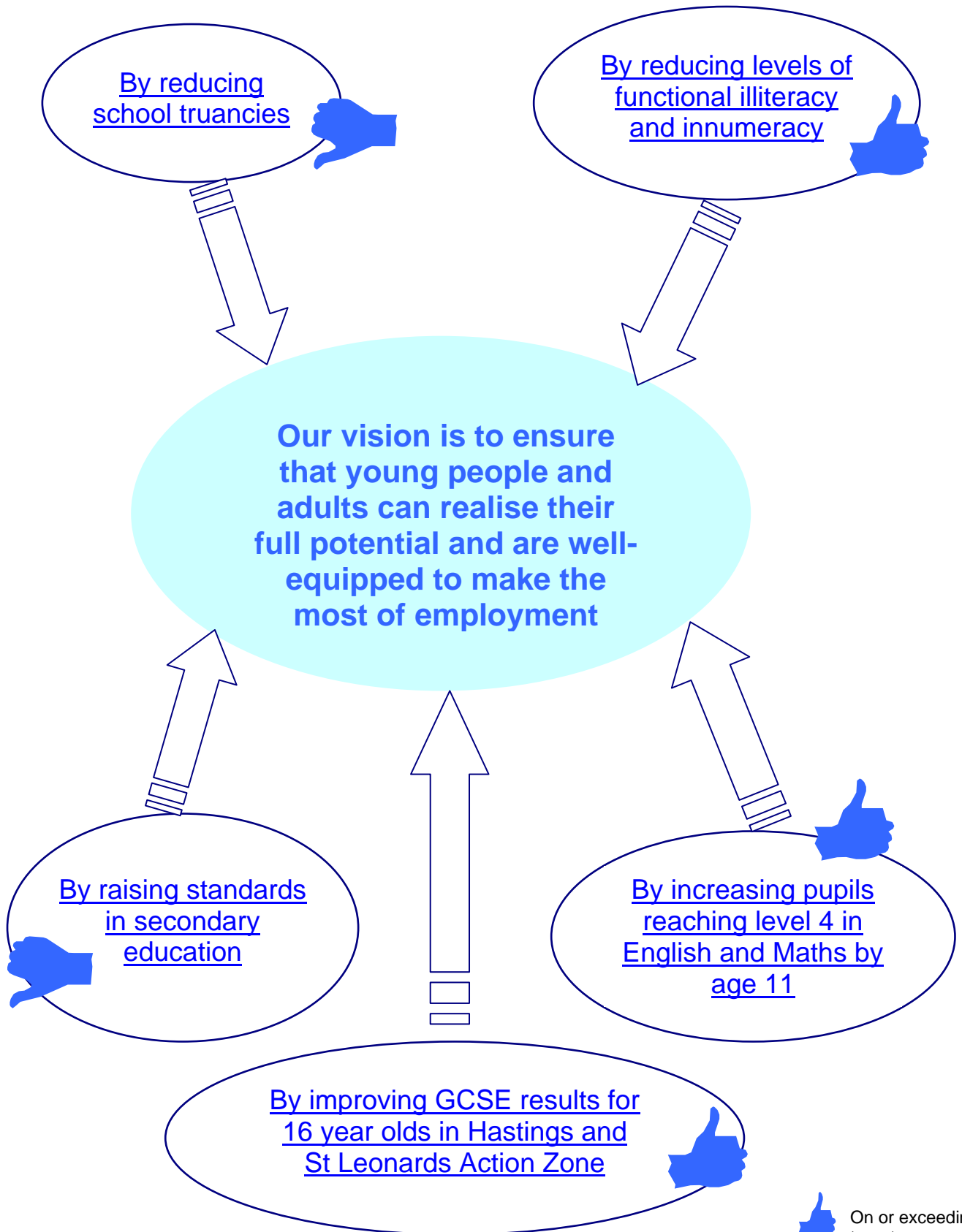





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-  On or exceeding target
-  Progress unclear
-  Not yet on target



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Target 1: Reducing school truancies



What did we say we would achieve?

