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Welcome back!

**Results update** – Well done! There are encouraging signs of gaps narrowing between the most and least disadvantaged pupils in this year's provisional results. See below:

N Lincs 2014	Eligible to receive FSM	Not Eligible to receive FSM	GAP
Achieving a Good Level of Development	52% ↑	67% ↑	-15 ↓
Achieving expected level of phonic decoding	65% ↑	80% ↑	-15 ↓
Reading L2+	79% ↑	92% ↑	-13 ↓
Writing L2+	72% ↑	89% ↑	-17 ↓
Maths L2+	83% ↑	94% ↑	-11 ↓
Reading, Writing & Maths L4+	54% ↑	78% ↑	-24 ↔
Reading L4+	70% ↑	88% ↑	-18 ↓
Writing L4+	66% ↑	85% ↑	-19 ↑
Mathematics L4+	65% ↓	85% ↔	-20 ↑
Grammar, punctuation & spelling L4+	51% ↓	76% ↑	-25 ↑
GCSE 5 A*-C incl E+M	28.6% ↑	58.3% ↑	-29.7 ↑

## PP School Reviews

Schools that are judged by Ofsted to require improvement, and have significant issues regarding the attainment of disadvantaged pupils, will be expected to commission an externally led PP review by a PP system leader in order to improve provision for their disadvantaged pupils. If you think this may apply to your school, further info can be found at: <http://www.education.gov.uk/a00226369/policy-summary-review>.

If you have had a review of this nature please let me know your experience so that that the same people/companies can be recommended to others looking for reviewers.

## PP Funding for Looked After and Adopted Children

The way that this funding is allocated and administered is different from the FSM PP.

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## Child Poverty

In Oct '14 the Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission produced a report called *Cracking the code: how schools can improve social mobility*. It identifies key steps for schools:

1. Using the Pupil Premium strategically to improve social mobility.
2. Building a high expectations, inclusive culture – this means being ambitious and “sharp-elbowed” for all children.
3. Incessant focus on the quality of teaching.
4. Tailored strategies to engage parents.
5. Preparing students for all aspects of life not just for exams.

A possible sixth area: walking the walk on admissions.



## Poverty Proofing the School Day

This term I am working with the charity 'Children North East' who have developed a package of support for schools called 'Poverty Proofing the School Day'. This does not focus on attainment or classroom lessons but on removing whole school barriers to education faced by children living in poverty. The Sutton Trust has recently evaluated the programme as being highly effective and a Parliamentary Enquiry into the programme has recommended a national roll out. For further information please take a look at the charity's website: <http://www.children-ne.org.uk/> Last term 21 of our primary and secondary schools expressed an interest in being 'Poverty Proofed'. From these, 6 schools have been chosen to take part in the pilot project this term. Details will be shared – on Q2P and at conference – as the pilot progresses. It is expected that any school wishing to be 'poverty proofed' in future will be able to do so.

## Pedagogy Project



Also this term I am working with Hull and E Riding LAs to form a regional network of schools with a focus on raising the attainment of secondary school FSM pupils. This network will focus on teaching strategies that work in the classroom to improve pupils' attainment. The network schools will work with Teaching and Learning Consultant Jake Mansell from the 'Pedagogy Project'. For further info please look at: <http://www.narrowingthegaps.org/>

Again details will be shared – on Q2P and at conference – as the network progresses.

## Pupil Premium Awards



New rules for 2015 - if your school is eligible, it will be entered automatically. You will be informed directly by the DfE early this term if you have been nominated for an award. See more at:

<http://www.pupilpremiumawards.co.uk/#sthash.NPD10fm7.dpuf>

Our regional winners for 2014 were Andrews CE Primary School, Hull for primary and South Hunsley School and Sixth Form College, Melton for secondary.

There are various prizes to be won. Top prize is £250,000 for secondary and £100,000 for primary. For the first time there are also some interesting additional awards such as:

- highest proportion FSM pupils achieving L6 in reading or Maths or both
  - highest proportion FSM pupils passing certain A levels
  - highest % FSM children getting the Ebacc
  - most FSM students going to Oxbridge or Russell Group universities.
- Please let me know if you are nominated for a prize.

### Narrowing the Gap (PP) Learning Network

The PP Learning Network has now finished and the results of the action research into an aspect of NtG relevant to each members' school context will be published on the Q2P website in January. The focus of the next Learning Network is on 'Improving White British Boys' Literacy'.

### Pupil Premium Co-ordinators' Network

This network is separate to, and different from, the PP Learning Network. Anyone with responsibility for co-ordinating PP in school, or just has an interest in PP or NtG, may attend. It provides all schools with an informal opportunity to find out about and share good practice as well as to network with other schools across the LA. There is a meeting each term so feel free to pop in.

### NtG courses / meetings this term

- **14<sup>th</sup> Jan (1-3.30pm)** @ LDC – session 1 – NtG Lead Teacher programme
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Feb (6.30-8.30pm)** @LDC NtG governor training
- **26<sup>th</sup> Feb (1-3.30pm)** @LDC – session 2 – NtG Lead Teacher programme
- **11<sup>th</sup> March @ LDC (4-5pm)** PP Co-ordinators
- **26<sup>th</sup> March (1-3.30pm)** @LDC – session 3 – NtG Lead Teacher programme

### Conference

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** There are two full day conferences planned for the Summer term. Please get one of them in your diary now!

Primary – **16<sup>th</sup> June @ LDC** – confirmed speakers - Sutton Trust/EEF; Sir John Dunford; Poverty Proofing; PP Award winning school.

Secondary – **17<sup>th</sup> June @ Forest Pines (with Hull & E Riding LA schools)** – confirmed speakers - Sir John Dunford; HMI/Ofsted; Pedagogy project; PP Award winning school.

### My contact details

For bespoke in-school support, training and advice on NtG and PP please contact me using these details:

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Local and national NtG info and resources can be found on the 'Q2P' website at:

[http://shareit.yhgfl.net/nlincs/cpd/?page\\_id=591](http://shareit.yhgfl.net/nlincs/cpd/?page_id=591)

