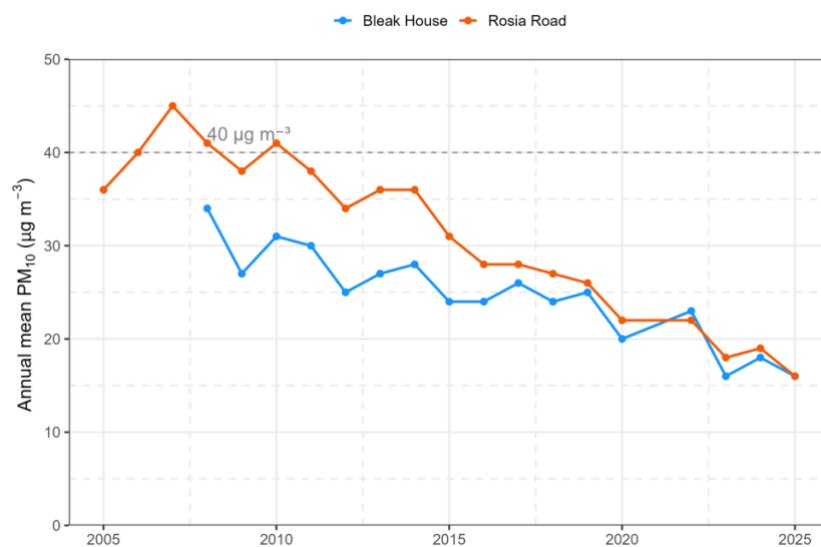


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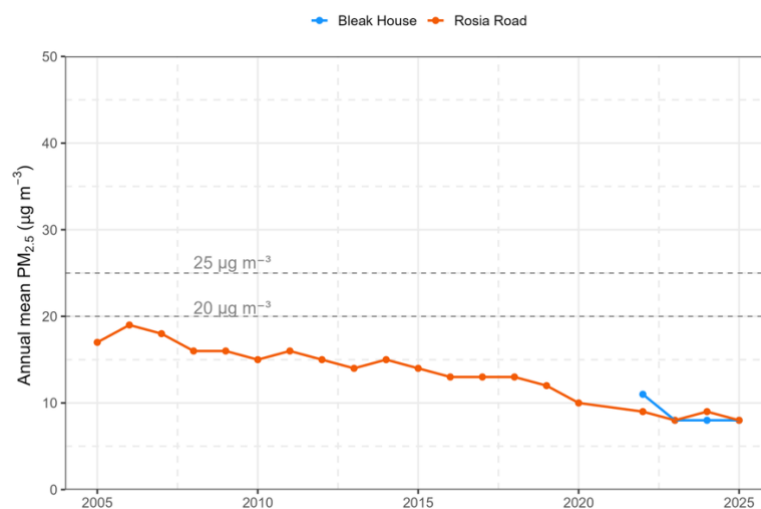
an annex to the 2026 Budget Speech by the Minister for Education the Hon John Cortes.

ENVIRONMENT

(1) Graph showing drop in particulate matter PM₁₀



(2) Graph showing drop in particulate matter PM_{2.5}



(3) Chart of bathing water quality since 2015

Ten Year Assessment										
Four Year Assessment	Four Year Assessment	Four Year Assessment	Four Year Assessment	Four Year Assessment	Four Year Assessment	Four Year Assessment	Four Year Assessment	Four Year Assessment	Four Year Assessment	Four Year Assessment
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
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Column 1 - 2015 - 4 Year Comparison includes data from 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
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Column 5 - 2019 - 4 Year Comparison includes data from 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
Column 6 - 2020 - 4 Year Comparison includes data from 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
Column 7 - 2021 - 4-year Comparison includes data from 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
Column 8 - 2022 - 4 Year Comparison includes data from 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
Column 9 - 2023 - 4 Year Comparison includes data from 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
Column 10 - 2024 - 4 Year Comparison includes data from 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
Column 11 - 2025- 4-year Comparison includes data from 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

(4) Graph showing the drop in the number of breeding pairs of Yellow-legged gulls in Gibraltar

