The independent evaluation of the pilot of the linked pair of GCSEs in mathematics (MLP)

Second interim report appendices

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1 Case-study pilot centre characteristics and demographic information

1.1 Case-study centre demographics

Pilot centre number	Type of school	Selective/ non- selective	School category	Region	Age range	Gender of intake	AO
1	Secondary School	Non- selective	Community	North East	11 to 16	Mixed	AQA
2	Secondary School	Non- selective	Community	South East	11 to 16	Mixed	AQA
3	Secondary Comprehensive	Non- selective	Community	South Wales	11 to 18	Mixed	WJEC
4	Secondary School	Non- selective	Voluntary Aided	East of England	11 to 18	Mixed	Edexcel
7	Secondary Comprehensive	Non- selective	Community	West Midlands	11 to 18	Mixed	OCR
9	Independent School	Selective	Independent	East of England	7 to 18	Girls	OCR
10	Secondary School: Academy	Non- selective	Academy: Non- maintained	London	11 to 18	Mixed	Edexcel
12	Secondary School	Non- selective	Community	North West	11 to 16	Mixed	Edexcel
17	Secondary School	Non- selective	Voluntary Aided	North West	11 to 18	Mixed	AQA
18	Secondary School	Non- selective	Voluntary Aided	West Midlands	11 to 18	Mixed	AQA

1.2 Case-study sample coverage

Table 2: Number of staff and students spoken to, and focus groups/lesson observationsundertaken, during the MLP case-study pilot centre visits in autumn 2011

Pilot centre number	Institution type	Head of mathematics department	Mathematics teachers	Number of students	Student focus groups	Lesson observations
1	Secondary	1	0	0	0	2
2	Secondary	1	1	12	2	1
3	Secondary & Sixth Form	1	2	5	1	2
4	Secondary & Sixth Form	1	3	17	2	2
7	Secondary & Sixth Form	1	2	12	2	2
9	Primary & Secondary (7 to 18)	1	2	12	2	2
10	Secondary & Sixth Form	1	1	8	1	2
12	Secondary	1	0	7	1	1
17	Secondary & Sixth Form	1	1	8	1	1
18	Secondary & Sixth Form	1	2	6	1	2
Total nun	nber	10	14	87	13	17

2 Joint-offer and single-GCSE-only centre characteristics

Joint- offer centre number	Type of school	School category	Selective/ non- selective	Age range	Gender of intake	Mathematics award delivered
NPI-1	Selective maintained	Community	Selective	Through 16	Mixed	MLP & Single
NPI-2	Independent	Community	Selective	7 to 18	Mixed	MLP & Single
NPI-3	Comprehensive maintained	Community	Non-selective	Up to 16	Mixed	MLP & Single
NPI-4	Comprehensive maintained	Community	Non-selective	Up to 16	Mixed	MLP & Single
NPI-5	Academy/CTC/ Free school/UTC	Academy	Selective	Through 16	Mixed	MLP & Single
NPI-6	Comprehensive maintained	Community	Non-selective	Through 16	Mixed	MLP & Single
NPI-7	Comprehensive maintained	Community	Selective	Up to 16	Mixed	MLP & Single
NPI-10	Secondary	Foundation	Non-selective	11 to 16	Mixed	MLP & Single
NPI-15	Academy/CTC/ Free school/UTC	Foundation	Selective	11 to 18	Boys	MLP & Single
NPI-28	Secondary	Community	Non-selective	11 to 18	Mixed	MLP & Single
NPI-29	Comprehensive maintained	Federation	Non-selective	11 to 18	Mixed	MLP & Single

Table 3: A breakdown of joint-offer (MLP & single GCSE) centre characteristics, where heads of mathematics were interviewed in autumn 2011

Table 4: Regional spread of joint-offer (MLP & single GCSE) centres, where heads of mathematics were interviewed in autumn 2011

English Regions	Number of joint-offer centres
North East	2
North West	1
Yorkshire and Humber	1
East Midlands	2
West Midlands	1
East of England	0
South East	2
South West	2
London	0

Table 5: A breakdown of single-GCSE-only centre characteristics, where heads of mathematic	CS
were interviewed in autumn 2011	

