending more per pupil.
5. When comparing individual school budgets with GCSE results, West Berkshire falls in the top quartile (below average cost, above average results) compared to the average for all unitary authorities.

Appendices

- Appendix A – DSG Schools Block Unit of Funding per Pupil (statistical neighbours)
- Appendix B – Individual School Budget per Pupil (statistical neighbours)
- Appendix C – High Needs Budget (statistical neighbours)
- Appendix D – Total School Budget per Pupil (statistical neighbours)
- Appendix E – DSG Schools Block Unit of Funding per Pupil (unitary authorities)
- Appendix F – Individual School Budgets per Pupil (unitary authorities)
- Appendix G – High Needs Budget (unitary authorities)
- Appendix H – Total School Budgets per Pupil (unitary authorities)
- Appendix I – Individual Schools Budget vs GCSE Results (unitary authorities)