

Appendix A: Post 16 background data

Organisation of post 16 provision for Wokingham

Wokingham resident mainstream students can broadly be placed in one of two camps. Those that are going on post 16 to study for Level 3 qualifications (A levels and new T levels) and those studying Level 2 vocational qualifications. Level 3 qualifications are taught in schools with sixth forms and in sixth form colleges. Local Further Education colleges also offer Level 3 A level and T level courses, but they have a more significant role as the predominant provider of Level 2 vocational courses.

Wokingham has 10 secondary schools, 8 of which have sixth forms, and 2 (Bohunt and Oakbank) in the south-west of the borough do not. These schools serve the areas (Arborfield and Shinfield) where the greatest increase in student numbers is expected, because of the ongoing residential development in the Arborfield Garrison and Shinfield SDL areas.

The greatest proportion (over 45%) of Wokingham Level 3 students attend Wokingham school sixth forms (with a further 15% attending sixth forms in other areas). Local sixth form colleges account for over 10% of the student body. The Bohunt School provides over 30% of the Wokingham student body attending sixth form colleges.

All vocational / Level 2 provision (25% of the Wokingham post 16 population) is made in neighbouring boroughs, largely at Reading and Bracknell and Wokingham Colleges and at the Berkshire College of Agriculture near Maidenhead.

Both the Bohunt School and Oakbank School leavers go on to settings that are largely outside the borough, using local colleges (sixth form and FE) and (in the case of Bohunt) significant numbers also attending sixth forms in another council's area.

Year 12 and 13 Wokingham School rolls October 2021

| | Year Groups | Y12 | Y13 | Total 6th form |
|---|-------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 4001 | Bohunt* | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4051 | Bulmershe | 115 | 87 | 202 |
| 4049 | Emmbrook* | 77 | 90 | 167 |
| 4050 | Forest* | 52 | 57 | 109 |
| 4047 | Holt* | 134 | 137 | 271 |
| 4053 | Maiden Erlegh* | 255 | 215 | 470 |
| 4000 | Oakbank* | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4505 | Piggott Senior* | 268 | 215 | 483 |
| 4048 | St Crispin's* | 126 | 126 | 252 |
| 4060 | Waingels College* | 98 | 106 | 204 |
| SECONDARY, FREE SCHOOLS & ACADEMIES TOTALS | | 1125 | 1033 | 2158 |

Points to note

- The DfE has no clear minimum size for mainstream school sixth forms. However, if a school intends to establish a sixth form, the DfE have a minimum 200 student roll expectation (see page 20 "Making significant changes to an open academy Departmental guidance for all types of academy trust January 2022").

- b) It can be seen that Wokingham school sixth forms vary greatly in size. Two are significantly below the DfE minimum expectation of 200, two are just over 200, two are in the mid 200s and two are over 400.
- c) Larger sixth forms are likely to be able a greater range of courses, a greater range of course options, with a reduced risk of having small roll courses that need to be subsidised from funds generated by other courses or other funding held by schools.
- d) Sixth form rolls generally have fewer children than the corresponding Year 11 rolls, as schools focus on Level 3 (A level courses), and those students wishing to follow vocational courses (often at Level 2) are likely to go on to Further Education Colleges in Reading, Bracknell or Maidenhead.

6th Form capacity

| Area | School | Summer 2021 capacity | Actual Roll October 2021 | Available places | Surplus | % +/- capacity | Less than DfE benchmark of 200? | Less than 10% above 200 marker |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| South | The Holt | 247 | 271 | 271 | 0 | 0% | N | N |
| South | St Crispins | 230 | 252 | 252 | 0 | 0% | N | N |
| South | The Emm-brook | 220 | 167 | 220 | 53 | 24% | Y | |
| South | The Forest | 300 | 109 | 300 | 191 | 64% | Y | |
| South Total | | 767 | 799 | 1043 | 244 | | | |
| North | The Bulmershe | 312 | 202 | 312 | 110 | 35% | N | Y |
| North | Maiden Erlegh | 397 | 470 | 470 | 0 | 0% | N | N |
| North | Waingels | 258 | 204 | 204 | 0 | 0% | N | Y |
| North | The Piggott | 380 | 483 | 483 | 0 | 0% | N | N |
| North Total | | 692 | 1359 | 1469 | 110 | | | |
| Grand Total | | 1459 | 2158 | 2512 | 354 | | | |

Points to note

- a) There is no single measure of 6th form capacity. The DfE's advice in 2021 (Annex B to their "School Capacity (SCAP) Survey 2021 Guide for local authorities April 2021") sets out 5 possible ways in which sixth form capacity could be calculated. The table above uses funding agreements, net capacity assessments and actual rolls.
- b) Where actual rolls are used this does not imply the school concerned has adequate capacity for that roll.
- c) The table does indicate, though, that there are unfilled places, that could be used before new additional capacity in schools without sixth forms is required.