Single- GCSE- only centre number	Type of school	School category	Selective/ non- selective	Age range	Gender of intake	Mathematics award delivered
NPI-8	Pupil Referral Unit	Community	Selective	5 to 16	Mixed	Single
NPI-9	Academy/CTC /Free school/ UTC	Foundation Trust	Selective	Through 16	Mixed	Single
NPI-11	Pupil Referral Unit	Community	Selective	12 to 16	Mixed	Single
NPI-12	Independent	Foundation	Selective	7 to 18	Mixed	Single
NPI-13	Comprehensive maintained	Community	Non- selective	11 to 16	Mixed	Single
NPI-14	Independent	Foundation	Selective	7 to 18	Mixed	Single
NPI-16	Independent	Independent	Selective	Through 16	Mixed	Single
NPI-17	Comprehensive maintained	Independent	Selective	11 to 18	Boys	Single
NPI-18	Secondary	Community	Non- selective	11 to 18	Mixed	Single
NPI-19	Academy/CTC/ Free school/ UTC	Foundation	Selective	11 to 18	Mixed	Single
NPI-20	Academy/CTC/ Free school/ UTC	Academy	Non- selective	11 to 16	Mixed	Single
NPI-21	Secondary	Community	Selective	11 to 18	Mixed	Single
NPI-22	Secondary	Community	Non- selective	11 to 16	Mixed	Single
NPI-23	Secondary	Community	Non- selective	11 to 18	Mixed	Single
NPI-24	Grammar	Foundation	Selective	11 to 19	Boys	Single
NPI-25	City Technology College	Community	Non- selective	Through 16	Mixed	Single
NPI-26	Secondary	Voluntary Aided	Selective	11 to 16	Mixed	Single
NPI-27	Comprehensive maintained	Foundation	Non- selective	13 to 19	Mixed	Single
NPI-30	Academy/CTC/ Free school/ UTC	Foundation	Selective	11 to 18	Girls	Single
NPI-31	Comprehensive maintained	Community	Non- selective	11 to 18	Mixed	Single
NPI-32	Comprehensive maintained	Community	Non- selective	13 to 18	Mixed	Single
NPI-33	Comprehensive maintained	Foundation	Non- selective	11 to 18	Mixed	Single

 Table 6: Regional spread of single-GCSE-only centres, where heads of mathematics were

 interviewed in autumn 2011

English Regions	Number of single-GCSE- only centres
North East	1
North West	4
Yorkshire and Humber	4
East Midlands	2
West Midlands	4
East of England	3
South East	3
South West	0
London	1

3 Observation data – autumn 2011

Please note: lessons 1 – 18 were observed and reported on in the previous round of fieldwork

Legend:

- **Q:** high-order questioning
- SC: stretching and challenging
- CC: creating connections
- R: encouraging reasoning
- **PS:** supporting development of strategies for investigation and problem solving
- V: the value of mathematics
- MLE: making learning explicit
- L: developing 'mathematical' language







Figure 2: Moderated score recorded on summary table lesson 21







Figure 4: Moderated score recorded on summary table lesson 24 and 25







Figure 6: Moderated score recorded on summary table lesson 28 and 29



Figure 7: Moderated score recorded on summary table lesson 30



Figure 8: Moderated score recorded on summary table lesson 31



Figure 9: Moderated score recorded on summary table lesson 32 and 33



Figure 10: Moderated score recorded on summary table lesson 34 and 35

4 NPD data- demographics of the MLP cohort and the mainstream cohort

In the following sections, comparisons are made between the demographics of candidates who have either entered any unit of or completed an MLP GCSE with completers of the mainstream GCSE.

4.1 Free school meals

Key variable		MLP any (entry or completer) (%)	MLP entries (i.e. entered but not completed (%)	MLP completers (%)	Mainstream completers (%)
FSM	Yes	11.0	9.7	13.8	15.0
	No	89.0	90.3	86.2	85.0
	TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 7: Table showing proportion of candidates that are eligible to receive free school meals

4.2 Special educational needs

Table 8: Table showing proportion of candidates with special educational needs variables

		Proportion of candidates with key variable					
Key variable		MLP any (entry or completer) (%)	MLP entries (i.e. entered but not completed (%)	MLP completers (%)	Mainstream completers (%)		
SEN any	Yes	18.0	17.1	19.7	22.5		
	No	82.0	82.9	80.3	77.5		
	TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
SEN action	Yes	5.3	5.4	5.3	6.2		
plus	No	94.7	94.6	94.7	93.8		
	TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
SEN action	Yes	10.8	9.8	12.7	14.0		
	No	89.2	90.2	87.3	86.0		
	TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
SEN	Yes	1.9	1.9	1.7	2.2		
statement	No	98.1	98.1	98.3	97.8		
	TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		

