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Please note that this is a revised report, which restricts the analysis to students at the end of year 13 (for 2005-2010). This should now better reflect the uptake of combinations of A levels amongst one cohort of students.

Introduction

This report looks at the uptake of two-subject combinations of the most popular A levels, for each year from 2001 to 2010. The number of candidates taking each of the 20 most popular A level subjects in each year are presented, along with the percentage combining this with each of the other subjects. For example, the following table section, taken from Table 8 in this report, shows that in 2008 56,093 students took a general studies A level, and 22.9% of these students also took an A level in mathematics. Similarly 55,558 students took A level mathematics, of which 6.0% also took A level English literature and 27.8% also took A level biology.

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>
General Studies	56,093		22.9	18.3	21.1	19.5
Mathematics	55,558	23.1		6.0	27.8	6.5

It should be noted that the tables are not symmetrical and should be read from left to right, not top to bottom. It cannot be said, for instance, reading down the 'General Studies' column that 23.1% of students taking general studies also took mathematics (the correct figure is 22.9%, taken from the top row of the table). Furthermore, the percentages across a row do not add up to 100%, for two reasons; firstly, most students take more than two A levels and may, therefore, appear in more than two columns of the table; secondly, the table only contains combinations amongst the top 20 subjects.

The data for these analyses were taken from the National Pupil Database (NPD), maintained by the Department for Education. This is a database of results for all students in all subjects in schools and colleges in England. For the years 2005-2010 all students in year 13 taking at least one A level were included in the analysis. In years previous to this (2001-2004) the structure of the database was slightly different, with the data organised by age. Thus, for these years the analysis was undertaken only for those students who were aged 17 at the start of the academic year.

The data is presented in Tables 1 to 10 on the following pages. Each table is split over two pages as it was not possible to fit 20 columns onto a single page.

**Table 1: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels
2001**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Psychology</i>
General Studies	86,419		25.8	20.4	20.6	17.4	17.5	16.3	13.6	13.7	10.8
Mathematics	48,222	46.3		6.8	23.6	7.6	10.5	35.2	8.9	39.2	3.1
English Literature	43,119	40.9	7.6		9.7	28.1	11.5	3.4	8.6	1.6	10.8
Biology	37,542	47.4	30.3	11.1		8.0	18.0	49.1	4.7	12.1	9.4
History	31,799	47.3	11.5	38.1	9.4		11.6	4.2	8.9	2.9	7.5
Geography	31,270	48.3	16.2	15.8	21.7	11.8		9.2	13.5	7.2	5.5
Chemistry	30,445	46.4	55.8	4.7	60.6	4.3	9.5		2.3	34.5	3.6
Business Studies	26,943	43.6	16.0	13.8	6.6	10.5	15.7	2.6		3.6	8.0
Physics	25,678	46.1	73.5	2.7	17.6	3.6	8.8	40.9	3.8		0.9
Psychology	21,190	44.0	7.1	21.9	16.7	11.3	8.1	5.2	10.2	1.1	
Art & Design	18,405	36.5	10.2	23.7	8.7	10.3	10.8	3.3	7.9	4.6	6.9
Sociology	16,510	41.5	3.4	26.2	7.0	15.2	9.4	1.4	11.4	0.4	15.1
French	14,799	46.6	18.5	30.8	9.9	19.2	10.9	6.9	9.0	4.3	5.1
PE/Sports Studies	14,726	43.4	8.6	9.1	22.4	7.9	17.7	3.7	14.1	2.2	11.8
Economics	13,128	42.7	38.2	15.7	7.4	20.3	19.6	5.7	7.5	10.7	3.6
Engl Lang & Lit	12,948	46.5	5.9	0.0	7.9	18.6	10.2	2.1	11.3	1.2	16.4
English Language	12,179	49.5	6.2	7.2	7.3	15.5	11.0	1.8	11.7	1.3	16.2
Media/Film/Tv Studies	12,129	34.3	3.0	24.7	2.2	9.3	5.6	0.5	11.4	0.8	9.7
Computing	9,714	41.2	39.4	5.3	5.4	4.7	8.1	5.8	20.8	24.7	3.8
ICT	7,930	43.3	18.8	8.2	6.4	5.9	11.0	3.6	27.9	8.2	5.1

**Table 1 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels
2001**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Art & Design</i>	<i>Sociology</i>	<i>French</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>Computing</i>	<i>ICT</i>
General Studies	86,419	7.8	7.9	8.0	7.4	6.5	7.0	7.0	4.8	4.6	4.0
Mathematics	48,222	3.9	1.2	5.7	2.6	10.4	1.6	1.6	0.8	7.9	3.1
English Literature	43,119	10.1	10.0	10.6	3.1	4.8	0.0	2.0	6.9	1.2	1.5
Biology	37,542	4.3	3.1	3.9	8.8	2.6	2.7	2.4	0.7	1.4	1.4
History	31,799	6.0	7.9	9.0	3.7	8.4	7.6	5.9	3.5	1.4	1.5
Geography	31,270	6.3	4.9	5.2	8.3	8.2	4.2	4.3	2.2	2.5	2.8
Chemistry	30,445	2.0	0.7	3.3	1.8	2.5	0.9	0.7	0.2	1.8	0.9
Business Studies	26,943	5.4	7.0	5.0	7.7	3.6	5.4	5.3	5.1	7.5	8.2
Physics	25,678	3.3	0.3	2.5	1.2	5.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	9.3	2.5
Psychology	21,190	6.0	11.8	3.6	8.2	2.2	10.0	9.3	5.5	1.8	1.9
Art & Design	18,405		4.7	4.6	2.9	1.9	5.8	5.5	6.7	1.8	2.3
Sociology	16,510	5.3		2.9	4.7	3.3	10.4	10.0	7.5	1.0	2.2
French	14,799	5.7	3.3		1.8	7.5	5.3	5.3	1.9	1.1	1.1
PE/Sports Studies	14,726	3.7	5.3	1.8		2.5	3.9	4.5	3.3	1.9	2.9
Economics	13,128	2.7	4.2	8.4	2.8		2.8	2.8	1.3	5.2	3.6
Engl Lang & Lit	12,948	8.2	13.3	6.1	4.4	2.9		0.0	11.5	1.7	2.6
English Language	12,179	8.3	13.5	6.5	5.5	3.0	0.0		10.7	1.6	3.0
Media/Film/Tv Studies	12,129	10.2	10.2	2.4	4.0	1.5	12.3	10.7		2.8	4.0
Computing	9,714	3.3	1.7	1.6	2.8	7.1	2.3	2.0	3.5		0.1
ICT	7,930	5.3	4.5	2.0	5.4	5.9	4.3	4.6	6.1	0.1	

