ISC ANNUAL CENSUS

The ISC annual Census was carried out in January 2022. All 1,388 schools in UK membership of the constituent associations completed the survey. The Census covers 544,316 pupils and provides a detailed snapshot of the schools and of the wider social and economic trends in the UK.



School Size

The majority of ISC schools have fewer

than 300 pupils. The typical size is

between 100 and 125 pupils.

300

Pupils 544,316

Pupil numbers have now exceeded the previous pre-COVID high and stand at their highest level since records began in 1974.



Means-tested Assistance £480m

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.



Academic Selection 763

Over half of all ISC schools are not academically selective. A further 275 schools have academic selection only for some age ranges.



Higher Education 93%

Pupils who leave ISC schools and go on to Higher Education. The majority, 58%, continue to a Top 25 university of which 4% choose to study at Oxbridge.



Overseas Pupils 25,079

There are 25,079 pupils in ISC schools whose parents live overseas. This represents 4.6% of all pupils and brings cultural diversity to our schools.



Ethnic Diversity 38%

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



Pupil-Teacher Ratio 8.9:1

Pupils for every teacher on average at ISC schools. There are a total number of 57,841 full-time equivalent teachers.

SEND 95,991

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

New Pupils 109,795

Nearly 3 in 10 pupils new to ISC schools joined from the state-funded sector.



Charitable Work £6.5m

Around £6.5 million was raised for charities at ISC schools and 841 schools organised volunteering opportunities for staff and/or pupils.



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