

EDUCATION, SKILLS AND TRAINING

Summary

- There are 10,991 pupils on the school roll in LEA schools in Blaby
- 37.4% of 16-18 year olds and 9.1% of people aged 19 or over are in further education or work based learning
- Of the 167 16 year olds who left school in 2004 and entered employment, 41% were working in Craft and related occupations, 25% were classified as in an 'Other' occupation group, and 21% in Personal and protective services.

Education

Education and training are vital to the future well-being of the Blaby economy particularly for enhancing the competitiveness of its workforce and ensuring that its industries, businesses and services have an ongoing supply of skilled employees in the future. Recent research carried out by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation has also shown that success in education and training is an increasingly important route out of poverty for young people, although there is evidence of increasing polarisation between those who stay on and gain qualifications and those who do not.¹

Education in Blaby is covered by Leicestershire Local Education Authority (LEA). There are 26 primary schools, 4 secondary schools and no special schools in the District (April 2005). One school also has a special unit.

The table to the right shows the number of pupils attending a school in Blaby in January 2004 (rather than the number of pupils living in the District).

Table 26: Number of pupils on school roll, 2004

	Number of schools	Number on school roll
Primary	26	7,848
Secondary	4	3,143

¹ 'Routes out of poverty: A research review' November 2004, Peter Kemp, Jonathan Bradshaw, Paul Dornan, Naomi Finch and Emese Mayhew, Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Source: Leicestershire LEA

Educational Attainment

Pupils at school in England are now tested at various stages in their primary and secondary career. This section examines some of the performance data for state schools in Blaby. The data in this section is based on the ward in which the pupil resides. It does not include any children educated in the independent sector or who attend schools outside the County LEA area.

Key Stage 2

Key Stage 2 is the test taken by pupils in their last year in primary school (age 11). A typical 11 year old is expected to achieve Level 4 in English, Mathematics and Science. Table 27 shows a variation in the attainment between different wards in the District.

The three wards which have the highest attainment across all three subjects are Millfield, Muxloe and Pastures wards. The wards with the lowest overall attainment are Stanton and Flamville, Ravenhurst and Fosse and Normanton wards.

Table 27: Key Stage 2 results: % achieving level 4+

	% achieving level 4+		
	English	Maths	Science
Millfield	87.5	79.2	95.8
Muxloe	87.0	87.0	93.5
Pastures	86.3	83.6	94.5
Fairestone	86.2	82.8	96.6
Saxondale	83.5	77.6	88.2
Winstanley	82.7	82.7	88.5
Ellis	82.5	75.4	89.5
Blaby South	79.5	74.0	87.7
Cosby with South Whetstone	76.7	76.7	88.4
North Whetstone	75.6	72.0	81.7
Croft Hill	75.0	80.0	100.0
Enderby and St. John's	73.8	72.3	87.7
Countesthorpe	73.8	70.0	91.3
Narborough and Littlethorpe	72.4	71.1	85.5
Normanton	72.2	66.7	83.3
Forest	72.2	72.2	81.0
Ravenhurst and Fosse	71.1	66.0	80.4
Stanton and Flamville	65.5	70.2	88.1

Source: LEA data supplied to Leicester Shire Online Research Atlas

GCSE

The headline indicator for secondary schools is the proportion of pupils aged sixteen leaving school with five or more GCSE's at grade C or higher. Table 28 shows in Pastures, Forest and Saxondale wards that over 65% of sixteen year olds obtain five or more GCSE's at grades A* to C, compared to a low in Enderby and St Johns and Blaby South wards where only 36.4% and 37.8% of sixteen year olds respectively obtain this level of qualifications. This compares to an average in Leicestershire of 54.7% and a national average of 53.7%

Table 28: % of pupils achieving 5 or more GCSE's at grade A* to C, 2004

	% achieving 5+ GCSEs at grade A* to C
Pastures	68.9
Forest	66.7
Saxondale	65.3
Millfield	64.0
Countesthorpe	61.6
Muxloe	61.4
Normanton	60.0
Stanton and Flamville	59.3
Cosby with South Whetstone	55.9
Narborough and Littlethorpe	54.8
Ellis	54.2
Fairestone	52.9
Ravenhurst and Fosse	46.8
Croft Hill	46.7
North Whetstone	44.6
Winstanley	40.7
Blaby South	37.9
Enderby and St. John's	36.4