Projected need

| Academic year | 12 | 13 | Total | Current provision | Variance | Bohunt @60% | Variance (with Bohunt) | Oakbank @60% | Variance (with Bohunt & Oakbank) |
|---------------|------|------|-------|-------------------|----------|-------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 2020/21 | 1091 | 900 | 1991 | 2512 | 521 | | 521 | 134 | 387 |
| 2021/22 | 1009 | 1035 | 2044 | 2512 | 468 | 144 | 324 | 134 | 190 |
| 2022/23 | 1036 | 949 | 1985 | 2512 | 527 | 288 | 239 | 134 | 105 |
| 2023/24 | 1076 | 971 | 2047 | 2512 | 465 | 288 | 177 | 134 | 43 |
| 2024/25 | 1131 | 1007 | 2138 | 2512 | 374 | 288 | 86 | 134 | -48 |
| 2025/26 | 1118 | 1059 | 2177 | 2512 | 335 | 288 | 47 | 134 | -87 |
| 2026/27 | 1175 | 1046 | 2221 | 2512 | 291 | 288 | 3 | 134 | -131 |
| 2027/28 | 1225 | 1099 | 2324 | 2512 | 188 | 288 | -100 | 134 | -234 |
| 2028/29 | 1258 | 1146 | 2404 | 2512 | 108 | 288 | -180 | 134 | -314 |

Points to note

- a) The “variance” column indicates there is a significant surplus, although this will be eroded over the coming decade.
- b) Currently few post 16 leavers from Bohunt and Oakbank Schools (the two Wokingham schools without sixth forms) take up Wokingham places.
- c) The Bohunt and Oakbank columns show how this surplus capacity would be eroded if 60% of Bohunt and Oakbank Year 11 students took up Wokingham School sixth form places. Currently these young people largely take up provision outside the borough, and if this were to continue, there would be no borough level place sufficiency case for new provision.

Origins and destinations

| Wokingham resident Year 11 origins and destinations | | Year 11 School | | | | | | | | | | | | | Grand Total | %ge at each setting type | |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----|
| | | Maiden Erlegh School | The Holt School | St Crispin's School | The Piggott School | Bohunt | Waingels College | Bulmershe School | The Emmbrook School | The Forest School | Oakbank Secondary Free School | Addington School | Chiltern Way Academy Wokingham | Other schools | | | |
| | Year 11 roll | 232 | 194 | 173 | 171 | 159 | 154 | 114 | 109 | 77 | 31 | 11 | 3 | 428 | 1856 | | |
| Year 12 | Maiden Erlegh School | 167 | 3 | | | 3 | 3 | | | 3 | | | | 12 | 188 | | |
| | The Holt School | | 125 | 3 | | 3 | | | 3 | 3 | | | | 3 | 132 | | |
| | St Crispin's School | 3 | 8 | 79 | | 6 | | 3 | | 3 | | | | 7 | 107 | | |
| | The Piggott School | | 3 | 3 | 123 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | | 25 | 163 | | |
| | Waingels College | 3 | | 3 | | | 86 | | | | | | | 4 | 93 | | |
| | Bulmershe School | 3 | | | | | | 58 | | | | | | 12 | 71 | | |
| | The Emmbrook School | | | | | | | | 60 | | | | | 6 | 66 | | |
| | The Forest School | 3 | 3 | | | | | | | 30 | | | | 0 | 33 | | |
| | Wokingham Schools | 175 | 139 | 83 | 123 | 14 | 89 | 61 | 63 | 39 | 0 | | | | 67 | 853 | 46% |
| | Other state schools | 3 | 10 | 11 | 3 | 18 | 3 | 3 | | 4 | 3 | | | | 250 | 303 | 16% |
| | Farnborough 6th form college | 3 | 11 | 26 | 3 | 63 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 7 | 3 | | | | 12 | 139 | |
| | Henley 6th Form College | 8 | 3 | 3 | 18 | 12 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 3 | | | | 6 | 77 | |
| | 6th form colleges | 9 | 14 | 30 | 19 | 75 | 9 | 6 | 15 | 14 | 7 | | | | 18 | 216 | 12% |
| | Reading College Activate L | 20 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 18 | 33 | 35 | 6 | 6 | 16 | 3 | 3 | | 16 | 178 | |
| | Bracknell & Wokingham Co | 9 | 5 | 22 | | 7 | 6 | 3 | 13 | 3 | 3 | | | | 14 | 82 | |
| | Berkshire College of Agricu | 6 | 8 | 7 | 13 | 8 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | 3 | | 8 | 77 | |
| | Farnborough College | | 7 | 4 | | 12 | | | | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | 6 | 36 | |
| | Unknown OOC FE College (| 3 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | 3 | | 5 | 33 | |
| UTC Reading | 3 | | 3 | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | 3 | | | | 20 | 31 | | |
| FE / UTC | 41 | 29 | 48 | 25 | 52 | 53 | 43 | 30 | 20 | 23 | 4 | 3 | | 71 | 442 | 24% | |
| Addington School | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | | 3 | 10 | | |
| Special OOC School | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 3 | | |
| Special | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | | 3 | 11 | | |
| Others | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 18 | 31 | | |
| Grand Total / Year 11 | 232 | 194 | 173 | 171 | 159 | 154 | 114 | 109 | 77 | 31 | 11 | 3 | | 428 | 1856 | | |
| %ge educated at a WBC school | | 75% | 72% | 48% | 72% | 9% | 58% | 54% | 58% | 51% | 0% | | | | | | |
| "3" represents a number between 1 and 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Points to note