**Table 2: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels
2002**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Psychology</i>
General Studies	57,325		20.5	20.9	21.2	18.9	16.9	15.9	13.9	14.3	13.1
English Literature	42,652	27.6		6.0	10.7	28.5	10.4	4.0	8.1	2.1	12.5
Mathematics	38,999	30.7	6.6		24.0	8.1	9.6	35.3	8.6	42.4	3.6
Biology	38,560	31.5	11.9	24.2		9.7	17.4	46.7	5.2	14.3	11.9
History	33,788	32.1	36.0	9.4	11.0		11.3	5.4	8.9	4.0	9.5
Geography	29,458	32.9	15.0	12.7	22.8	12.9		10.4	13.4	8.2	7.4
Chemistry	29,284	31.1	5.9	47.0	61.5	6.2	10.4		3.1	34.1	5.4
Business Studies	26,626	29.9	13.0	12.5	7.5	11.2	14.8	3.5		4.7	9.6
Physics	25,609	32.0	3.4	64.6	21.6	5.2	9.5	39.0	4.9		1.4
Psychology	25,576	29.3	20.8	5.5	17.9	12.5	8.6	6.2	10.0	1.4	
Sociology	17,788	28.2	24.7	2.5	7.2	16.1	8.5	1.7	10.1	0.6	19.9
Media/Film/Tv Studies	15,342	23.0	23.7	2.2	2.6	9.7	5.7	0.7	10.8	1.1	11.1
PE/Sports Studies	14,882	29.6	9.0	6.4	25.2	8.8	16.8	4.8	14.4	2.7	13.2
ICT	13,645	27.4	7.9	16.1	8.1	7.2	11.2	5.1	26.8	10.4	7.6
English Language	13,331	36.1	11.5	5.0	8.2	15.2	10.1	2.3	11.0	1.9	17.0
Engl Lang & Lit	13,107	31.0	6.2	5.4	8.4	21.7	9.5	3.1	9.2	1.8	16.6
French	13,035	31.4	28.7	17.0	12.2	19.1	9.4	8.3	8.3	5.5	6.1
D&T Product Design	12,424	25.1	9.5	14.5	6.6	5.6	14.6	3.0	12.2	15.1	4.1
Economics	12,136	29.3	14.4	34.6	9.2	21.2	17.3	8.5	10.4	11.8	4.4
Art & Design (Fine Art)	11,970	23.6	22.2	8.3	9.6	10.2	9.6	3.6	6.3	4.5	8.6

**Table 2 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels
2002**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Sociology</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>ICT</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>French</i>	<i>D&T Product Design</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>
General Studies	57,325	8.8	6.2	7.7	6.5	8.4	7.1	7.1	5.4	6.2	4.9
English Literature	42,652	10.3	8.5	3.1	2.5	3.6	1.9	8.8	2.8	4.1	6.2
Mathematics	38,999	1.1	0.9	2.4	5.6	1.7	1.8	5.7	4.6	10.8	2.5
Biology	38,560	3.3	1.0	9.7	2.9	2.8	2.9	4.1	2.1	2.9	3.0
History	33,788	8.5	4.4	3.9	2.9	6.0	8.4	7.4	2.0	7.6	3.6
Geography	29,458	5.1	3.0	8.5	5.2	4.6	4.2	4.2	6.1	7.1	3.9
Chemistry	29,284	1.0	0.4	2.4	2.4	1.0	1.4	3.7	1.3	3.5	1.5
Business Studies	26,626	6.8	6.2	8.1	13.7	5.5	4.5	4.1	5.7	4.7	2.8
Physics	25,609	0.4	0.6	1.6	5.6	1.0	0.9	2.8	7.3	5.6	2.1
Psychology	25,576	13.9	6.6	7.7	4.1	8.9	8.5	3.1	2.0	2.1	4.0
Sociology	17,788		9.4	4.4	3.5	9.1	9.2	2.5	1.9	2.3	3.3
Media/Film/Tv Studies	15,342	10.9		4.0	6.0	10.6	11.6	2.1	4.1	1.1	6.2
PE/Sports Studies	14,882	5.3	4.1		4.9	4.5	3.6	1.6	4.8	2.4	2.6
ICT	13,645	4.5	6.8	5.4		5.1	3.7	1.8	7.9	5.7	3.3
English Language	13,331	12.2	12.2	5.1	5.2		0.7	5.7	3.1	2.3	4.8
Engl Lang & Lit	13,107	12.4	13.6	4.1	3.9	0.7		6.6	2.8	2.8	5.0
French	13,035	3.4	2.5	1.8	1.9	5.8	6.6		1.5	7.2	3.7
D&T Product Design	12,424	2.7	5.1	5.8	8.7	3.4	3.0	1.5		2.4	15.3
Economics	12,136	3.4	1.4	2.9	6.4	2.5	3.0	7.8	2.5		1.7
Art & Design (Fine Art)	11,970	5.0	8.0	3.2	3.7	5.4	5.5	4.0	15.8	1.7	

