

Exam Results

GCSE

2017 was a year of great change as students across the country sat new specification examinations, in English Language, English Literature & Mathematics for the first time. Not only were grades from 9 to 1, but they all had increased content compared to the previous versions, and in addition the content and examination questions were more challenging. Another difference was that coursework was removed so that 100% of the final grade came from the written examinations taken in the summer of Year 11. Two new terms concerning a pass were introduced too - a 'standard pass' is a Grade 4 (roughly equivalent to the bottom two thirds of an old C grade) and a 'strong pass', which is a Grade 5 (roughly equivalent to a top C to bottom two thirds of an old B grade).

The two main accountability measures are now Attainment 8 and Progress 8, replacing the previous measure of 5A*-C including English and maths. Attainment 8 measures a student's average grade across eight subjects, with Mathematics and English counting double. This measure is designed to encourage schools to offer a broad, well-balanced curriculum. Progress 8 on the other hand shows how well pupils of all abilities have progressed compared to pupils with similar academic starting points in other schools. For more detailed information on Attainment 8 and Progress 8, please refer to

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/651158/Secondary_accountability_measures-Guide.pdf

Measure	2017	2016	2015
Number of pupils in Year 11	130	130	129
Average grade per subject	B+	A-	A-
% 5+ GCSEs at grades A*-C (or equivalent)	99	99	99
% 5+ GCSEs at grades A*-C (or equivalent) incl E&M	99	94	93
% 5+ GCSEs at A*-A (or equivalent) incl E&M	48	41	51
% standard pass in English and Maths	99	98	93
% strong pass in English and Maths	89	n/a	n/a
% standard pass in English (or equivalent)	99	98	93
% strong pass in English	95	n/a	n/a
% standard pass in Maths (or equivalent)	100	100	100
% strong pass in Maths	92	n/a	n/a
Attainment			
Attainment 8 score	63.86	64.01	65.71
English element score	13.42	12.96	
Maths element score	12.78	13.14	
EBacc element score	19.44	19.48	
Open element score	18.22	18.44	
Progress			
Progress 8 score	+0.07	+0.10	+0.24
English element score	0.19	0.14	
Maths element score	-0.03	0.16	
EBacc element score	0.41	0.33	
Open element score	-0.28	-0.21	
EBacc			
% entering	76.7	82.3	86.8
% standard pass	68	68	72.1
% strong pass	65.1	n/a	n/a

Analysis By Prior Attainment Band

	2017	2016
Number in each band		
Low	0	0
Middle	9	17
High	115	106
Attainment 8		
Low	n/a	n/a
Middle	57.22	57.41
High	64.55	66.98
Progress 8		
Low	n/a	n/a
Middle	1.12	0.3
High	-0.01	0.06

A Level

At A Level, changes were also made. They became linear and coursework generally ended or was severely reduced, and like at GCSE, rigour and challenge increased. However, despite this, and the lack of past papers to guide revision and preparation, a very pleasing set of results were achieved.

Percentage pass rate

	2017	2016	2015
A*	9	7	7
A*-A	34	32	28
A*-B	63	66	64

Average points score per entry for 3 best A Levels (A* 56; A 48; B 40; C 32; D 24; E 16)

Measure	2017	2016
Number of students in Year 13	136	131
Average score per entry	37.32	37.97
Average grade per entry	B-	B-