*Source: LEA data supplied to Leicester Shire Online Research Atlas &
 Department for Education and Skills*

Post-16 Education

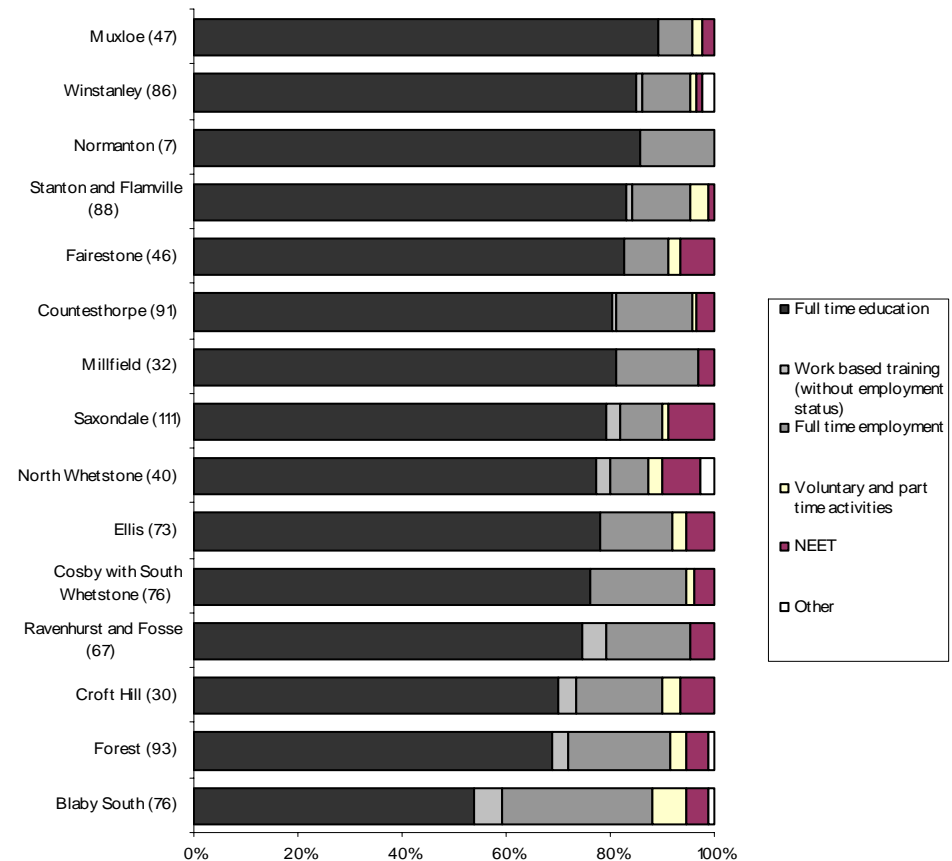
Post-16 education of a vocational or academic nature is provided through secondary schools and Further Education colleges. In Blaby, there is one secondary school with a sixth form: Countesthorpe Community College. There are also other local providers of other training courses.

The graph to the right shows the proportion of 16 year olds in each ward choosing to remain in full-time education.

There are quite large geographical differences. For example, 89.4% of 16 year olds in Muxloe ward remained in full-time education whilst only 53.9% of 16 year olds in Blaby South ward remained in full-time education. An average of 76.9% of 16 year olds in Blaby remained in full time education.

The graph also shows the destination of those leaving full-time education in each ward in the following categories: work based training, full time employment, voluntary and part time activities, not in employment, education or training (NEET) or other. Over 10% of 16 year olds in Saxondale ward are not in employment, education or training.

Graph 10: % of 16 year olds remaining in full time education
 (total number of 16 years olds in brackets)



Source: Connexions, 2004

Post 16 Educational Attainment

Data on the average GCE / VCE point score of 16-18 year old candidates collected by the Department for Education and Skills in 2004 shows how the further education providers in Blaby compare with the average performance in the rest of the County and in England. Points are awarded as follows: an A-level A grade is worth 120 points, B 100, C 80, D 60, E 50, and an AS level is worth half an A-level.