**Table 3: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels
2003**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Physics</i>
General Studies	56,142		20.0	20.7	20.1	18.7	15.5	16.5	15.0	13.0	12.9
English Literature	41,786	26.9		6.1	9.5	27.9	14.3	9.9	3.7	7.3	1.9
Mathematics	39,783	29.3	6.4		24.0	8.6	4.6	9.8	33.8	8.0	40.2
Biology	37,707	29.9	10.5	25.3		9.4	13.7	17.0	46.1	4.9	13.3
History	34,426	30.5	33.9	9.9	10.3		11.1	11.3	5.1	8.5	3.8
Psychology	30,097	28.9	19.9	6.0	17.2	12.7		8.3	6.1	9.4	1.7
Geography	29,576	31.3	13.9	13.2	21.6	13.2	8.4		9.3	12.9	8.1
Chemistry	28,158	29.8	5.4	47.8	61.7	6.3	6.5	9.7		2.7	31.4
Business Studies	26,707	27.4	11.5	12.0	6.9	11.0	10.6	14.3	2.8		4.2
Physics	24,261	29.9	3.3	65.9	20.7	5.5	2.1	9.9	36.5	4.6	
Sociology	18,572	26.9	22.3	2.7	6.7	14.7	21.8	7.7	1.6	10.2	0.5
Media/Film/Tv Studies	17,291	22.5	21.5	2.3	2.7	9.4	12.6	5.7	0.7	10.1	0.9
PE/Sports Studies	16,506	27.1	8.3	6.5	22.6	8.3	13.9	16.2	4.3	13.2	2.7
ICT	14,634	26.4	7.2	15.4	8.7	7.1	9.0	11.2	5.0	26.3	8.5
D&T Product Design	13,563	23.6	8.0	13.8	6.3	5.8	5.2	14.1	2.9	11.8	13.5
English Language	13,415	35.3	11.0	4.9	7.3	16.0	17.9	8.8	2.3	9.5	1.6
Art & Design (Fine Art)	13,034	22.4	21.4	8.0	9.4	9.8	10.0	9.4	3.6	5.9	4.4
Drama/Theatre Studies	12,783	22.0	36.2	3.1	4.6	12.5	11.3	5.3	1.9	5.0	1.3
French	12,353	30.7	28.4	17.0	11.4	19.8	7.1	9.6	8.5	7.6	5.0
Engl Lang & Lit	12,049	27.7	0.1	4.7	7.1	19.6	19.1	8.8	2.3	9.3	1.5

**Table 3 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels
2003**

Subject	n	Sociology	Media/Film/Tv Studies	PE/Sports Studies	ICT	D&T Product Design	English Language	Art & Design (Fine Art)	Drama/Theatre Studies	French	Engl Lang & Lit
General Studies	56,142	8.9	6.9	8.0	6.9	5.7	8.4	5.2	5.0	6.8	5.9
English Literature	41,786	9.9	8.9	3.3	2.5	2.6	3.5	6.7	11.1	8.4	0.0
Mathematics	39,783	1.2	1.0	2.7	5.7	4.7	1.6	2.6	1.0	5.3	1.4
Biology	37,707	3.3	1.2	9.9	3.4	2.3	2.6	3.2	1.6	3.7	2.3
History	34,426	7.9	4.7	4.0	3.0	2.3	6.2	3.7	4.7	7.1	6.9
Psychology	30,097	13.4	7.2	7.6	4.4	2.3	8.0	4.3	4.8	2.9	7.6
Geography	29,576	4.9	3.3	9.0	5.5	6.5	4.0	4.2	2.3	4.0	3.6
Chemistry	28,158	1.1	0.4	2.5	2.6	1.4	1.1	1.7	0.8	3.7	1.0
Business Studies	26,707	7.1	6.6	8.2	14.4	6.0	4.8	2.9	2.4	3.5	4.2
Physics	24,261	0.4	0.7	1.8	5.2	7.5	0.9	2.3	0.7	2.5	0.8
Sociology	18,572		9.7	4.7	3.7	2.2	9.1	3.4	5.1	2.1	8.4
Media/Film/Tv Studies	17,291	10.4		4.4	5.8	4.8	11.1	6.3	10.2	1.6	10.4
PE/Sports Studies	16,506	5.2	4.6		5.5	5.3	4.1	2.4	2.5	1.6	3.2
ICT	14,634	4.6	6.8	6.2		8.3	4.4	3.1	1.6	1.7	3.6
D&T Product Design	13,563	3.0	6.1	6.5	9.0		2.8	15.2	2.9	1.4	2.4
English Language	13,415	12.6	14.3	5.0	4.8	2.9		4.6	6.7	5.2	0.0
Art & Design (Fine Art)	13,034	4.8	8.3	3.1	3.5	15.9	4.7		5.8	3.4	5.1
Drama/Theatre Studies	12,783	7.5	13.8	3.2	1.9	3.0	7.1	5.9		3.8	8.2
French	12,353	3.1	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.5	5.6	3.6	3.9		4.6
Engl Lang & Lit	12,049	12.9	14.9	4.4	4.4	2.7	0.0	5.5	8.7	4.7	

**Table 4: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels
2004**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Physics</i>
General Studies	56,271		19.2	21.3	20.5	19.5	17.5	15.4	15.7	12.6	11.8
English Literature	41,364	26.1		6.0	8.7	28.2	15.0	3.5	9.0	6.6	1.7
Mathematics	41,111	29.1	6.1		25.8	8.9	5.5	34.4	9.6	8.2	37.5
Biology	37,962	30.4	9.5	27.9		9.9	15.4	48.5	15.4	4.6	12.6
History	35,993	30.5	32.4	10.1	10.4		11.8	5.4	10.7	8.0	3.5
Psychology	34,263	28.7	18.1	6.6	17.1	12.4		6.5	8.0	9.5	1.5
Chemistry	28,858	29.9	5.1	49.0	63.8	6.8	7.7		9.5	2.8	28.9
Geography	28,399	31.1	13.0	13.9	20.6	13.6	9.7	9.7		12.3	7.7
Business Studies	25,498	27.7	10.7	13.3	6.9	11.3	12.8	3.1	13.7		3.8
Physics	22,385	29.7	3.1	68.8	21.3	5.6	2.3	37.3	9.8	4.4	
Sociology	19,602	25.5	21.2	2.9	6.4	14.8	24.8	1.9	7.8	8.8	0.5
Media/Film/Tv Studies	18,907	23.2	20.9	2.4	2.7	9.9	13.5	0.7	5.7	9.4	0.8
PE/Sports Studies	16,837	27.5	8.1	7.3	22.2	9.0	16.9	4.5	15.3	12.3	2.5
English Language	14,288	33.5	10.5	4.6	6.8	15.5	19.9	2.2	8.4	9.3	1.4
D&T Product Design	13,614	24.3	8.5	14.2	6.1	6.4	6.1	2.8	13.7	10.8	11.9
Art & Design (Fine Art)	13,476	22.4	20.4	8.7	8.2	10.0	10.8	3.4	8.9	5.1	4.3
Drama/Theatre Studies	13,194	22.0	35.6	3.4	4.7	13.0	13.0	1.9	4.8	4.3	1.1
ICT	12,909	24.9	7.7	15.3	7.5	7.3	10.3	4.6	10.8	24.9	7.6
Engl Lang & Lit	12,296	28.7	0.0	4.9	6.6	19.5	20.2	2.5	8.4	8.2	1.5
Economics	11,953	26.3	11.5	37.4	9.7	21.2	6.2	8.2	16.7	12.6	10.7