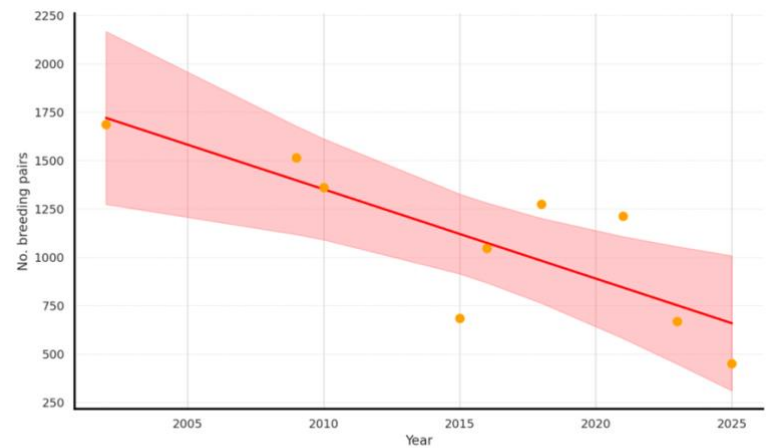


Figure 1. Number of breeding pairs recorded over time (linear regression: $\beta = -46.15$, $t_r = -3.70$, $p = 0.0077$, $R^2 = 0.67$; shaded band = 95% confidence interval).

(5) Link to 2026 Calpe Conference information and programme:

<https://www.gibmuseum.gi/news/calpe-2026>

(6) Works undertaken at beaches:

Western Beach:

A considerable amount of seaweed has been removed from runway sea inlet adjacent to the Western Beach car park. Concrete walkways have been laid and realigned providing access to the beach and the Beach Accessibility Service Unit. Further works include:

- Erection of the Beach Accessibility Service pergola.
- Repairs and treatment of wooden beach umbrella stores.
- Repairs and painting of railings and balustrades
- Deployment of Jelly fish net

Camp Bay:

- The protective seawall has been reinforced and refurbished
- The refurbishment of all seating areas
- Replacing of the pools tiled flooring for a smooth render finish
- Replacing of damaged concrete tables
- Coping stones around large and small pools have been replaced
- Perimeter fencing on pools increased
- The upper surrounding promenade wall has been repainted
- The whole of Camp Bay surface has been repainted

- The over spill gutters surrounding both pools have been cleaned and replaced to ensure proper drainage to avoid accumulation of stagnant water
- Damaged handrails between levels have been replaced
- The Jelly Fish net has been deployed
- The interior and exterior of all toilets and showers have been repainted

Little Bay:

- The refurbishment of all seating areas
- Replacing of the pools tiled flooring for a smooth render finish
- Replacing of damaged concrete tables
- Coping stones around large and small pools have been replaced
- Perimeter fencing on pools increased
- New pool pump room constructed
- Circular floor designs have been repaired and repainted
- Repairs have been carried out to accessibility ramp leading to shoreline
- The Jelly fish net has been deployed
- Damaged handrails between levels have been replaced as required
- The interior and exterior of all toilets and showers have been repainted

Catalan Bay:

- The concrete walkways providing access to the beach and accessibility area have all been re-laid
- The sea wall has been repainted
- The Beach Accessibility Service pergola has been set up

- The erection of the Accessibility Beach Tent for the exclusive use of blue badge beach users has been completed, this being immediately adjacent to the accessibility mat providing stable access to wheelchair users to the shoreline.
- The interior and exterior of all toilets and showers have been repainted
- The wooden beach umbrella stores have been repaired
- The entire beach wall and handrails leading to beach have also been repaired and painted

Sandy Bay:

- The concrete walkways providing access to the beach have been re-laid
- The wooden beach umbrella stores have been repaired
- The Jelly Fish Net enclosure has been laid
- The railings and balustrades have been repaired and painted

Eastern Beach:

- The painting of sections of the beach wall not covered by the new storage units
- The concrete walkways providing access to the beach and the Beach Accessibility Service Unit have been re-laid
- A new Beach Accessibility Service pergola has been procured and erected, as is the erection of the Beach Accessibility Beach Tent for the exclusive use of blue badge beach users, immediately adjacent to the accessibility mat providing stable access to wheelchair users to the shoreline.
- The wooden beach umbrella stores have been repaired.

(6) Summary of works by the Highways Section of TSD

- Construction of disability access ramps around the area of the MOT Centre and up to Catalan Bay
- Construction of Sinusoidal speed humps at various locations including Europa Road by Brympton's, Sir Herbert Miles Road by Little Genoa and Laguna Estate.
- Flat top hump at Devil's Tongue Road
- New safety Bollards along edge of pedestrian walkway along Keightley Way Tunnel
- Fish Market Road major road repairs by the area of the Market
- Main Street repairs to paving by various locations along the pedestrian zone including Irish Town
- Pothole repairs and major patchwork repairs around Gibraltar including the Upper Rock roads
- Road markings maintenance to our roads i.e. give ways, stops, centre lines, pedestrian crossings etc.
- Signposting and signing maintenance around Gibraltar

(7) A dedicated email, southdistrict@gibraltar.gov.gi is available for South District Constituents to express their concerns.

