

TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS, TECHNICAL DAY SCHOOLS, AND FULL-TIME DAY CLASSES.

At the 30th June, 1927, the numbers of pupils taking the various courses provided were as follows:—

Course.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.	Percentage of Totals.	
				Boys.	Girls.
Industrial .. .. .	1,969	..	1,969	55·4	..
Agricultural .. .. .	314	..	314	8·8	..
Domestic .. .. .	..	891	891	..	28·2
Commercial .. .. .	608	1,798	2,406	17·1	56·9
General .. .. .	591	245	836	16·6	7·7
Art .. .. .	75	229	304	2·1	7·2
Totals .. .. .	3,557	3,163	6,720	100·0	100·0

It is to be noted that in some cases under the general course are included pupils preparing for the Engineering Preliminary Examination.

Of the total number of pupils (6,720), 6,455 held Government free places, classified as follows:—

—	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
First year .. .. .	1,846	1,576	3,422
Second year .. .. .	1,064	920	1,984
Third year .. .. .	361	376	737
Fourth year .. .. .	140	122	262
Fifth year .. .. .	22	22	44
Sixth year .. .. .	2	4	6
Totals .. .. .	3,435	3,020	6,455

During 1927 3,908 new pupils were admitted, and of this number 3,612 were commencing their secondary education.

The following table shows the classification of pupils according to age at 30th June, 1927:—

—	Under 13 Years.	13 Years.	14 Years.	15 Years.	16 Years.	17 Years.	18 Years and over.	Totals.
Boys .. .. .	114	684	1,173	940	463	131	52	3,557
Girls .. .. .	115	602	1,043	790	368	147	98	3,163
Totals .. .. .	229	1,286	2,216	1,730	831	278	150	6,720

FINANCIAL.

The total amount due by the Department to the controlling authorities for the salaries and incidental expenses of all technical classes, including technical high and day schools for the year 1927 was approximately £179,106, made up as follows:—

Salaries—	£	£
Full-time principals and assistants .. .. .	115,000	
Full-time student-teachers .. .. .	2,346	
Full-time teachers—overtime .. .. .	8,241	
Capitation for part-time assistants and student teachers .. .. .	20,585	
		146,172
Incidental allowances .. .. .		43,149
		189,321
Less recoveries from tuition fees .. .. .		10,215
Net amount .. .. .		£179,106

The above figures include salaries and incidental allowances payable in respect of manual-training classes conducted by Technical School Boards.