

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

At the 30th June, 1928, the numbers of pupils taking the various courses provided were as follows :—

Course.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.	Percentage of Totals.	
				Boys.	Girls.
Industrial	2,034	..	2,034	51·8	..
Agricultural	359	..	359	9·1	..
Domestic	..	1,019	1,019	..	31·0
Commercial	759	1,778	2,537	19·3	54·1
General	676	238	914	17·2	7·3
Art	102	249	351	2·6	7·6
Totals	3,930	3,284	7,214	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 (7,214) 6,992 held Government free places, classified as follows :—

—	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
First year	2,023	1,663	3,686
Second year	1,182	940	2,122
Third year	433	356	789
Fourth year	153	151	304
Fifth year	49	35	84
Sixth year	5	2	7
Totals	3,845	3,147	6,992

During 1928 4,120 new pupils were admitted, and of this number 3,849 were commencing their secondary education.

The following table shows the classification of pupils according to age at 30th June, 1928 :—

—	Under 13 Years.	13 Years.	14 Years.	15 Years.	16 Years.	17 Years.	18 Years and over.	Totals.
Boys	152	789	1,382	992	404	158	52	3,930
Girls	151	716	1,096	759	342	140	81	3,284
Totals	303	1,505	2,478	1,751	746	298	133	7,214

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 1928 was approximately £188,913, made up as follows :—

Salaries—		£	£
Full-time principals and assistants		120,075	
Full-time student teachers		1,900	
Full-time teachers—overtime		9,542	
Capitation for part-time assistants and student teachers		22,507	
			154,024
Incidental allowances			44,799
			198,823
Less recoveries from tuition fees			9,910
Net amount			£188,913

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