The questionnaire
The Kingston Young People’s Survey was developed by the Schools Health Education Unit (SHEU) in partnership with the London Borough of Kingston upon Thames Education, Children’s and Cultural Services and the Public Health Team. The purpose of the survey was to obtain pupils’ views regarding healthy eating, safety, emotional wellbeing and leisure time.

Methodology
All secondary and academy schools were invited to participate in the survey during the summer and autumn term 2013, with the focus on Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 pupils. All surveys were undertaken anonymously online or via a paper based version. Completed paper questionnaires were returned securely to SHEU for processing which were then combined with the online results.

Participation
A total of 3982 pupils took part from 8 secondary schools and 1 pupil referral unit. There was a reasonable mixture of boys and girls across the specified year groups. 62% of the pupils surveyed described themselves as White British. 9% of pupils said that they had an additional need or disability. 14% said they were eligible for free school meals.

Links
It is possible to look for connections between the answers pupils gave to different questions in the survey and to look at behaviour profiles, such as whether a pupil who has low self esteem is likely to be bullied, etc.

These finding are listed within the document, but do not link every question asked in the survey; they do however provide an insight to possible future experiences of pupils.

Reports
Further detailed reports, containing a summary of all responses received by the pupils are available. There are also 3 other themed reports to accompany this one - see list below.

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<td>410</td>
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Reference sample
Kingston data have been compared with the SHEU wider survey sample.

A selection of some of the comparisons between the Kingston results and the wider SHEU data, are shown on page 3.

For more details please contact SHEU Phone 01392 667272 www.sheu.org.uk
Kingston secondary school pupils in Years 7 - Year 10 (ages 11 - 15)

HEALTHY EATING

- 16% of pupils ate 5 or more portions of fruit and vegetables on the day before the survey.
- 7% of pupils said they had none.

- Pupils who reported having '5-a-day':
  - 14% Year 8 Boys
  - 18% Year 8 Girls
  - 19% Year 10 Boys
  - 14% Year 10 Girls

- 12% of Year 7 and 9% of Year 9 pupils said that they get free school meals or vouchers for free school meals.
- 4% of pupils said that they could get free school meals if they wanted them.

BREAKFAST

- 12% of pupils in the survey had nothing to eat or drink for breakfast.
- 9% of pupils only had a drink for breakfast on the day of the survey.

- The top breakfast items reported being eaten were as follows for Year 8 pupils:

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<td>Cereal</td>
<td>51%</td>
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<td>Toast</td>
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<td>Fruit</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cooked breakfast</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>Yoghurt</td>
<td>3%</td>
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- The top breakfast items reported being eaten were as follows for Year 10 pupils:

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<td>Cereal</td>
<td>40%</td>
<td>32%</td>
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<td>Toast</td>
<td>26%</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>Fruit</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>16%</td>
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<td>Yoghurt</td>
<td>7%</td>
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- 2% of pupils said that they had sweets for breakfast on the morning of the survey.
- 2% of Year 10 boys said that they had a crisp-type snack for breakfast on the morning of the survey.

Breakfast venue

- 73% of pupils said they had breakfast at home on the day of the survey.
- 7% said on the way to school and 5% said they had breakfast at school.

WEIGHT and WORRIES

- 46% of pupils said that they were happy with their weight.
- 7% of pupils said that they would like to put on weight.

- Pupils who reported wanting to lose weight:
  - 30% Year 8 Boys
  - 57% Year 8 Girls
  - 30% Year 10 Boys
  - 70% Year 10 Girls

- 71% of pupils described themselves as being a ‘healthy weight’. 22% of pupils said they were ‘over weight’.
- 32% of pupils said they worry ‘quite often’ or ‘very often’ about their weight.
- 27% of pupils said they worry about their diet.

Year 9 girls worried the most compared with other pupils. 44% of Year 9 girls worried about their diet compared with 10% of Year 8 boys who worried the least.

- 19% of pupils said that they consider their health ‘very often’ or ‘always’ when choosing what to eat.
- 22% of Year 10 boys said they ‘never’ consider their health when choosing what to eat.

- 70% of Year 7 boys and 62% of Year 7 girls said that they have had lessons/videos or discussions on healthy food and nutrition in class during the last 12 months.
- 68% of Year 9 boys and 65% of Year 9 girls said that they have had lessons/videos or discussions on healthy food and nutrition in class during the last 12 months.
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

- 69% of pupils said that they enjoy exercise ‘quite a lot’ or ‘a lot’.
- 26% of pupils said they enjoy it a little, 5% said they didn’t enjoy exercise at all.

- 38% of pupils reported doing exercise at least 5 times the previous week.

- 54% of pupils reported exercising 2 to 4 times in the 7 days before the survey.

- 8% of pupils reported doing at most 1 period of exercise the previous week.

ACTIVE TRAVEL

- 48% of pupils said they usually walk to school. 43% said they come by bus.
- 21% of pupils usually travel to school by car or van. 6% said they usually cycle to school.
- 33% said they they did something active before school last week.

ACTIVE LEISURE TIME

- 66% of pupils said they have been to parks or open spaces in their own free time in the past 4 weeks.

- 23% of boys and 18% of girls said they had been to a youth centre or club (including scouts, guides etc) in the past 4 weeks.
- 26% of pupils said they go out on a Friday or Saturday night to take part in activities such as sports, arts, media or a youth club. 53% of pupils said they didn’t.
- 33% said that nothing stops them from doing any activities that they would like.

The top answers given as barriers to activity include the following:

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<td>Costs too much</td>
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- 49% of pupils said that generally, there was enough to do in their area.
- 20% said there wasn’t enough to do in their local area.