We said we would reduce school truancies by 10% by 2004 (compared to 2002)

How does this target help achieve our vision?

A good education is the foundation stone which ensures young people can make the most of employment opportunities in the future. When children are in school they are also supervised so we know that they are safe. We want to ensure that truancy does not interfere with a child's education and that absence from a supervised environment does not put them at risk.

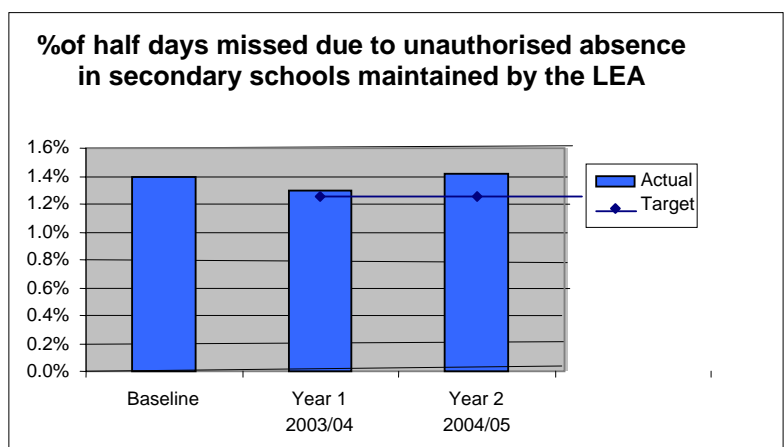
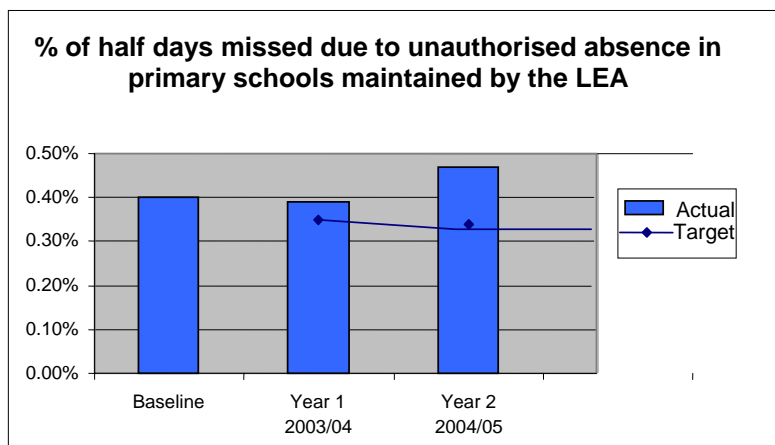
What did we achieve?

In 2004/05, the percentage of half days missed due to unauthorised absence in primary schools was 0.47% and in secondary schools 1.42%, both representing increases over our baseline year.

Much of the unauthorised absence is due to parents taking children on holiday during term-time, when prices are usually lower than during the school holidays.

We are now tackling this problem through the introduction of a holiday discount scheme, which has the support of the Association of British Travel Agents and the Federation of Tour Operators. This pilot scheme was launched in March 2005 and has offered parents discounts for breaks taken during the 2005 school summer holiday.

We believe the project will make a very positive contribution towards improving school attendance.



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Target 2: Reducing levels of functional illiteracy and innumeracy

What did we say we would achieve?

We said we would reduce levels of functional illiteracy & innumeracy by 2010.

How does this target help achieve our vision?

Being unable to read and write not only reduces people's ability to gain employment but can interfere with their access to services and reduce confidence. By helping people to gain these skills we can equip them to realise their potential and make the most of their opportunities.

What did we achieve?

Between March 2001 and March 2004, 3716 individual learners achieved at least one Skills for Life QCA approved qualification from Hastings College of Arts and Technology, Sussex Downs College and Plumpton College.

We will continue to work together to promote the attainment of basic skills and educational qualifications in the County.

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Target 3: Raising standards in secondary education

What did we say we would achieve?