- a) The origins and destination tables show how Wokingham resident pupils attending Wokingham Schools go on to attend a range of provision, often staying on at their original school, but also moving on to FE colleges, 6th form colleges and other school sixth forms.
- b) It can be seen that FE and Sixth form colleges are important provision.
- c) Activate Learning are responsible for Reading and Bracknell and Wokingham Colleges. Their colleges have the ability to increase provision (at both Level 2 and 3) using existing capacity and (should this be exhausted) through further development on their own campuses. In accordance with their strong vocational focus these colleges are actively developing new Level 3 T level courses, alongside their existing A level offer.
- d) Farnborough 6th form College is popular (with 139 Wokingham Year 11 students attending, including just over 60 from the Bohunt School) and offers a wide range of Level 3 courses at an Ofsted Outstanding institution. The college's Funding Agreement records a capacity of 4,250 places, and at the time of the last Ofsted (October 2021) the roll was 3,915. It is important to note:
 - a. The College is close to being full and has a single densely developed campus, with limited capacity for expansion.
 - b. The college's admission arrangements give priority to partner (Hampshire) and linked (specific schools in other areas) schools.
 - c. No Wokingham school is currently "linked" so students are only admitted because there are places left after the admission of partner and linked school students.
 - d. Expansion would require (a) capital expansion funding and (b) planning consent. Currently the College has, it is understood, no agreed expansion funding from DfE (in 2021, the DfE allocated funding for 39 expansion projects at FE and 6th form colleges, Academies and Free Schools and University Technology Colleges, not including this college) and no planning consent for an expansion project on the campus site.
 - e. Population growth in the area served by current partner and linked schools could therefore diminish the number of students admitted from schools that have not chosen or been successful in securing linked school status.

2018 Base Population change from 2021

| Projected Post 16 population | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Growth from 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | 2031 | 2032 | 2033 |
| Bracknell Forest | 37 | 261 | 474 | 635 | 697 | 689 | 701 | 613 | 501 | 423 | 398 | 348 |
| Reading | 216 | 416 | 600 | 649 | 554 | 575 | 632 | 706 | 625 | 473 | 467 | 433 |
| West Berkshire | 0 | 184 | 443 | 499 | 514 | 656 | 652 | 559 | 413 | 317 | 290 | 194 |
| Windsor and Maidenhead | 78 | 348 | 399 | 530 | 722 | 746 | 747 | 622 | 462 | 403 | 413 | 399 |
| Wokingham | 105 | 319 | 594 | 757 | 859 | 1,018 | 1,106 | 1,096 | 960 | 800 | 868 | 865 |
| Hart | 121 | 139 | 192 | 178 | 227 | 329 | 349 | 303 | 205 | 232 | 248 | 182 |
| Rushmoor | 88 | 59 | 39 | 21 | 50 | 85 | 90 | 84 | 10 | 2 | 9 | -73 |
| South Oxfordshire | 214 | 346 | 412 | 394 | 424 | 644 | 711 | 576 | 440 | 456 | 475 | 403 |
| Surrey Heath | 44 | 116 | 130 | 156 | 178 | 247 | 313 | 186 | 99 | 127 | 154 | 90 |
| Total growth | 903 | 2,189 | 3,283 | 3,818 | 4,223 | 4,989 | 5,300 | 4,743 | 3,715 | 3,234 | 3,322 | 2,842 |
| %ge change from 2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bracknell Forest | 1% | 8% | 15% | 20% | 22% | 21% | 22% | 19% | 16% | 13% | 12% | 11% |
| Reading | 6% | 12% | 18% | 19% | 16% | 17% | 19% | 21% | 18% | 14% | 14% | 13% |
| West Berkshire | 0% | 5% | 11% | 12% | 13% | 16% | 16% | 14% | 10% | 8% | 7% | 5% |
| Windsor and Maidenhead | 2% | 8% | 10% | 13% | 17% | 18% | 18% | 15% | 11% | 10% | 10% | 10% |
| Wokingham | 2% | 7% | 13% | 17% | 19% | 23% | 25% | 25% | 22% | 18% | 20% | 19% |
| Hart | 5% | 6% | 8% | 7% | 9% | 14% | 14% | 13% | 8% | 10% | 10% | 8% |
| Rushmoor | 4% | 3% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 4% | 4% | 4% | 0% | 0% | 0% | -3% |
| South Oxfordshire | 6% | 10% | 12% | 12% | 13% | 19% | 21% | 17% | 13% | 14% | 14% | 12% |
| Surrey Heath | 2% | 5% | 6% | 7% | 8% | 11% | 14% | 8% | 4% | 6% | 7% | 4% |
| %ge change from 2021 | 3% | 7% | 11% | 13% | 14% | 17% | 18% | 16% | 13% | 11% | 11% | 10% |