EDUCATION STATISTICS

1. Safe, Inclusive and Supportive Places to Learn

- **243 children** enrolled in Nursery this academic year.
- **360 pupils** enrolled in Reception.
- **350 pupils** enrolled in Year 3.
- **40 mid-year enrolments** were successfully accommodated.
- **11 externally accessible AEDs** are now installed across HMGoG schools, the University of Gibraltar and Bleak House.
- **All HMGoG schools** have received bespoke AED train-the-trainer instruction.
- The National Height and Weight Measurement Programme has now been running for **3 years**.

The programme targets pupils in **Reception and Year 6**.

- School immunisation programmes include HPV and diphtheria vaccination for **Year 8 and Year 9** pupils.
- Fire drills and evacuations are required **every term**.
- Lockdown exercises are strongly encouraged - the recommendation is **x1 per Academic Year**.
- **11 Department of Education staff** have completed JESIP Commanders training at Silver and Bronze command levels.
- A further **3 staff** are due to undertake this training in September 2026.
- **5 administrative staff** are due to undertake further decision-making training in October 2026.
- A further **2 tactical-level staff** are due to undertake Strategic Incident Commanders training in October 2026.
- A comprehensive medical-needs audit has been completed across **all schools**.
- The Department has extended emergency-planning support to the University of Gibraltar & to privately funded institutions.

2. Supporting Wellbeing, Belonging and Positive Development

- Mental health and wellbeing training this year has covered a breadth of areas including:
 - Mental Health First Aid - Youth and Adult;
 - Suicide First Aid for Children and Young People;

- Low Arousal and De-escalation;
- screen time, social media and online influences;
- RSHE and PSHE development.
- The Attendance Strategy has been strengthened by **1 additional member of staff**, expanding outreach work into family homes.
- Advanced Tier 2 safeguarding training has been developed and piloted in **2 schools**.
- The Mental Health Festival has continued as an annual Gibraltar-wide schools initiative.
- The School Counselling Service operates across the education system, with a commitment to increase its staffing complement next year.

3. Supporting Children with Additional Needs

- A new extension to our Early Birds Nursery provision opened in **September 2025**.
- The new EBN site provides **4 purpose-built classrooms**.
- The provision supports children aged **2 and 3** identified for early intervention and targeted support.
- From **September 2026**, new LSF provision at **1 further school** - SBLP (with the capacity to offer an LSF at SJUP if demand requires) - will mean LSF capacity exists across **all HMGoG schools**.
- Education continues to employ **3 school nurses**, based at St Martin's School and the EBN site.
- **15 staff** are enrolled on the National Professional Qualification for SENCoS:
 - **5 SENCoS**;
 - **1 Assistant SENCo**;
 - **2 Provision Leaders**;
 - **4 St Martin's teachers**;
 - **1 LSF teacher**;
 - **2 class teachers**.
- These **15 participants** come from **9 of Gibraltar's 14 education settings**.
- The Educational Psychology Team has **3 fully qualified Educational Psychologists**.

- There are also **2 trainee Educational Psychologists** completing doctoral training in the UK.
- Both trainees are due to return in **September 2026** for their second year of doctoral training and supervised practice in Gibraltar.
- Annual dyslexia screening continues for **all Year 4 pupils**.
- Examination access arrangements are supported across **3 secondary-sector settings**: Westside, Bayside and Gibraltar College.
- All **3 settings** met the required standards following annual UK inspection.
- Education is actively exploring the purchase of **2 new electric school buses**.
- The First Aid Train-the-Trainer model has so far been completed in St Martin's.
- **5 St Martin's staff** have been certified as qualified first-aid trainers.

4. Investing in Our People

- The permanent teaching establishment has increased from **472 to 521 posts**.
- This represents **49 additional established teaching posts**.
- Recruitment and phased appointment to these posts will take place during the **2026/27 academic year**.
- The Lower Primary Pupil Tracker review involved **more than 40 primary teachers** in working groups, and included representation from senior leaders, union representatives and classroom practitioners as well as central main office senior leaders.
- A Halliwick Foundation 4 day Course for Hydrotherapy was delivered to **12 staff**.
- **5 administrative staff** and **2 tactical-level staff** are due to undertake additional emergency-management training in October 2026.
- **5 staff** at St Martin's have qualified as first-aid trainers.
- Monthly Inclusion workshops have been reintroduced.
- The Department is preparing to launch NPQ training for Headteachers.