Table 29: Average point score per student in Further Education establishments, 2004

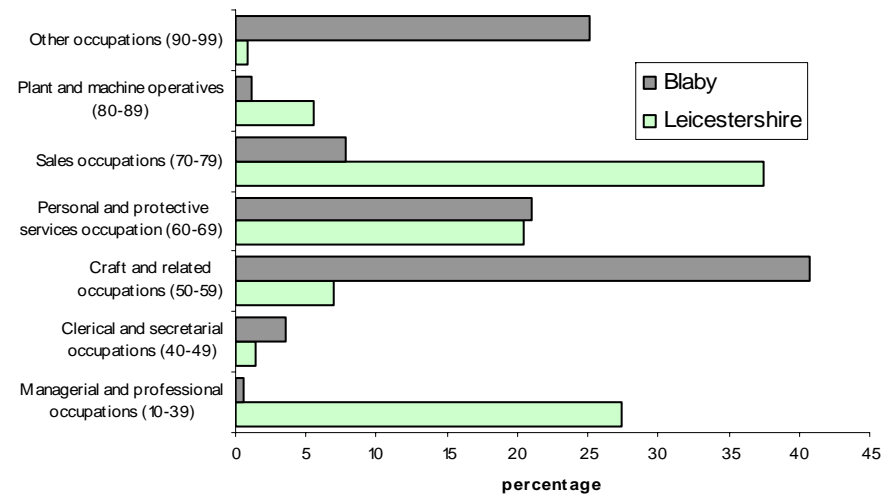
	Average point score per student
Countesthorpe Community College, Countesthorpe	241.6
Leicestershire	261.0
England	269.2

Source: Department for Education and Skills Performance Tables, 2004

16 year olds in employment

Of the 173 16 year olds who left school in 2004 and entered employment, 41% were working in Craft and related occupations, 25% were classified as working in Other occupations and 21% in Personal and protective services.

Graph 11: 16 year olds in employment by sector, 2004



Source: Connexions, 2004

Number of learners aged 16-18 and 19+

The table below shows the percentage of learners* in the 16 - 18 and 19+ age categories. It shows that the highest percentages of 16 - 18 year olds in work based learning or education are located in Winstanley, Fairestone and Millfield wards. The highest percentages of people aged over 19 years in education or work based learning are located in Ravenhurst and Fosse, Winstanley and Croft Hill wards.