Points to note

- a. With the extended local area 16+ population projected to peak at 18% / 5,300 young people above the 2021 level in 2028 (with an increase of 11% as soon as 2024) it is reasonable to take the view that additional capacity will be required within this period.
- b. The Hart and Rushmore figures refer to the Hampshire districts that are closest to Farnborough College. The 2018 base projection points to a peak increase of over 400 young people in the two post 16 years. Many of these young people would be expected to take up level 2 / vocational courses at other settings (e.g. Farnborough College of Technology). This would point to a peak growth in demand for Farnborough 6th Form College in the order of 250 to 300 students (noting that Hampshire's current post 16 destinations are unknown).
- c. Population growth could therefore restrict the ability of some Wokingham students to secure places at Farnborough Sixth Form College (although this could be mitigated by expanded provision).

Travel to provision

- a. Level 2 / vocational education is largely provided outside the borough in FE colleges in Reading, Bracknell and Windsor and Maidenhead.
- b. Level 3 / A level provision outside of schools with sixth forms, is made in these colleges, but also in sixth form colleges, in Farnborough and Henley.
- c. There is no current post 16 provision in the south of the borough, and the area is largely beyond statutory walking distance to schools with sixth forms.
- d. Young people living in the south of the borough therefore rely on public transport or dedicated school / college routes (e.g. the 406 to Farnborough Sixth Form College from Finchampstead).
- e. Travel time from some southwest communities can be less than an hour to specific settings. More normally travel will be in the 1 to 2 hours range.

Public support for new sixth form provision

- a. The recent survey for the 11 to 16 strategy had over 800 responses. Within these there were 179 comments that new schools should include sixth forms and 88 that specifically identified the need for a Bohunt sixth form.
- b. The Bohunt school has carried out its own survey. This too has indicated significant support for a new sixth form at the Bohunt School.

Summary and conclusions

Wokingham students make use of Wokingham sixth form capacity, sixth forms in out of borough schools, sixth form colleges and FE colleges for Level 3 courses. Level two provision is largely made outside the borough.

Young people leaving the two Wokingham Schools without sixth forms make little use of in-borough provision. These schools are in the south of the borough, an area without any post 16 provision. These students are likely to have a lengthy journey to post 16 provision.

Both Wokingham roll projections and ONS population projections indicate that post 16 numbers will increase significantly (up by nearly 20% in the late 2020s) with particularly strong growth in Wokingham.

While Reading College is known to have growth potential, it is not yet known whether or not the 6th form colleges could also expand. If Farnborough College cannot grow and admissions are at some point effectively limited to more local students this might lead to students from the two Wokingham 11 to 16 schools being more reliant on Wokingham sixth form provision, which could be under significant strain from as soon as 2024/25. However, as Oakbank students have tended towards Reading provision (where students are likely to continue to be able to find places) and Bohunt students use a range of provision, including out of borough school sixth forms, both Henley and Farnborough Sixth Form Colleges and a range of local FE colleges it is unlikely they will all be unable to access suitable Level 3 courses, even if Farnborough Sixth Form College does not expand and the its recruitment radius effectively diminishes to exclude Wokingham residents. This would point to a potential need for additional capacity in the late 2020s.