ISC ANNUAL CENSUS

The ISC annual Census was carried out in January 2021. All 1,377 schools in UK membership of the constituent associations completed the survey. The Census covers 532,237 pupils and provides a detailed snapshot of the schools and of the wider social and economic trends in the UK.



School Size

300

size is 387.

Pupils 532,237

The third highest level since records began in 1974.



Academic Selection 726

Over half of ISC schools are not academically selective. A further 274 schools have academic selection only for some age groups.



Higher Education 91%

The majority of pupils who leave ISC schools go on to Higher Education. 54%, continue to a Top 25 university including 5% who go on to study at Oxbridge.



Overseas Pupils 24,674

Pupils in ISC schools whose parents live overseas. This represents 4.6% of all pupils and brings cultural diversity to our schools.



Ethnic Diversity 35%

Our ethnic diversity closely mirrors that of the general population, with similar regional variation.



Means-tested Assistance £455m

Provided in means-tested fee assistance for pupils at ISC schools. Nearly half of all pupils on means-tested bursaries have more than half of their fees remitted.





The majority of ISC schools have fewer

than 300 pupils. The mean ISC school

Pupil-Teacher Ratio 8.9

Pupils for every teacher on average at ISC schools. There is a total of 57,136 full-time equivalent teachers.



90,298

Pupils at ISC schools who have been identified as having special educational needs and/or a disability (SEND).





Over a quarter of new pupils to ISC schools joined from the state sector.



Charitable Work £10.5m

Was raised for charities at ISC schools and 828 schools organised volunteering opportunities for staff and/or pupils.



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