**Table 4 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels
2004**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Sociology</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>D&T Product Design</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>ICT</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Economics</i>
General Studies	56,271	8.9	7.8	8.2	8.5	5.9	5.4	5.2	5.7	6.3	5.6
English Literature	41,364	10.0	9.5	3.3	3.6	2.8	6.6	11.3	2.4	0.0	3.3
Mathematics	41,111	1.4	1.1	3.0	1.6	4.7	2.8	1.1	4.8	1.5	10.9
Biology	37,962	3.3	1.3	9.9	2.6	2.2	2.9	1.6	2.5	2.1	3.1
History	35,993	8.1	5.2	4.2	6.2	2.4	3.8	4.8	2.6	6.6	7.0
Psychology	34,263	14.2	7.5	8.3	8.3	2.4	4.3	5.0	3.9	7.3	2.2
Chemistry	28,858	1.3	0.4	2.6	1.1	1.3	1.6	0.9	2.0	1.1	3.4
Geography	28,399	5.4	3.8	9.1	4.2	6.6	4.2	2.2	4.9	3.6	7.0
Business Studies	25,498	6.8	7.0	8.1	5.2	5.8	2.7	2.2	12.6	3.9	5.9
Physics	22,385	0.5	0.7	1.9	0.9	7.3	2.6	0.6	4.4	0.8	5.7
Sociology	19,602		9.6	4.5	8.6	2.2	3.3	5.0	3.4	8.3	2.1
Media/Film/Tv Studies	18,907	9.9		4.5	11.3	5.0	6.4	10.1	5.1	9.7	1.1
PE/Sports Studies	16,837	5.2	5.0		4.9	5.2	2.4	2.7	4.4	3.4	2.3
English Language	14,288	11.9	15.0	5.7		3.3	5.0	6.3	4.1	0.0	2.2
D&T Product Design	13,614	3.2	7.0	6.4	3.5		15.7	2.6	8.5	2.4	2.0
Art & Design (Fine Art)	13,476	4.8	8.9	3.0	5.3	15.9		5.2	3.5	5.4	1.7
Drama/Theatre Studies	13,194	7.4	14.5	3.4	6.8	2.7	5.3		1.5	8.3	1.1
ICT	12,909	5.1	7.5	5.7	4.6	9.0	3.7	1.5		3.6	5.1
Engl Lang & Lit	12,296	13.2	14.9	4.7	0.0	2.6	5.9	8.9	3.8		2.2
Economics	11,953	3.4	1.7	3.3	2.6	2.3	1.9	1.2	5.6	2.3	

**Table 5: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels
2005**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Physics</i>
General Studies	56,810		20.2	20.0	20.5	19.1	19.8	15.1	14.3	11.7	10.9
English Literature	43,178	26.5		5.9	9.0	16.2	28.2	3.8	8.5	6.3	1.6
Mathematics	39,691	28.6	6.5		26.4	6.1	9.0	34.6	9.0	7.7	36.9
Biology	38,618	30.2	10.0	27.1		16.5	10.1	48.8	14.2	4.1	12.3
Psychology	36,907	29.4	19.0	6.6	17.3		12.7	6.7	7.8	8.8	1.4
History	36,568	30.8	33.3	9.7	10.7	12.8		5.7	10.6	7.3	3.4
Chemistry	29,149	29.4	5.6	47.1	64.7	8.5	7.2		8.9	2.6	27.7
Geography	26,724	30.5	13.7	13.4	20.5	10.7	14.5	9.7		11.8	7.4
Business Studies	24,146	27.6	11.2	12.6	6.6	13.4	11.1	3.2	13.1		3.7
Physics	21,506	28.9	3.2	68.1	22.1	2.4	5.8	37.6	9.2	4.2	
Sociology	20,341	26.1	21.0	2.7	6.4	24.9	14.5	1.9	6.7	8.3	0.4
Media/Film/Tv Studies	19,045	22.3	21.3	2.3	2.4	13.9	9.3	0.7	5.4	9.1	0.9
PE/Sports Studies	17,072	27.9	8.3	7.9	22.5	18.2	9.1	4.8	14.9	12.4	2.4
English Language	15,180	33.7	12.2	4.6	7.1	20.1	15.4	2.1	7.9	8.9	1.3
D&T Product Design	13,921	24.8	9.5	13.5	6.4	7.0	6.6	2.9	12.6	10.8	11.1
Drama/Theatre Studies	13,583	20.9	35.6	3.3	4.7	13.3	13.0	2.0	4.7	4.3	1.1
Art & Design (Fine Art)	13,437	22.8	20.6	8.5	8.4	11.9	10.5	3.7	8.2	5.4	4.3
Religious Studies	12,986	30.2	30.4	5.4	10.2	17.0	22.0	4.8	7.7	6.4	2.0
Engl Lang & Lit	12,909	28.3	0.0	4.3	7.0	20.9	18.7	2.5	7.9	7.7	1.4
Economics	11,751	26.5	12.1	36.9	10.4	7.1	20.0	9.2	15.8	13.0	9.9

**Table 5 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels
2005**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Sociology</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>D&T Product Design</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Economics</i>
General Studies	56,810	9.4	7.5	8.4	9.0	6.1	5.0	5.4	6.9	6.4	5.5
English Literature	43,178	9.9	9.4	3.3	4.3	3.1	11.2	6.4	9.1	0.0	3.3
Mathematics	39,691	1.4	1.1	3.4	1.7	4.7	1.1	2.9	1.8	1.4	10.9
Biology	38,618	3.4	1.2	9.9	2.8	2.3	1.7	2.9	3.4	2.3	3.2
Psychology	36,907	13.7	7.2	8.4	8.3	2.6	4.9	4.3	6.0	7.3	2.3
History	36,568	8.1	4.8	4.3	6.4	2.5	4.8	3.9	7.8	6.6	6.4
Chemistry	29,149	1.3	0.5	2.8	1.1	1.4	0.9	1.7	2.1	1.1	3.7
Geography	26,724	5.1	3.8	9.5	4.5	6.6	2.4	4.1	3.8	3.8	6.9
Business Studies	24,146	7.0	7.2	8.8	5.6	6.2	2.4	3.0	3.4	4.1	6.3
Physics	21,506	0.4	0.8	1.9	0.9	7.2	0.7	2.7	1.2	0.8	5.4
Sociology	20,341		10.2	4.5	8.8	2.4	4.7	3.1	6.8	8.4	2.0
Media/Film/Tv Studies	19,045	10.9		4.8	11.1	5.1	10.4	6.2	2.8	10.3	1.3
PE/Sports Studies	17,072	5.3	5.3		5.1	5.4	2.7	2.5	2.7	3.3	2.3
English Language	15,180	11.8	13.9	5.7		3.4	6.7	4.8	5.5	0.0	2.0
D&T Product Design	13,921	3.5	7.0	6.6	3.7		3.2	15.8	2.4	2.8	2.1
Drama/Theatre Studies	13,583	7.0	14.5	3.4	7.5	3.2		5.6	6.9	8.2	1.0
Art & Design (Fine Art)	13,437	4.7	8.8	3.2	5.4	16.4	5.6		4.8	5.8	1.5
Religious Studies	12,986	10.6	4.0	3.5	6.5	2.5	7.2	4.9		5.5	3.3
Engl Lang & Lit	12,909	13.3	15.2	4.4	0.0	3.0	8.7	6.1	5.6		1.9
Economics	11,751	3.5	2.1	3.4	2.6	2.5	1.1	1.7	3.7	2.1	