We said we would raise standards in secondary education so that, by 2004, 75% of 14 year olds achieve level 5 or above in English, Maths and ICT and 70% in Science.

How does this target help achieve our vision?

The quality of the education we can provide for our children directly affects their future prospects. We want East Sussex to be a place where people can maximise their potential and future employment prospects.

What did we achieve?

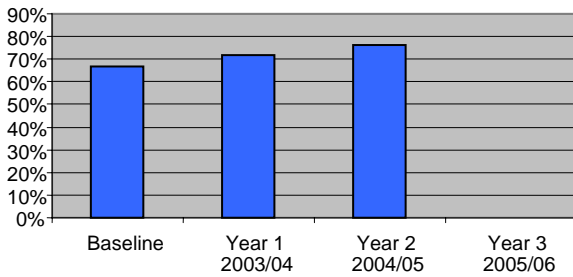
In 2004/05, the percentage of pupils achieving level 5 or above in English was 73% and in Science 76%, both an increase over the baseline year and higher than the national averages of 71% for English and 66% for Science.

We are very pleased to be so close to our ambitious target for English and exceeding it for science. This represents a considerable achievement for young people in East Sussex. However, in Maths, the percentage achieving level 5 or above was 68.2%, representing no change since the baseline year. For ICT, 54% marked a notable decrease.

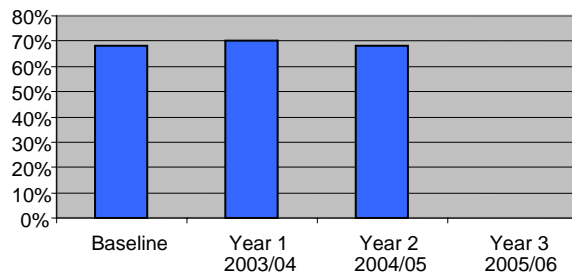


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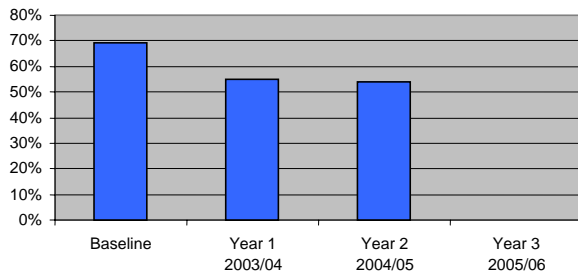
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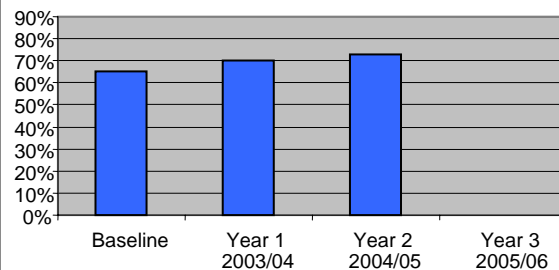
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Enhance pupil attainment at KS3 - the percentage of pupils achieving level 5 or above in ICT



Enhance pupil attainment at KS3 - the percentage of pupils achieving level 5 or above in English



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As a partnership we fully support the work being done in our schools to raise levels of achievement. We will continue to work together to raise educational standards and will support measures to improve the East Sussex share of quality teachers and especially to improve the effectiveness of leadership and management of ICT in schools. We will continue to work together to encourage improvements in pupil behaviour and attitudes and to improve attendance.

Target 4: Increasing pupils reaching level 5 in English and Maths by age 11



What did we say we would achieve?