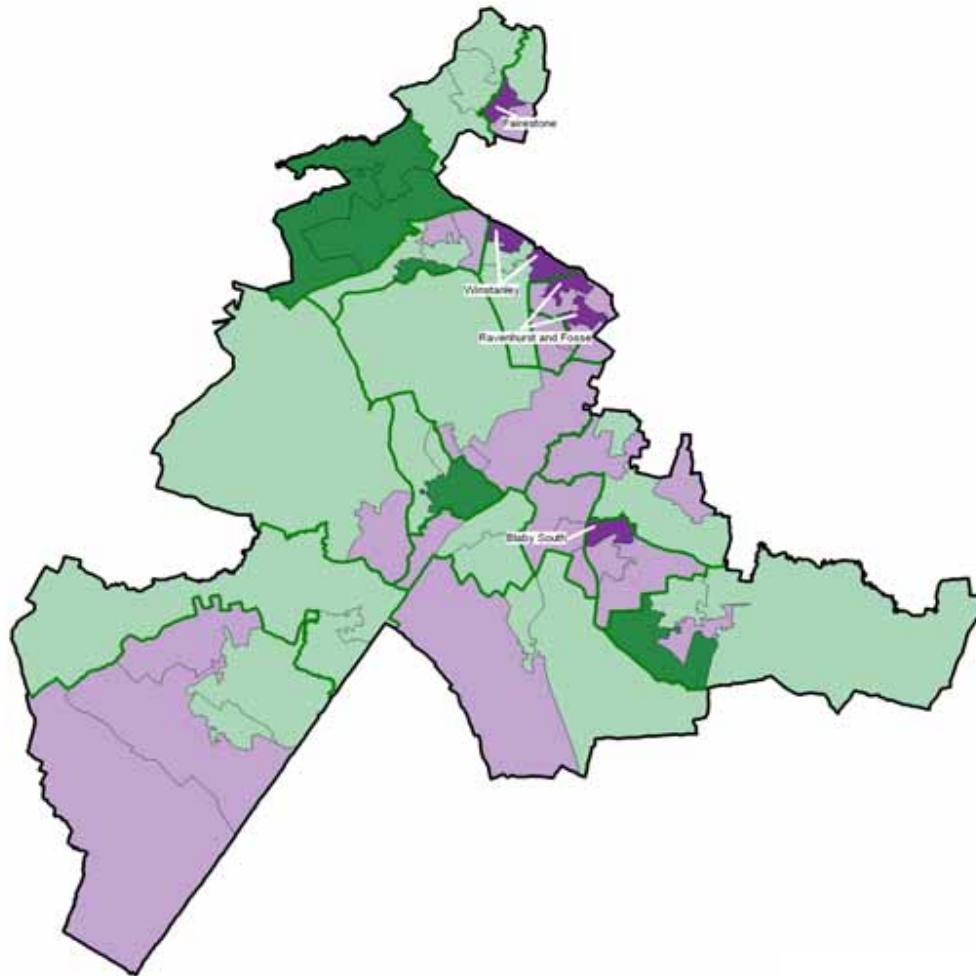
Table 30: Percentage of learners by age

	Age 16-18	Age 19+
Winstanley	56.8%	11.0%
Fairestone	50.3%	8.2%
Millfield	48.8%	9.8%
North Whetstone	48.0%	8.1%
Forest	46.9%	9.7%
Ravenhurst and Fosse	45.1%	11.4%
Ellis	43.4%	9.4%
Stanton and Flamville	41.0%	8.6%
Muxloe	40.3%	9.0%
Cosby with South Whetstone	38.4%	8.5%
Blaby South	37.0%	9.6%
Enderby and St. John's	36.3%	8.6%
Normanton	30.3%	6.4%
Countesthorpe	29.1%	9.3%
Narborough and Littlethorpe	26.6%	7.1%
Saxondale	24.5%	9.4%
Croft Hill	21.5%	10.2%
Pastures	21.2%	8.2%

Source: Leicestershire Learning and Skills Council

* Does not include those in sixth form colleges

Map 16: ID2004: Education, Skills and Training deprivation



This domain captures the extent of deprivation in education, skills and training of people living in a local area. It considers both the attainment levels of school children, absence rates, the proportion of people not staying on in school or further education beyond 16 years along with the proportion of adults with no or low qualifications. Blaby has two SOAs ranked within the 30% most deprived in England - part of Winstanley and Ravenhurst and Fosse wards.

Levels of Education, Skills and Training Deprivation in Blaby
 (Number of Super Output Areas)

- Top 10% - Most Deprived
- 10% to 50%
- 50% to 90%
- Bottom 10% - Least Deprived

10% Most Deprived
 Blaby Super Output Areas

SOA Code	Ward
1.5666	Winstanley
2.5653	Ravenhurst and Fosse
3.5610	Blaby South
4.5629	Fairstone
5.5667	Winstanley
6.5656	Ravenhurst and Fosse

- District Boundary
- Electoral Ward Boudaries
- Super Output Areas

Source: 2001 Census, Output Area boundaries
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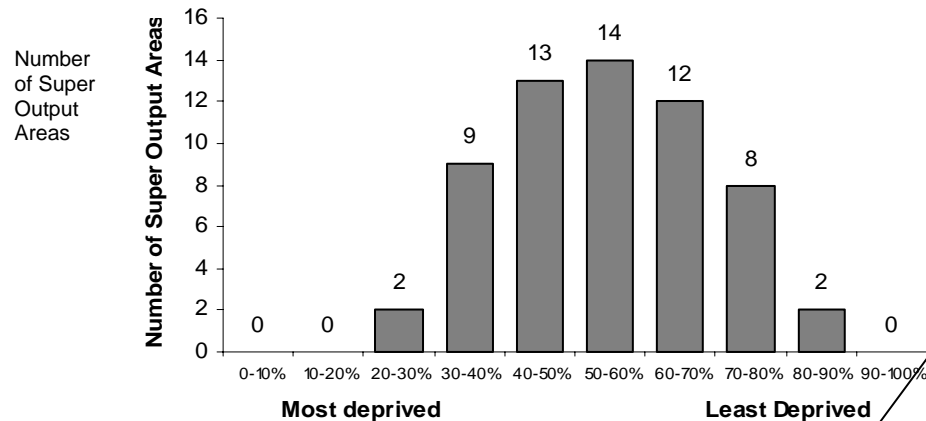
Source: Office for Deputy Prime Minister 2004

