

CABINET REPORT

COUNCILLOR	COMMITTEE	DATE
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St Wilfrid's

At the end of July the school received its Ofsted report following its recent inspection. The school was judged as 'requiring special measures' which is the poorest category of judgement that can be made by Ofsted and it is the first secondary school in Sefton ever to receive this adverse judgement.

The Local Authority has submitted an Action Plan to Ofsted detailing its measures and support to address the substandard areas of weakness identified in the inspection.

GCSE & A Level Results

The initial analysis of the results from schools and colleges indicate that performance across the Borough has again improved. However the validation process by the Department for Education will not be complete until the end of this November when the performance of individual schools and the Local Authority will be published. In the meantime, I would like to extend, on behalf of all members of the Council, our congratulations on the examination success of students in Sefton and wish them continued success in their educational journeys.

Healthy Schools Standard

At a ceremony in Bootle Town Hall earlier this month, I was delighted to recognise the achievement of 5 further schools in Sefton to be awarded the national Healthy Schools Standard. This demanding national recognition involves at least 2 years of work in which the school is required to demonstrate significant whole school curriculum development and achievement in each of the 4 strands of the Standard. The successful schools are:

St William of York Primary
St Benedict's Primary
St Gregory's Primary
St Mary's Primary
Savio Salesian Secondary

City Learning Centres (CLC)

The 2 City Learning Centres in Sefton have now ceased operating following the cessation of Area Based Grant for this activity. The South Sefton CLC building, which was leased from Savio Salesian Secondary School, has now been passed back for school use whilst the North Sefton CLC building, based at the former Ainsdale Hope High School, is subject to discussion as to future use.

Child Poverty

Following a workshop on child poverty held by the Children's Trust earlier this year, a further workshop was held recently involving 50 colleagues from partner organisations within Sefton Borough Partnership. The workshop focussed on the statutory requirement for each Local Authority area to produce a child poverty needs assessment and was facilitated and supported through a City Region Framework for developing the assessment across the Local Authorities in Merseyside. The work will now be taken forward through the Sefton Borough Partnership Operations Board.

Graham Taylor

Graham retires from the Local Authority on 30th September after a teaching and local government career spanning 39 years, of which 32 years have been served in Sefton. Graham has been a wonderful asset to Sefton and I wish to record our deep appreciation of this excellent service as well as to offer our sincere wishes for a well deserved long, happy and healthy retirement.