**Table 6: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels
2006**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
General Studies	60,141		20.1	19.3	20.6	19.9	19.0	15.6	13.7	11.4	9.5
Mathematics	48,238	25.1		6.2	26.8	6.5	8.7	35.4	8.2	7.5	1.3
English Literature	46,177	25.1	6.5		9.0	16.9	28.1	3.8	7.6	5.8	9.6
Biology	43,342	28.6	29.8	9.6		17.0	9.5	50.7	13.7	3.8	3.3
Psychology	43,242	27.7	7.2	18.0	17.0		12.4	7.0	7.2	8.9	15.5
History	40,481	28.2	10.3	32.1	10.2	13.2		5.6	10.1	7.3	8.0
Chemistry	33,885	27.6	50.4	5.2	64.8	8.9	6.6		8.6	2.4	1.3
Geography	28,232	29.2	14.0	12.4	21.0	11.0	14.4	10.3		11.0	5.2
Business Studies	27,291	25.0	13.2	9.9	6.1	14.2	10.9	3.0	11.4		7.7
Sociology	24,169	23.6	2.6	18.4	6.0	27.7	13.5	1.9	6.1	8.7	
Physics	23,566	26.0	72.0	3.0	21.8	2.3	5.3	38.5	8.4	3.9	0.4
Media/Film/Tv Studies	22,955	20.0	2.3	19.8	2.3	13.7	9.5	0.7	4.6	9.1	11.0
PE/Sports Studies	19,954	27.1	8.2	8.3	22.2	17.6	9.3	5.1	14.2	12.6	5.5
English Language	17,541	33.1	4.8	13.4	6.2	20.4	15.5	2.1	7.4	8.5	12.2
D&T Product Design	15,337	24.6	14.3	8.8	5.8	7.4	7.1	3.1	12.7	11.8	3.5
Drama/Theatre Studies	15,004	21.0	3.7	34.9	4.6	13.8	13.1	1.8	4.4	4.0	6.5
Religious Studies	14,862	28.4	6.4	28.4	10.0	17.3	22.6	5.4	7.2	6.3	10.8
Art & Design (Fine Art)	14,751	20.4	9.7	20.2	7.9	11.4	9.9	3.3	7.7	5.3	5.0
Engl Lang & Lit	14,265	25.9	4.5	0.0	6.5	21.2	18.5	2.7	7.1	7.3	14.3
Economics	13,431	23.4	42.5	10.5	9.3	6.5	18.7	9.0	14.3	14.6	3.4

**Table 6 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels
2006**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>D&T Product Design</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Economics</i>
General Studies	60,141	10.2	7.6	9.0	9.7	6.3	5.2	7.0	5.0	6.2	5.2
Mathematics	48,238	35.2	1.1	3.4	1.7	4.6	1.2	2.0	3.0	1.3	11.8
English Literature	46,177	1.5	9.9	3.6	5.1	2.9	11.3	9.1	6.4	0.0	3.1
Biology	43,342	11.8	1.2	10.2	2.5	2.1	1.6	3.4	2.7	2.1	2.9
Psychology	43,242	1.2	7.3	8.1	8.3	2.6	4.8	6.0	3.9	7.0	2.0
History	40,481	3.1	5.4	4.6	6.7	2.7	4.8	8.3	3.6	6.5	6.2
Chemistry	33,885	26.8	0.5	3.0	1.1	1.4	0.8	2.4	1.4	1.1	3.6
Geography	28,232	7.0	3.7	10.1	4.6	6.9	2.3	3.8	4.0	3.6	6.8
Business Studies	27,291	3.4	7.6	9.2	5.5	6.6	2.2	3.4	2.9	3.8	7.2
Sociology	24,169	0.4	10.5	4.6	8.8	2.2	4.0	6.6	3.1	8.4	1.9
Physics	23,566		0.7	2.1	0.9	7.2	0.6	1.3	2.6	0.7	5.9
Media/Film/Tv Studies	22,955	0.7		5.0	10.8	5.1	9.8	3.0	5.6	10.2	1.1
PE/Sports Studies	19,954	2.5	5.8		5.3	5.6	2.9	2.8	2.1	3.2	2.4
English Language	17,541	1.2	14.1	6.0		3.4	6.2	5.3	4.2	0.0	1.8
D&T Product Design	15,337	11.0	7.6	7.3	3.8		3.0	2.7	14.7	2.9	2.0
Drama/Theatre Studies	15,004	1.0	15.0	3.9	7.3	3.0		6.7	5.1	8.5	1.0
Religious Studies	14,862	2.0	4.6	3.7	6.2	2.8	6.8		4.7	5.6	3.0
Art & Design (Fine Art)	14,751	4.1	8.7	2.9	5.0	15.3	5.2	4.8		5.7	1.5
Engl Lang & Lit	14,265	1.1	16.4	4.5	0.0	3.1	8.9	5.8	5.9		1.8
Economics	13,431	10.4	1.8	3.6	2.3	2.3	1.2	3.4	1.6	1.9	

