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Fieldwork: 4th and 12th September 2013

Total	And does your child/ren attend- ONE RESPONSE ONLY					
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Schools are judged on, among other things, the proportion of students who achieve at least 5 GCSEs graded between A* and C.

Thinking only about schools funded by the state (i.e. excluding fee paying schools), please choose the top 3 performing regions in which you think their pupils achieved 5 or more A* to C grades at GCSE last year?

	Unweighted Base	1019	296	178	192	91	61	40	
Base		1019	288	171	203	95	59	45	
South East	65%	69%	S	68%	S	55%	68%	82%	57%
South West	42%	47%	S	47%	37%	42%	41%	36%	
London	77%	76%	76%	80%	77%	69%	69%	64%	
East of England	29%	30%	29%	24%	33%	37%	28%		
East Midlands	11%	8%	11%	12%	8%	11%	17%		
West Midlands	12%	11%	13%	13%	9%	8%	3%		
North East	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%	1%	8%		
North West	10%	14%	4%	10%	10%	9%	7%		
Yorkshire & Humber	12%	13%	12%	12%	11%	11%	12%		

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How important a role do you think each of the following play in ensuring education standards are high in schools? Parents of students

	Unweighted Base	1019	296	178	192	91	61	40
Base		1019	288	171	203	95	59	45
Very important	60%	61%	56%	62%	64%	63%	51%	**
Important	33%	34%	37%	29%	32%	31%	32%	**
Not very important	5%	3%	5%	7%	4%	2%	6%	**
Not at all important	*	*	1%	-	*	*	-	**
Don't know	2%	2%	*	1%	-	3%	12%	**
NET Important	93%	95%	93%	91%	96%	95%	82%	**
NET Not important	5%	4%	6%	7%	4%	2%	6%	**

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How important a role do you think each of the following play in ensuring education standards are high in schools? The head teacher

	Unweighted Base	1019	296	178	192	91	61	40
Base		1019	288	171	203	95	59	45
Very important	74%	79%	76%	66%	77%	77%	60%	**
Important	21%	18%	22%	28%	17%	18%	19%	**
Not very important	3%	2%	2%	4%	5%	-	9%	**
Not at all important	1%	-	-	1%	1%	2%	1%	**
Don't know	2%	1%	*	1%	-	3%	12%	**
NET Important	95%	97%	97%	94%	94%	95%	79%	**
NET Not important	3%	2%	2%	4%	6%	2%	9%	**

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How important a role do you think each of the following play in ensuring education standards are high in schools? The school's board of Governors

	Unweighted Base	1019	296	178	192	91	61	40
Base		1019	288	171	203	95	59	45
Very important	47%	47%	53%	45%	51%	38%	32%	
					*	*	**	
Important	42%	44%	41%	44%	40%	49%	45%	
					*	*	**	
Not very important	8%	7%	6%	9%	7%	5%	9%	
					*	*	**	
Not at all important	1%	*	-	1%	2%	3%	-	
					*	QR*	**	
Don't know	2%	1%	*	1%	-	5%	14%	
					*	R*	**	
NET Important	90%	91%	94%	89%	90%	86%	77%	
					*	*	**	
NET Not important	8%	7%	6%	10%	10%	9%	9%	
					*	*	**	

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How important a role do you think each of the following play in ensuring education standards are high in schools? The Local Authority

	Unweighted Base	1019	296	178	192	91	61	40
Base		1019	288	171	203	95	59	45
Very important	38%	39%	32%	43%	39%	36%	26%	**
Important	45%	47%	47%	48%	43%	43%	32%	**
Not very important	13%	11%	19%	7%	15%	10%	27%	**
Not at all important	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%	3%	-	**
Don't know	3%	2%	1%	1%	-	8%	15%	**
NET Important	82%	86%	79%	91%	81%	79%	57%	**
NET Not important	15%	11%	20%	8%	19%	13%	27%	**
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How important a role do you think each of the following play in ensuring education standards are high in schools? Department for Education

	Unweighted Base	1019	296	178	192	91	61	40
Base		1019	288	171	203	95	59	45
Very important	42%	42%	42%	38%	49%	50%	32%	25%
					W	W*	*	**
Important	42%	46%	46%	45%	39%	38%	43%	48%
					*	*	*	**
Not very important	11%	9%	9%	13%	9%	11%	18%	3%
					*	*	*	**
Not at all important	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%
					*	*	*	**
Don't know	2%	1%	1%	*	1%	-	5%	20%
					*	*	R*	**
NET Important	84%	84%	88%	84%	88%	88%	75%	73%
			W		W	*	*	**
NET Not important	13%	13%	11%	16%	10%	12%	20%	7%
					*	*	*	**

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Over which, if any, of the following schools do you feel Local Authorities should have powers of influence and intervention?

	Unweighted Base						
	1019	296	178	192	91	61	40
Base	1019	288	171	203	95	59	45
Academies	62%	68% S	64% S	51%	63% *	71% S*	48% **
Free schools	62%	61%	62%	62%	62% *	72% *	51% **
Maintained schools	77%	84% S	77% S	63%	80% S*	84% S*	73% **
Fee paying schools	33%	30%	36%	26%	27% *	39% *	40% **
None of the above	8%	6%	7%	10%	9% *	8% *	17% **

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Thinking about the last of your children to start primary or secondary school, how easy or difficult did you find the process of applying?

	Unweighted Base	1019	296	178	192	91	61	40
Base		1019	288	171	203	95	59	45
Very easy	29%	31%	31%	25%	22%	42%	31%	**
					*	SU*	**	**
Fairly easy	49%	51%	50%	49%	47%	45%	43%	**
					*	*	**	**
Fairly difficult	14%	10%	11%	20%	20%	7%	13%	**
				QRW	Q*	*	**	**
Very difficult	7%	7%	7%	5%	10%	3%	6%	**
					*	*	**	**
Don't know / can't remember	1%	1%	2%	1%	*	2%	6%	**
					*	*	**	**
NET Easy	78%	82%	81%	74%	69%	87%	74%	**
		U			*	U*	**	**
NET Difficult	20%	17%	18%	25%	30%	10%	19%	**
				QW	QRW*	*	**	**

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To what extent do you agree or disagree that Local Authorities should have the ability to influence all schools in their area to find more school places or expand?

	Unweighted Base	1019	296	178	192	91	61	40
Base		1019	288	171	203	95	59	45
Strongly agree	29%		33%	31%	23%	31%	23%	13%
			S			*	*	**
Agree	48%		47%	41%	57%	42%	55%	50%
					QRU	*	*	**
Disagree	11%		9%	16%	6%	11%	6%	4%
				S		*	*	**
Strongly disagree	4%		4%	4%	2%	7%	3%	-
						*	*	**
Don't know	9%		7%	8%	11%	9%	13%	33%
						*	*	**
NET Agree	76%		79%	72%	81%	73%	78%	63%
						*	*	**
NET Disagree	14%		14%	20%	9%	18%	9%	4%
				S		S*	*	**

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Given what you have read throughout this survey and the questions you have answered, which of the following best describe how you think the English education system is currently run?

	Unweighted Base	1019	296	178	192	91	61	40
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The education system is under more central government control than previously	52%	57%	44%	45%	56%	57%	38%	RS
The education system is under more local control than previously	29%	27%	34%	30%	29%	28%	20%	*
Don't know	19%	15%	21%	25%	14%	14%	42%	Q