4.3 English not first language

		Proportion of candidates with key variable						
Key variable		MLP any (entry or completer) (%)	MLP entries (i.e. entered but not completed (%)	MLP completer s (%)	Mainstream completers (%)			
English is	Yes	91.3	92.8	88.2	87.8			
pupil's first	No	8.5	7.1	11.6	11.7			
language	Unknown	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.5			
	Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0			

Table 9: Table showing proportion of candidates where English is not their first language

4.4 Ethnicity

Table 10: Table showing candidates ethnic background

		Proportion of candidates with key variable					
Key variable		MLP any (entry or completer) (%)	MLP entries (i.e. entered but not completed (%)	MLP completers (%)	Mainstream completers (%)		
Ethnicity	Asian	4.8	4	6.6	8.1		
	Black	4.2	3.8	5.1	4.6		
	Chinese	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.4		
	Mixed	3.5	3.8	3	3.3		
	Unclassified	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2		
	Any other ethnic group	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.2		
	White	84.7	85.6	82.8	81.2		
	Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		

4.5 Gifted and talented

Table 11: Table showing proportion of candidates classified as gifted and talented

		Proportion of candidates with key variable						
MLP any (entry or Completer (%)		MLP any (entry or completer) (%)	MLP entries (i.e. entered but not completed (%)	MLP completers (%)	Mainstream completers (%)			
Gifted and	Yes (1)	18.4	17.1	21	14.5			
talented	No (0)	81.6	82.9	79	85.5			
	Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0			

4.6 Local authority regions

		Proportion of candidates with key variable							
Key variable		MLP any (entry or completer) (%)	MLP entries (i.e. entered but not completed (%)	MLP completers (%)	Mainstream completers (%)	Diff between MLP and mainstream			
Local	London	4.8	5.7	2.9	13.1	-8.3			
authority	North West	10.5	9.7	12	14.5	-4			
region	West								
	Midlands	10	9.2	11.6	12.3	-2.3			
	North East	3.6	3.5	3.7	5.4	-1.8			
	East of England	10.7	13.1	5.7	10.7	0			
	Yorkshire and the								
	Humber	11.3	11.6	10.7	11	0.3			
	East					4.4			
	Midlands	13.3	9.6	20.9	8.9				
	South West	13.8	8.1	25.9	9.1	4.7			
	South East	22.1	29.5	6.5	15	7.1			
	Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0			

Table 12: Table showing proportion of candidates in each region

4.7 Prior attainment for teacher assessment

Since KS3 testing was abandoned in 2008, teacher assessment levels are used to compare the prior attainment of candidates in the MLP cohort with those in the mainstream cohort. Teacher assessment levels were recorded both before and after testing was abandoned, so it remains possible to make comparisons between all MLP candidates and mainstream candidates for whom teacher assessment levels were recorded.

Mean grade score for English KS3 for teacher assessment ¹								
MLP any (Entry or completer) (%)	MLP entries (i.e. entered but not completed (%)	MLP completers (%)	Mainstream completers (%)					
5.53	5.57	5.45	5.28					

Table 13: Mean gr	ade score for	English KS3	for teacher	assessment
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Table 14: Mean grade score for mathematics KS3 for teacher assessment

Mean grade score for mathematics KS3 for teacher assessment ¹								
MLP entries (i.e.MLP any (Entry or completer) (%)entered but not completed (%)MLP completers (%)Mainstream completers (%)								
6.09	6.16	5.95	5.71					

4.8 Prior attainment for tests assessment

Since KS3 testing was abandoned in 2008, 'tested' prior attainment data is only available for candidates who sat their KS3 examinations in or before 2008. The majority of candidates, however, reached KS3 after this time so a comparison would likely be uninformative.

¹ Mean grade score was calculated by assigning weights to the levels and taking the mean average. Level 3 was given a weight of 3, level 4 a weight of 4, etc. through to level 8 a weight of 8.

5 NPD data- breakdown of demographic information by awarding organisation

In the following sections, the demographics of candidates are broken down by awarding organisation.