Each Super Output Area has an average of about 1,500 people

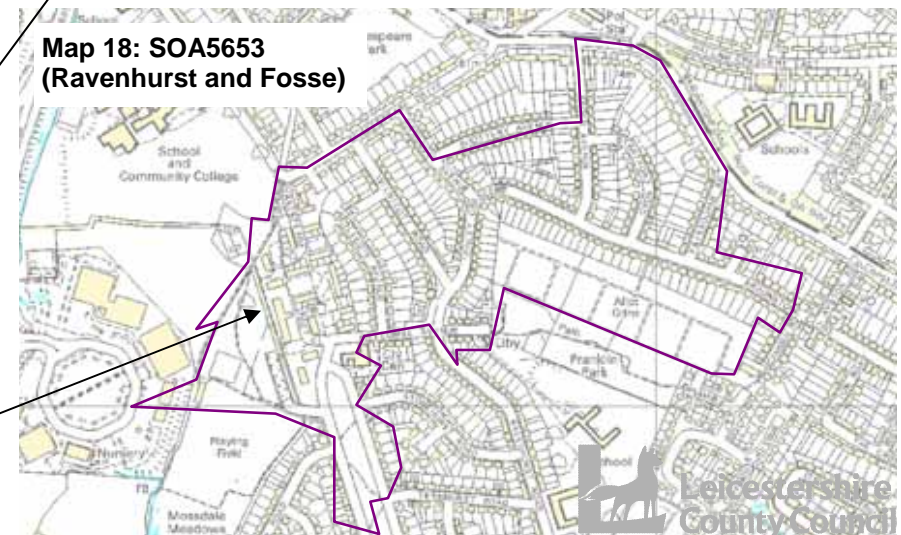
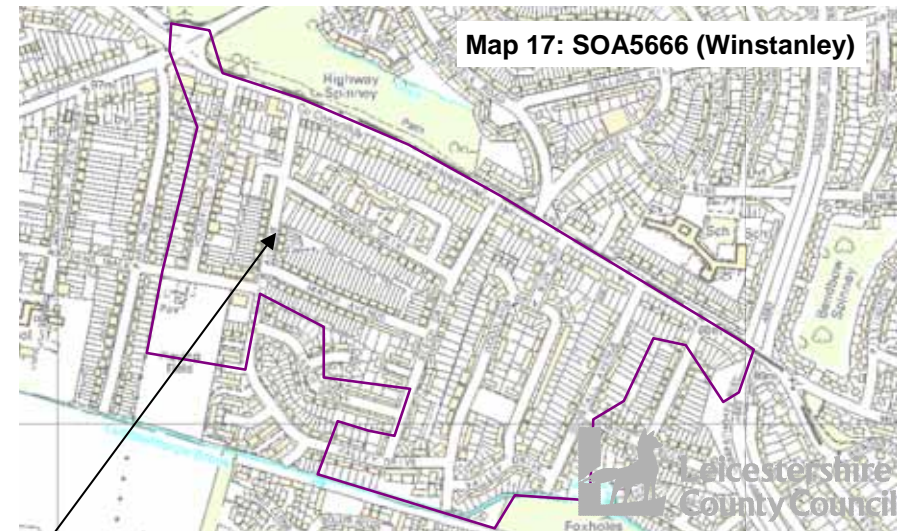
Education, skills and training deprivation

The District experiences higher levels of deprivation in this domain than in most of the others. Two SOAs are ranked within the 30% most deprived nationally - part of Winstanley and Ravenhurst and Fosse wards. The spread of rankings is shown in the graph below. SOA5666 (part of Winstanley ward) is ranked within the 50 most deprived SOAs in Leicestershire.

Graph 12: % Spread of rankings



SOA5666 (Winstanley) is ranked as the 7,119th most deprived SOA in England (out of 32,482). SOA5653 (Ravenhurst and Fosse) is ranked as the 9,376th most deprived SOA in England.



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