5. Investing in Educational Environments and Infrastructure

- The St Martin's School extension is due for completion in **September 2026**.
- The new Gibraltar College is being progressed with completion due in 2027.
- The St Joseph's Lower and Upper Primary extension is due for completion in **September 2027**.
- The extension will provide **9 additional classrooms**.
- The expanded St Martin's project also includes:
 - specialist therapy rooms;
 - hygiene rooms;
 - additional playground space;
 - staff rooms;
 - office space;
 - 1 further lift shaft to roof level.
- Air conditioning has been installed or upgraded across **all schools**.
- New shading is being progressed for playgrounds and rooftop areas across the school estate, with some already having been installed.
- A comprehensive maintenance programme is being developed for air conditioning, alarms, access controls and other critical infrastructure.
- Funds donated by the Kusuma Trust have been used to improve the library at the Bayside/Westside site.
- Hydrotherapy provision at St Martin's includes mainstream in-reach access for pupils who meet the criteria.
- The next phase will open the hydrotherapy pool for use outside term time.

6. Strengthening Teaching, Learning and the Curriculum

- The Pupil Tracker is being extended from Lower Primary into **Key Stage 2**.
- Upper Primary implementation is planned from **September 2026**.
- Gibraltar College has introduced **2 new vocational courses**:
 - NCFE Level 2 Award in Support Work for Schools and Colleges;
 - NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Sport and Physical Activity.
- A further course will begin in **September 2026**:

- NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Supporting Teaching and Learning.
- This gives **3 specifically identified new vocational qualifications** across the current and forthcoming cycle.
- GAMPa support for BTEC provision continues for **Year 12 and Year 13** pupils.
- Vocational Hair and Beauty provision continues, supported by Mayfair.
- English CPD has been delivered to teachers across **all educational settings**.
- Additional targeted CPD is planned for next academic year in **3 areas**:
 - Mathematics;
 - AI integration with iPads;
 - SMART Board training.
- Cross-sector curriculum working includes:
 - IT;
 - Music;
 - Spanish;
 - Science;
 - Mathematics;
 - English.
- This represents **6 identified curriculum working-party areas**.
- The Department continues to support the Cadet Course **BTEC Level 1** programme.
- Post-16 opportunities for St Bernadette's service users at Gibraltar College have been expanded.

7. Digital Transformation and Modernising the System

- New hardware investment includes at least **4 identified technology types**:
 - SMART Boards;
 - interactive televisions;
 - desktop computers;
 - Sphero robots.
- iPad numbers have increased across schools, with a long-term ambition of **1 device per pupil**.
- A new Wi-Fi infrastructure is planned across **all schools**.

- A central Management Information System is being implemented across the education system.
- The sick-leave reporting platform is operational in:
 - all 6 Lower Primary schools;
 - Two Upper Primary schools;
 - St Martin's School;
 - Bayside School.
- The remaining **4 schools** are scheduled to join the platform in **September 2026**.
- Full implementation is therefore expected by **September 2026**.
- A dedicated debtor-management system is being developed for scholarship-related debts.

8. Careers, Vocational Pathways and Preparing Young People for What Comes Next

- The new and continuing pathways span at least **3 qualification levels/types**:
 - Level 1;
 - Level 2;
 - Level 3.
- Education continues to collaborate with the Department of Supported Employment.
- Enhanced post-16 College access continues for young people who are St Bernadette's service users.
- The pre-16 Gibraltar College pathway continues to provide an alternative educational route for young people disengaged from mainstream education.

9. Supporting Further and Higher Education

- **1,103 scholarship awards** have been processed and administered during the current 2025/2026 academic year.
- These include:

- **606 continuing students;**
- **46 students** progressing from Foundation programmes to undergraduate study;
- **35 continuing distance learners;**
- **34 students** from non-Government schools;
- **227 mandatory awards;**
- **155 discretionary awards.**
- Assistive Grants: up to **£7,200 per annum.**
- Travel Grants: up to **£1,300 per annum.**
- Tuition Fee support: up to **£9,790 per annum.**
- The scholarship system therefore supports **more than 1,100 awards** across multiple categories in a single academic year.