5.1 Free school meals

Table 15: Table showing proportion of candidates eligible for free school meals by awarding organisation

			Proportion of candidates with key variable					
Key variable	AO		MLP any (entry or completer) (%)	MLP entries (i.e. entered but not completed (%)	MLP completers (%)	Mainstream completers (%)		
FSM	AQA	Yes	11.3	10.7	12.8	11.7		
		No	88.7	89.3	87.2	88.3		
	Edexcel	Yes	19.4	17.7	19.7	16.8		
		No	80.6	82.3	80.3	83.2		
	OCR	Yes	8.0	7.6	9.6	13.9		
		No	92.0	92.4	90.4	86.1		

5.2 Special educational needs

 Table 16: Table showing proportion of candidates with special educational needs by awarding organisation

		Proportion of candidates with key variable				
Key variable	AO		MLP any (entry or completer) (%)	MLP entries (i.e. entered but not completed (%)	MLP completers (%)	Mainstream completers (%)
SEN any		Yes	17.7	16.8	20.0	20.5
	AQA	No	82.3	83.2	80.0	79.5
	Edovool	Yes	17.7	17.7	17.7	23.5
	Edexcel	No	82.3	82.3	82.3	76.5
	OCR	Yes	18.5	17.8	21.1	21.6
		No	81.5	82.2	78.9	78.4
SEN	AOA	Yes	6.1	6.0	6.3	5.6
Action	AQA	No	93.9	94.0	93.7	94.4
Plus	Edexcel	Yes	4.2	3.2	4.3	6.6
		No	95.8	96.8	95.7	93.4
	OCR	Yes	4.3	4.5	3.6	5.7
		No	95.7	95.5	96.4	94.3
SEN action		Yes	9.6	8.8	11.7	12.7
	AQA	No	90.4	91.2	88.3	87.3
	Edexcel	Yes	12.1	14.5	11.7	14.7
	LUCXUU	No	87.9	85.5	88.3	85.3
	OCR	Yes	12.5	11.5	16.4	13.5
	OOK	No	87.5	88.5	83.6	86.5
SEN		Yes	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.2
statement	AQA	No	98.0	98.0	98.1	97.8
	Edexcel	Yes	1.5	0.0	1.7	2.2
		No	98.5	100.0	98.3	97.8
	OCR	Yes	1.7	1.9	1.1	2.4
	OCK	No	98.3	98.1	98.9	97.6

5.3 English not first language

Table 17: Table showing proportion of candidates where English is not their first language by awarding organisation

		Proportion of candidates with key variable				
Key variable	AO		MLP any (entry or completer) (%)	MLP entries (i.e. entered but not completed (%)	MLP completers (%)	Mainstream completers (%)
English		Yes	92.1	92.6	90.9	92.1
is pupil's	AQA	No	7.8	7.3	9.1	7.6
tirst Janguago		Unknown	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.3
language	Edexcel	Yes	79.0	97.6	76.0	85.8
		No	20.8	2.4	23.8	13.7
		Unknown	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.5
	OCR	Yes	93.5	93.0	95.6	90.7
		No	6.3	7.0	3.6	8.9
		Unknown	0.2	0.0	0.8	0.4

5.4 Ethnicity

		Proportion of candidates with key variable				
Key variable	AO		MLP any (entry or completer) (%)	MLP entries (i.e. entered but not completed (%)	MLP completers (%)	Mainstream completers (%)
Ethnicity	AQA	Asian	4.6	3.9	6.1	6.2
		Black	3.8	4.1	3.0	2.1
		Chinese	0.7	0.9	0.3	0.3
		Mixed	2.9	3.2	2.3	2.6
		Unclass- ified	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.1
		Any other ethnic				
		group	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
		White	86.0	86.0	86.1	87.1
	Edexcel	Asian	9.9	0.0	11.6	9.1
		Black	11.0	2.4	12.4	5.8
		Chinese	1.0	0.0	1.2	0.4
		Mixed	4.0	3.2	4.1	3.6
		ified	1.4	0.0	1.6	1.3
		Any other ethnic	16	0.8	1 7	1.4
		<u>yroup</u> W/bito	71.2	0.8	67.5	78.4
	OCR		3.8	4.3	2.0	70.4
		Black	3.1	3.4	1.8	2.9
		Chinese	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3
		Mixed	4.4	4.8	3.3	3.0
		Unclass- ified	1.0	1.2	0.3	1.1
		Any other ethnic				
		group	1.1	1.3	0.6	0.7
		White	86.2	84.7	91.8	84.8

 Table 18: Table showing candidates ethnic background by awarding organisation

5.5 Gifted and talented

 Table 19: Table showing proportion of candidates who are classed as gifted and talented by awarding organisation