**Table 7: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels
2007**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
General Studies	58,076		22.0	18.3	20.9	19.5	18.9	15.5	13.2	11.0	9.1
Mathematics	51,472	24.8		6.1	27.1	6.5	8.7	34.9	8.2	7.7	1.4
English Literature	44,305	24.0	7.1		8.5	16.2	28.1	3.8	7.4	5.5	9.5
Biology	43,737	27.7	31.9	8.6		17.3	9.7	51.3	13.0	3.9	3.2
Psychology	43,549	26.0	7.7	16.5	17.4		11.9	7.2	6.8	8.8	15.2
History	40,357	27.3	11.1	30.8	10.5	12.9		5.6	9.8	7.1	8.0
Chemistry	34,300	26.3	52.4	4.9	65.4	9.1	6.6		8.0	2.6	1.3
Geography	27,462	27.9	15.4	11.9	20.7	10.8	14.4	10.0		11.1	4.8
Business Studies	26,961	23.7	14.7	9.0	6.3	14.2	10.7	3.3	11.3		7.8
Sociology	24,531	21.6	3.0	17.2	5.7	27.0	13.1	1.8	5.4	8.5	
Physics	23,754	26.0	73.9	3.1	21.3	2.4	5.5	38.4	8.1	3.7	0.4
Media/Film/Tv Studies	23,495	19.1	2.5	18.9	2.1	13.4	8.6	0.7	4.6	8.7	10.9
PE/Sports Studies	19,736	26.8	8.9	7.0	22.8	18.6	9.6	4.9	14.3	13.0	5.8
English Language	18,437	31.5	4.8	13.5	6.3	20.1	14.8	2.2	7.3	8.1	11.8
Religious Studies	15,561	25.1	7.3	27.4	9.9	17.5	22.1	5.0	7.3	5.9	10.8
Drama/Theatre Studies	15,087	19.4	4.0	33.6	4.6	13.5	12.5	1.8	3.8	4.0	6.8
Engl Lang & Lit	14,892	24.7	5.0	0.1	6.7	20.9	18.4	2.7	6.8	7.3	14.3
Art & Design (Fine Art)	14,714	19.7	10.2	19.8	7.5	11.8	10.2	3.4	7.5	5.2	4.7
D&T Product Design	14,389	23.2	15.7	8.5	5.9	7.5	6.4	2.9	11.9	11.0	3.2
Law	13,787	26.4	6.8	13.4	4.7	26.7	17.3	2.1	4.7	15.0	16.1

**Table 7 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels
2007**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>D&T Product Design</i>	<i>Law</i>
General Studies	58,076	10.6	7.7	9.1	10.0	6.7	5.0	6.3	5.0	5.7	6.3
Mathematics	51,472	34.1	1.1	3.4	1.7	2.2	1.2	1.4	2.9	4.4	1.8
English Literature	44,305	1.6	10.0	3.1	5.6	9.6	11.5	0.0	6.6	2.8	4.2
Biology	43,737	11.6	1.1	10.3	2.6	3.5	1.6	2.3	2.5	2.0	1.5
Psychology	43,549	1.3	7.2	8.4	8.5	6.2	4.7	7.1	4.0	2.5	8.4
History	40,357	3.3	5.0	4.7	6.7	8.5	4.7	6.8	3.7	2.3	5.9
Chemistry	34,300	26.6	0.5	2.8	1.2	2.3	0.8	1.2	1.4	1.2	0.8
Geography	27,462	7.0	3.9	10.3	4.9	4.1	2.1	3.7	4.0	6.3	2.4
Business Studies	26,961	3.3	7.6	9.5	5.5	3.4	2.2	4.0	2.9	5.9	7.7
Sociology	24,531	0.4	10.4	4.7	8.8	6.8	4.2	8.7	2.8	1.9	9.0
Physics	23,754		0.6	1.9	0.8	1.2	0.6	0.7	2.6	7.0	0.6
Media/Film/Tv Studies	23,495	0.6		4.9	12.0	3.1	9.7	10.2	5.4	4.9	3.3
PE/Sports Studies	19,736	2.3	5.8		5.3	3.1	2.5	3.3	2.2	5.1	2.7
English Language	18,437	1.0	15.3	5.7		5.4	6.1	0.0	4.6	3.4	7.9
Religious Studies	15,561	1.8	4.7	4.0	6.4		7.0	5.8	5.0	2.4	2.9
Drama/Theatre Studies	15,087	1.0	15.1	3.2	7.5	7.2		8.5	5.1	2.9	2.0
Engl Lang & Lit	14,892	1.1	16.0	4.4	0.0	6.1	8.6		5.7	3.0	8.4
Art & Design (Fine Art)	14,714	4.3	8.7	3.0	5.7	5.2	5.2	5.8		13.7	1.1
D&T Product Design	14,389	11.6	7.9	7.0	4.3	2.6	3.0	3.1	14.0		1.1
Law	13,787	1.0	5.7	3.9	10.5	3.3	2.2	9.1	1.2	1.1	

**Table 8: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels
2008**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
General Studies	56,093		22.9	18.3	21.1	19.5	18.8	15.9	11.1	12.9	9.2
Mathematics	55,558	23.1		6.0	27.8	6.5	8.7	35.5	7.1	8.1	1.6
English Literature	45,821	22.4	7.3		8.6	16.1	28.0	3.6	5.8	7.6	9.4
Biology	45,497	26.0	34.0	8.7		17.4	9.3	51.0	3.7	12.7	3.4
Psychology	44,259	24.7	8.2	16.6	17.8		12.0	6.9	8.7	6.6	15.6
History	41,906	25.2	11.6	30.6	10.1	12.6		5.5	7.0	10.1	7.5
Chemistry	35,610	25.1	55.3	4.7	65.2	8.5	6.4		2.2	7.5	1.5
Business Studies	27,823	22.4	14.2	9.6	6.0	13.8	10.6	2.8		10.6	7.9
Geography	27,812	26.0	16.2	12.5	20.7	10.5	15.3	9.6	10.6		4.8
Sociology	25,348	20.3	3.5	17.0	6.2	27.3	12.3	2.1	8.7	5.3	
Physics	24,537	24.0	75.3	3.0	21.0	2.2	5.3	38.6	3.3	7.8	0.5
Media/Film/Tv Studies	24,426	17.5	2.6	18.1	2.0	12.5	8.6	0.6	9.3	4.3	10.7
PE/Sports Studies	20,547	24.7	9.9	6.8	22.2	19.8	9.9	4.8	13.3	13.9	5.7
English Language	19,793	29.4	4.9	14.0	6.4	18.3	15.5	1.9	9.0	6.9	12.2
Religious Studies	16,862	24.6	7.2	27.7	10.1	16.8	22.7	5.0	6.3	7.1	11.1
Engl Lang & Lit	15,438	22.5	5.5	0.0	7.0	19.9	18.7	2.5	7.6	6.6	13.7
Drama/Theatre Studies	15,319	18.6	4.4	32.0	5.0	12.5	12.9	1.8	4.5	3.9	6.6
Art & Design (Fine Art)	15,188	18.9	10.3	19.7	7.6	11.2	9.9	3.5	5.0	7.3	4.6
Economics	15,157	20.1	45.1	10.0	9.3	6.7	18.1	9.0	15.9	13.9	3.3

