

HMC AND EXCELLENCE: THE FACTS

HMC schools are among a small number identified by the OECD as the best in the world.

This card summarises eight headline facts about excellence in our schools.

You can find further information about each in our set of eight HMC Fact Cards.

1. A growing majority of the British public approves of independent schools; 35% of pupils at HMC schools receive fee assistance.

See **Fact Card 1: ACCESSING OUR SCHOOLS**

2. HMC's 253 UK schools are all not-for-profit; they are widely varied, strongly innovative and have highly expert leaders and staff.

See **Fact Card 2: THE SCHOOLS AND THEIR HEADS**

3. The number of pupils at HMC schools is growing steadily; 35% are girls, a quarter are from ethnic minorities, 6% are from overseas and all are taught in small classes.

See **Fact Card 3: PUPILS AT OUR SCHOOLS**

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4. In 2012-2013 HMC schools led discussion on reform of marking and the conduct of appeals against results; HMC schools are well placed to introduce linear courses at GCSE and A level.

See [Fact Card 4: OUR ROLE IN EXAMINATIONS REFORM](#)

5. HMC candidates significantly out-perform their state-school peers in public examinations; moreover, these results are very important to the survival of key subjects in schools and universities.

See [Fact Card 5: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT](#)

6. Over recent years the proportion of HMC applicants receiving offers from Russell Group and other universities has grown steadily; one in four students at the UK's ten leading universities are from HMC schools.

See [Fact Card 6: FROM SCHOOL TO UNIVERSITY](#)

7. HMC pupils participate in a wide range of co-curricular activities while at school; thereafter, they achieve more highly at university and secure better graduate-level jobs.

See [Fact Card 7: BEYOND SCHOOL](#)

8. Almost all HMC schools in the UK are actively involved in a wide range of community-based educational activities; meanwhile, 15,000 students around the world now study at the overseas campuses of UK HMC schools.

See [Fact Card 8: LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS](#)