			Proportion of candidates with key variable				
Key variable	AO		MLP any (entry or completer) (%)	MLP entries (i.e. entered but not completed (%)	MLP completers (%)	Mainstream completers (%)	
Gifted and talented	AQA	Yes	19.9	20.6	18.5	14.9	
		No	80.1	79.4	81.5	85.1	
	Edexcel	Yes	19.3	27.4	18.0	14.3	
		No	80.7	72.6	82.0	85.7	
	OCR	Yes	15.1	10.7	31.0	13.9	
		No	84.9	89.3	69.0	86.1	

5.6 Regions

	Proportion of candidates with key variable						
Key variable	AO		MLP any (entry or completer) (%)	MLP entries (i.e. entered but not completed (%)	MLP completers (%)	Mainstream completers (%)	Diff between MLP and mainstream
Local authority		East Midlands	10.6	8.4	15.9	13.2	-2.6
region		East of England	9.6	10.5	7.6	5.1	4.5
		London	5.0	5.5	3.7	4.3	0.7
		North East	4.3	3.8	5.4	9.0	-4.7
	۷	North West	13.5	15.5	8.6	13.2	0.3
	AQ	South East	22.1	29.1	5.3	13.5	8.6
		South West	11.5	6.5	23.5	12.8	-1.3
		West Midlands	5.3	3.2	10.4	10.1	-4.8
		Yorkshire and the Humber	18.2	17.5	19.7	18.8	-0.6
	_	East Midlands	2.5	0.8	2.8	5.2	-2.7
		East of England	5.5	0.8	6.3	13.0	-7.5
		London	3.6	3.2	3.7	17.4	-13.8
		North East	8.0	56.5	0.1	4.0	4.0
	Edexcel	North West	26.7	7.3	29.8	16.1	10.6
		South East	16.3	24.2	15.0	15.2	1.1
		South West	15.8	4.0	17.7	7.7	8.1
		West Midlands	21.5	3.2	24.4	12.5	9.0
							-8.8
		Yorkshire and the	0.1	0.0	0.1	8.9	

 Table 20: Table showing local authority region of candidates by awarding organisation

	Proportion of candidates with key variable						
Key variable	AO		MLP any (entry or completer) (%)	MLP entries (i.e. entered but not completed (%)	MLP completers (%)	Mainstream completers (%)	Diff between MLP and mainstream
		Humber					
		East Midlands	21.5	12.3	54.7	20.4	1.1
		East of England	14.2	18.2	0.0	6.9	7.3
		London	4.7	6.1	0.0	4.5	0.2
		North East	0.9	0.1	3.6	10.1	-9.2
	œ	North West	0.1	0.0	0.2	9.7	-9.6
	OCI	South East	23.7	30.3	0.0	13.6	10.1
		South West	17.7	11.1	41.5	8.5	9.2
		West Midlands	15.5	19.8	0.0	16.2	-0.7
		Yorkshire and the	1.6	0.1	0.0	10.2	-8.6
			1.0	2.1	0.0	10.2	-0.0

5.7 Prior attainment for teacher assessment

Mean grade score for English KS3 for teacher assessment ²							
	Variable MLP any (entry or MLP entries (i.e. entered MLP						
AO	state	completer) (%)	but not completed (%)	completers (%)			
AQA	5.51	5.55	5.42	5.34			
Edexcel	5.39	5.45	5.38	5.25			
OCR	5.53	5.57	5.45	5.28			

 Table 21: Mean grade score for English KS3 for teacher assessment

Table 22: Mean grade score for mathematics KS3 for teacher assessment

	Mean grade score for mathematics KS3 for teacher assessment ²							
AO	VariableMLP any (entry orstatecompleter) (%)		MLP entries (i.e. entered but not completed (%)	MLP completers (%)				
AQA	6.13	6.17	6.06	5.80				
Edexcel	5.83	6.20	5.77	5.65				
OCR	6.09	6.15	5.90	5.72				

Table 23: Mean grade score for science KS3 for teacher assessment by awarding organisation

Mean grade score for science KS3 for teacher assessment ²							
	Variable		MLP any (entry or completer)	MLP entries (i.e. entered but not	MLP		
AO		state	(%)	completed (%)	completers (%)		
	AQA	5.72	5.74	5.67	5.46		
	Edexcel	5.53	5.65	5.51	5.31		
	OCR	5.72	5.73	5.71	5.38		

² Mean grade score was calculated by assigning weights to the levels and taking the mean average. Level 3 was given a weight of 3, level 4 a weight of 4, etc. through to level 8 a weight of 8