COMPARISONS BETWEEN THE KINGSTON 2013 SURVEY AND THE SHEU REFERENCE SAMPLE

(N.B. The SHEU data is just for Years 8 & 10 pupils).

- 48% of pupils in Kingston usually walk to school compared with 39% of pupils in the wider sample.
- 16% of pupils in Kingston said they had at least 5 portions of fruit and vegetables the day before. This compared with 18% of pupils in the wider sample.
- 47% of Kingston pupils said they would like to lose weight. This compared with 45% of pupils in the wider sample.
- 19% of Kingston pupils consider their health ‘often’ or ‘always’ when making food choices. This compared with 19% of pupils in the wider sample.
- 12% of Kingston pupils said they had nothing for breakfast compared with 13% of the wider sample.
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
- Enjoyment of exercise overall declines with age and is most marked in its decline for girls.
- Pupils who enjoy exercise ‘quite a lot’ or ‘a lot’:

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<td>Year 7</td>
<td>83%</td>
<td>Year 8</td>
<td>78%</td>
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<td>Year 10</td>
<td>75%</td>
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ACTIVITIES IN LOCAL AREA
- The percentage of pupils who said that generally, there was enough to do in their area declines with age:

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<td>56%</td>
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HEALTHY EATING
- The percentage of girls who had nothing to eat for breakfast that morning increases with age:

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<td>Boys</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>13%</td>
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- 5% of Year 7, 6% of Year 8, 7% of Year 9 and 15% of Year 10 boys said the same.

BARRIERS TO ACTIVITY
- The proportion of pupils who said cost was a barrier to them doing the activities that they would like to do is much higher for the older pupils:

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The proportion of pupils who report lack of time as a barrier is consistent across all age groups with more girls than boys saying this.
It is possible to look for connections between the answers pupils gave to different questions in the survey to look for behaviour profiles. The following are just 3 selected questions, but any question can be analysed in this way. All differences illustrated below are statistically significant.

The first analysis is for girls who said they had nothing for breakfast that morning compared with those girls who did have breakfast.

- 75% of girls who missed breakfast that morning also said they would like to lose weight. This compared with only 57% of girls who did have something for breakfast that morning. Therefore, we can say if you missed breakfast that morning you are more likely to say you want to lose weight.

- 36% of girls who missed breakfast that morning also said they tried cigarettes in the past or are current smokers. This compared with 19% of girls who did have something for breakfast that morning. Therefore, you are more likely to have smoked if you missed breakfast that morning.

- This group are also more likely to say they drank alcohol in the previous week.
- They are less likely to have high self-esteem.
- They are less likely to say they talk to an adult if they have a problem that worries them.
- They are less likely to say that they found lessons about healthy food and nutrition ‘quite’ or ‘very’ useful.
- They are less likely to have had 5 portions of fruit and vegetables the previous week.
- They are more likely to say they use the Internet for accessing Facebook, Twitter etc.
- They are also more likely to say they worry about what other people think of them.

The second analysis is for boys who said they would like to lose weight compared with these boys who didn’t.

- 52% of boys who said they would like to lose weight also said that they were overweight. This compared with only 2% of boys who said they didn’t want to lose weight. Therefore, we can say that if you want to lose weight you are more likely to say you are overweight.

- 26% of boys who said they would like to lose weight also said they worried ‘quite often’ or ‘very often’ about their what other people think of them. This compared with 19% of boys who said they didn’t want to lose weight. Therefore, pupils who said they would like to lose weight were more likely to worry about what other people think of them.

- They are less likely to have high self-esteem.
- They are less likely to say there is enough to do in the area where they live.
- They are more likely to say they smoke or have tried smoking in the past.
- They are less likely to say that they feel safe at school.
- They are less likely to say that they enjoy exercise.
- They are more likely to say that they don’t do activities outside school because it costs too much.
- They are more likely to say they use the Internet for accessing Facebook, Twitter etc.
- Those who want to lose weight also said they travelled to school by car on the day of the survey.

The third analysis is for pupils who said they had 5 or more portions of fruit and vegetables to eat the day before the survey compared with those who had less than 5 portions.

- 91% of pupils who said they had 5 or more portions the day before also said they had exercised hard at least 3 times the previous week. This compared with only 77% of pupils who had less than 5 portions the day before:

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<th>Exercised hard last week at least 3 times</th>
<th>91%</th>
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<td>5 or more portions</td>
<td>77%</td>
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62% of pupils who had 5 or more portions the day before also said they at least ‘sometimes’ go out on a Friday or Saturday night to take part in activities such as sports, arts, media or go to a youth centre or club compared with 45% of pupils who had less than 5 portions.

- This group were also more likely to say they have had lessons in the last 12 months about healthy food and nutrition.
- They were more likely to want to stay on in full-time education after Year 11.
- They are more likely to say that they are happy with their weight.
- They are also more likely to say there is enough to do in their local area.
The way forward – over to you.

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We are grateful to the teachers, schools and the young people for their time and contributions to this survey. The findings will be used to plan services and inform commissioning decisions and further support joint working. In addition, the data will be used to inform plans and strategies within schools, the council and partners.

The survey will be conducted on an annual basis to enable The London Borough of Kingston upon Thames to analyse the findings year-on-year.

Kingston Schools who took part in the survey:
Chessington Community College
Coombe Boys' School
Coombe Girls' School
Malden Oaks PRU
Richard Challoner School
Southborough School
The Hollyfield School and Sixth Form Centre
The Holy Cross School
Tolworth Girls' School & Sixth Form

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