

We would like to invite you to be part of a **value added** pilot project being conducted by GL Education and the Fischer Family Trust (FFT). The results of this pilot will allow you to show the impact your school makes (or the **value added**) on the pupils who attend and allow you to compare this impact to the impact made by other schools.

### **What is value added?**

If we looked at the baseline abilities of a group of pupils (as measured by an assessment such as CAT4) of a certain age and measured their attainment in a summative assessment after a period of time we would find that some pupils would make a small amount of progress, most would make a near average progression and a few would make excellent progress. If we consider a fixed period of time, we can determine the amount of improvement a school has added to the pupil through factors such as the quality of teaching. **Value added** is therefore the effect schools have on the progress of a pupil.

### **Why is value added useful?**

A school can look at attainment - exam results - to see how well they are doing, but **value added** takes account of expected and actual attainment data, where each pupil started from and the progress they made relative to other similar pupils. The **value added** allows you to monitor trends over time by looking at year by year comparisons. This information across the whole school will help school leaders in driving improvements.

### **Be part of the pilot study!**

We are inviting schools to provide us with their CAT4 and GCSE/iGCSE results by mid-January 2018. Please send us your:

- GCSE or iGCSE exam results from summer 2017 (the EDI results file the awarding organisation would have sent through to you)
- CAT4 group report export for these students (either when they joined the school, or prior to starting their GCSE course)

***These files need to be password protected, and the password provided to us in a separate email***

Please return your files to [Data.Services@gl-assessment.co.uk](mailto:Data.Services@gl-assessment.co.uk) by 14<sup>th</sup> January

### **What happens next?**

If you provide us with this data for the cohort who sat their exams in summer 2017, we will provide you with a **value added** report by the end of February 2018.

You will be able to see:

- Value added per pupil
- Value added per class
- Value added per subject
- the average grade across subjects taken
- the average entries and value added per subject

By sending us your data files, you are granting us permission to use your data to develop the value added model. All data will be destroyed once the model has been developed.

In March you will be invited to offer feedback on the reports to ensure we develop them so they are most useful once we make the service available. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [holly.nicholls@gl-education.com](mailto:holly.nicholls@gl-education.com)