

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

The problems of selective education

DIVIDED EDUCATION AND AN OUTDATED 11+

32,000 SECONDARY PUPILS

13 GRAMMAR SCHOOLS



23 COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



6 council funded schools and 30 academies

PUPILS ATTENDING SELECTIVE SCHOOLS

36%



Buck's grammar schools admit a higher proportion of pupils than most selective authorities, yet no one is monitoring the effects on surrounding schools.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS PUPILS

Community schools



11%

Grammar schools



2%

0 5 10 15

Selective education causes a social divide in Bucks schools.

LOCAL PUPILS ARE MORE LIKELY TO FAIL

Bucks pupils



Out of county pupils



Privately educated pupils



% PASSING THE TEST 0 10 20 30 40 50

The 11+ pass rate is far higher for out-of-county and privately educated pupils.

69% of the children who passed the Bucks transfer test in 2019 were non-Bucks residents or privately educated.

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RESULTS IN BUCKS

The Education Policy Institute 2020 Report showed that disadvantaged students in Bucks were 17.5 months of learning behind their better-off peers nationally.

The Social Mobility Commission listed South Bucks as the 9th worst area for school social mobility in England.

17 MONTHS

MONEY BOOSTS 11+ SCORES



128 BUCKS 11+ TUITION BUSINESSES

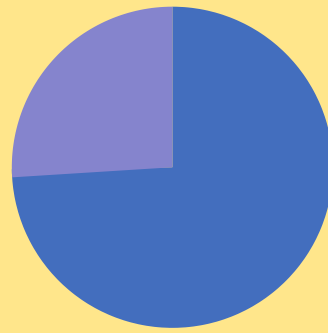
*As listed in the Yell business directory

BUCKS GRAMMARS & OUT OF AREA PUPILS

Out of county pupils

26%

Many Bucks grammar school places are claimed by out of county pupils and many will have had test tuition. A local child without a tutor is at a clear disadvantage.



Bucks pupils
74%

THE 11+ DISCOURAGES CHILDREN

9,000 PUPILS



More than 9,000 10-year-olds sit the Bucks 11+ each year. Around 7,000 children are told they have not reached the required standard. Educationalists believe this flawed message can damage confidence and aspiration.

SCHOOL CHOICE IN BUCKS



There is inequality of opportunity for Bucks children. A pass in the 11+ allows access to 'outstanding' schools, while failing the test means much more chance of a school rated less than 'good.'

There are 13 grammar schools, 11 rated 'outstanding' by Ofsted, 2 rated 'good'.

There are 23 upper schools, just 1 rated 'outstanding,' 15 'good', 4 'requires improvement', 2 'inadequate, and 2 with no Ofsted rating.

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