**Table 8 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels
2008**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Law</i>
General Studies	56,093	10.5	7.6	9.0	10.4	7.4	6.2	5.1	5.1	5.4	6.2
Mathematics	55,558	33.2	1.1	3.7	1.8	2.2	1.5	1.2	2.8	12.3	1.7
English Literature	45,821	1.6	9.7	3.1	6.0	10.2	0.0	10.7	6.5	3.3	4.2
Biology	45,497	11.3	1.1	10.0	2.8	3.7	2.4	1.7	2.5	3.1	1.4
Psychology	44,259	1.2	6.9	9.2	8.2	6.4	6.9	4.3	3.9	2.3	8.2
History	41,906	3.1	5.0	4.9	7.3	9.1	6.9	4.7	3.6	6.5	5.8
Chemistry	35,610	26.6	0.4	2.8	1.1	2.4	1.1	0.8	1.5	3.8	0.9
Business Studies	27,823	2.9	8.1	9.8	6.4	3.8	4.2	2.5	2.7	8.6	7.5
Geography	27,812	6.9	3.8	10.2	4.9	4.3	3.7	2.1	4.0	7.6	2.4
Sociology	25,348	0.4	10.3	4.6	9.5	7.4	8.3	4.0	2.8	2.0	9.3
Physics	24,537		0.6	2.0	0.9	1.3	0.8	0.8	2.6	6.4	0.5
Media/Film/Tv Studies	24,426	0.6		4.8	11.7	3.3	10.2	9.6	5.5	0.9	3.2
PE/Sports Studies	20,547	2.3	5.7		5.7	3.3	3.4	2.7	2.3	3.0	2.9
English Language	19,793	1.1	14.5	5.9		5.7	0.0	6.3	4.7	2.1	7.4
Religious Studies	16,862	1.9	4.8	4.0	6.7		5.9	6.6	4.8	3.1	3.2
Engl Lang & Lit	15,438	1.2	16.1	4.5	0.0	6.4		8.7	5.6	2.2	8.0
Drama/Theatre Studies	15,319	1.2	15.4	3.6	8.2	7.3	8.8		4.9	0.9	2.0
Art & Design (Fine Art)	15,188	4.2	8.9	3.1	6.1	5.3	5.7	4.9		1.5	1.2
Economics	15,157	10.4	1.4	4.1	2.7	3.5	2.2	1.0	1.5		3.7
Law	14,082	0.9	5.5	4.2	10.4	3.8	8.8	2.2	1.3	4.0	

**Table 9: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels
2009**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
Mathematics	61,700		20.9	7.3	6.1	27.9	8.8	34.5	7.2	8.4	1.6
General Studies	51,736	24.9		21.0	17.7	20.8	19.3	16.3	10.7	13.2	8.9
Psychology	49,645	9.1	21.9		16.5	16.7	11.7	6.7	8.4	6.8	16.1
English Literature	46,185	8.2	19.9	17.7		8.0	28.4	3.4	5.5	7.7	9.3
Biology	45,055	38.2	23.9	18.4	8.2		8.8	51.4	3.6	12.7	3.1
History	42,555	12.7	23.4	13.7	30.8	9.4		5.3	6.8	10.0	7.5
Chemistry	36,275	58.6	23.2	9.2	4.4	63.8	6.2		2.2	7.4	1.4
Business Studies	28,413	15.6	19.5	14.6	9.0	5.7	10.2	2.8		10.5	8.0
Geography	28,155	18.3	24.2	12.0	12.6	20.3	15.1	9.5	10.6		4.6
Sociology	26,408	3.7	17.5	30.2	16.2	5.3	12.1	1.9	8.6	4.9	
Physics	25,470	77.8	21.6	2.3	2.8	20.6	5.3	37.6	3.0	7.6	0.4
Media/Film/Tv Studies	25,312	2.7	15.1	13.4	17.4	1.7	7.9	0.5	8.9	3.8	11.2
English Language	21,516	5.5	26.4	21.0	13.6	5.7	15.1	1.9	8.5	6.9	12.7
PE/Sports Studies	19,793	11.9	21.5	21.4	7.1	20.9	9.8	5.0	14.0	13.7	5.7
Religious Studies	17,497	7.8	21.3	19.6	26.9	9.0	21.8	4.4	6.2	7.8	11.3
Economics	17,434	47.6	18.7	7.2	9.6	8.3	17.4	8.4	15.6	13.7	3.4
Engl Lang & Lit	16,069	5.9	20.6	21.4	0.0	6.4	18.2	2.6	7.4	6.4	14.2
Drama/Theatre Studies	15,554	4.8	17.0	15.2	31.9	4.3	12.3	1.7	4.3	3.9	6.6
Art & Design (Fine Art)	15,039	11.2	16.6	12.3	19.2	7.5	9.9	3.3	5.2	6.9	4.5
Law	14,598	7.6	23.3	27.3	13.3	4.5	17.6	2.2	15.2	4.7	16.2