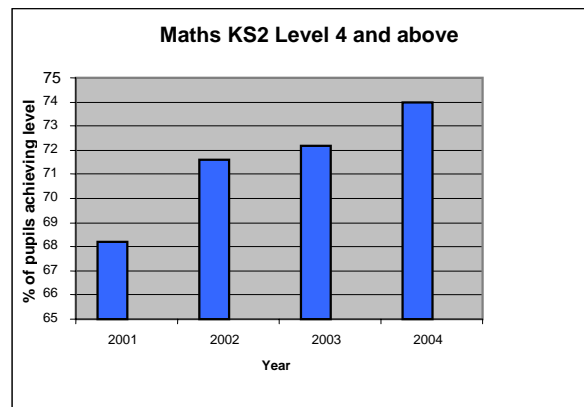
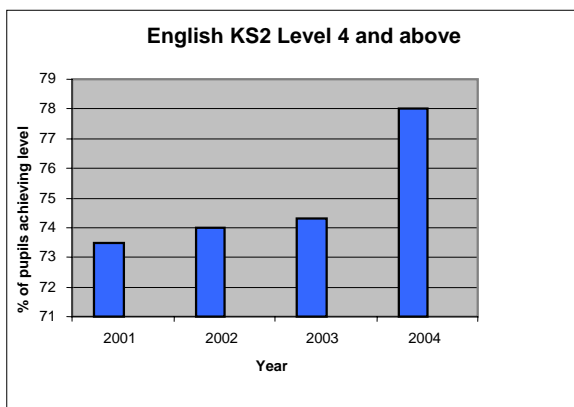
We said we would ensure that 90% of pupils reach level 4 in English and Maths (Key Stage 2), by age 11 by 2007

How does this target help achieve our vision?

The quality of the education we can provide for our children directly affects their future prospects. We want East Sussex to be a place where people can maximise their potential and future employment prospects.

What did we achieve?

In 2004/05, 78% of pupils reach level 4 in English and 74% in Maths (Key Stage 2), by age 11, taking us some way towards achieving our final target in two years time.



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Target 5: Improving GCSE results for 16 year olds in Hastings and St Leonards Action Zone



What did we say we would achieve?

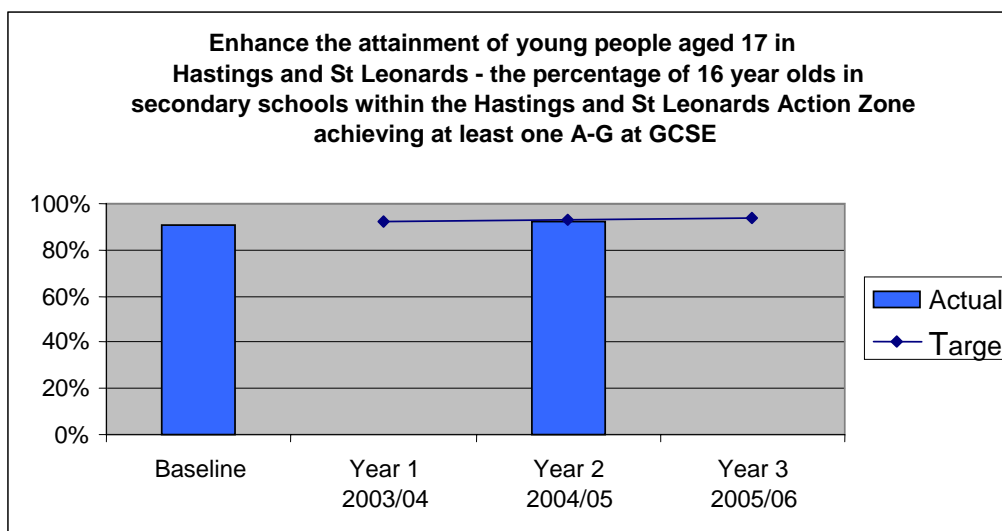
We said we would increase the percentage of 16 year olds in secondary schools within the Hastings and St Leonards Action zone achieving at least one grade A-G at GCSE from 91% (2002) to 94% by the end of 2005

How does this target help achieve our vision?

The quality of the education we can provide for our children directly affects their future prospects. We want East Sussex to be a place where people can maximise their potential and future employment prospects. We chose to target 16 year olds within this Action Zone because we were concerned about their achievements in comparison with elsewhere in the County and wanted to ensure that they were able to share in the ability to realise their potential.

What did we achieve?

By April 2005, 92.1% of 16 year olds in secondary schools in the Hastings and St Leonards Action Zone achieved at least one A-G at GCSE.



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