**Table 9 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels
2009**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Law</i>
Mathematics	61,700	32.1	1.1	1.9	3.8	2.2	13.4	1.5	1.2	2.7	1.8
General Studies	51,736	10.6	7.4	11.0	8.2	7.2	6.3	6.4	5.1	4.8	6.6
Psychology	49,645	1.2	6.8	9.1	8.5	6.9	2.5	6.9	4.8	3.7	8.0
English Literature	46,185	1.6	9.5	6.3	3.1	10.2	3.6	0.0	10.7	6.2	4.2
Biology	45,055	11.6	0.9	2.7	9.2	3.5	3.2	2.3	1.5	2.5	1.5
History	42,555	3.2	4.7	7.6	4.6	8.9	7.1	6.9	4.5	3.5	6.1
Chemistry	36,275	26.4	0.4	1.2	2.7	2.1	4.1	1.1	0.7	1.4	0.9
Business Studies	28,413	2.7	8.0	6.4	9.8	3.8	9.6	4.2	2.4	2.7	7.8
Geography	28,155	6.9	3.4	5.3	9.7	4.9	8.5	3.7	2.1	3.7	2.5
Sociology	26,408	0.3	10.7	10.4	4.3	7.5	2.3	8.6	3.9	2.5	9.0
Physics	25,470		0.6	0.9	2.0	1.1	7.4	0.7	0.6	2.2	0.6
Media/Film/Tv Studies	25,312	0.6		13.0	4.4	3.4	1.0	9.9	9.5	5.6	3.1
English Language	21,516	1.1	15.3		5.6	5.6	2.3	0.0	6.3	4.6	7.8
PE/Sports Studies	19,793	2.6	5.6	6.0		3.4	3.5	3.5	2.5	2.3	2.9
Religious Studies	17,497	1.7	4.9	6.8	3.8		3.8	6.3	6.4	4.4	3.3
Economics	17,434	10.7	1.5	2.9	4.0	3.8		2.0	1.3	1.6	3.9
Engl Lang & Lit	16,069	1.2	15.6	0.0	4.3	6.9	2.2		8.9	6.1	8.1
Drama/Theatre Studies	15,554	1.0	15.5	8.7	3.2	7.2	1.4	9.2		4.9	2.3
Art & Design (Fine Art)	15,039	3.7	9.4	6.6	3.0	5.1	1.8	6.5	5.1		1.3
Law	14,598	1.0	5.3	11.5	3.9	3.9	4.6	8.9	2.4	1.3	

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<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Physics</i>
Mathematics	65,661		7.6	28.8	18.4	5.7	9.1	34.8	6.6	8.0	32.1
Psychology	52,270	9.6		19.3	19.6	15.9	12.0	7.1	8.7	6.6	1.3
Biology	51,130	37.0	19.8		21.6	7.9	9.6	50.1	3.5	12.2	11.5
General Studies	47,510	25.4	21.6	23.2		17.2	19.6	17.4	10.5	13.1	11.2
English Literature	44,472	8.4	18.6	9.1	18.3		29.7	3.8	4.7	7.7	1.6
History	44,007	13.6	14.3	11.2	21.1	30.0		5.6	6.3	9.9	3.3
Chemistry	38,878	58.7	9.5	65.9	21.2	4.3	6.3		1.8	7.3	27.2
Business Studies	28,519	15.1	15.9	6.3	17.4	7.4	9.7	2.5		10.1	2.5
Geography	28,481	18.5	12.2	22.0	21.9	12.0	15.3	10.0	10.1		7.1
Physics	27,295	77.2	2.6	21.5	19.4	2.6	5.3	38.7	2.7	7.4	
Sociology	26,740	3.9	30.6	5.9	15.7	14.9	12.4	1.6	8.9	5.4	0.4
Media/Film/Tv Studies	24,575	2.7	13.4	1.9	13.0	15.5	7.7	0.5	9.6	3.8	0.6
English Language	22,673	5.7	22.3	6.6	23.5	14.0	15.0	2.0	8.4	6.8	1.1
Economics	19,615	48.5	8.7	9.5	16.4	8.4	17.3	8.1	14.3	13.5	11.1
PE/Sports Studies	18,990	11.9	21.8	25.4	19.9	6.2	10.0	5.1	15.1	12.9	2.8
Religious Studies	17,711	8.2	19.6	9.9	19.8	25.3	22.1	4.6	6.2	7.2	1.8
Engl Lang & Lit	16,051	5.8	22.7	7.5	17.7	0.1	18.7	2.5	7.0	6.4	1.3
Art & Design (Fine Art)	15,503	12.8	12.2	7.7	13.9	18.8	10.1	3.2	5.3	6.6	4.1
Drama/Theatre Studies	15,372	5.0	14.6	5.3	14.6	30.2	13.4	1.9	4.0	3.9	1.3
Law	14,005	7.9	28.7	5.3	22.1	12.5	16.8	2.1	14.3	5.1	1.0

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<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Sociology</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Law</i>
Mathematics	65,661	1.6	1.0	2.0	14.5	3.4	2.2	1.4	3.0	1.2	1.7
Psychology	52,270	15.7	6.3	9.7	3.3	7.9	6.6	7.0	3.6	4.3	7.7
Biology	51,130	3.1	0.9	2.9	3.6	9.4	3.4	2.3	2.3	1.6	1.4
General Studies	47,510	8.8	6.7	11.2	6.8	8.0	7.4	6.0	4.5	4.7	6.5
English Literature	44,472	9.0	8.5	7.1	3.7	2.6	10.1	0.0	6.6	10.4	3.9
History	44,007	7.5	4.3	7.7	7.7	4.3	8.9	6.8	3.6	4.7	5.3
Chemistry	38,878	1.1	0.3	1.2	4.1	2.5	2.1	1.0	1.3	0.8	0.8
Business Studies	28,519	8.3	8.3	6.7	9.8	10.0	3.8	3.9	2.9	2.2	7.0
Geography	28,481	5.1	3.3	5.4	9.3	8.6	4.5	3.6	3.6	2.1	2.5
Physics	27,295	0.4	0.5	0.9	8.0	2.0	1.2	0.7	2.3	0.7	0.5
Sociology	26,740		10.2	10.3	2.4	3.8	7.6	8.4	2.8	3.7	8.7
Media/Film/Tv Studies	24,575	11.1		13.4	1.2	4.2	3.5	9.9	5.5	8.8	2.9
English Language	22,673	12.2	14.5		2.4	5.2	5.9	0.0	4.6	6.3	7.4
Economics	19,615	3.3	1.5	2.8		4.2	3.7	2.0	1.4	1.3	3.7
PE/Sports Studies	18,990	5.4	5.4	6.2	4.3		3.5	3.0	2.2	2.4	2.8
Religious Studies	17,711	11.5	4.8	7.6	4.0	3.7		6.0	4.4	5.9	3.1
Engl Lang & Lit	16,051	14.1	15.1	0.0	2.5	3.6	6.6		5.8	9.2	8.2
Art & Design (Fine Art)	15,503	4.8	8.7	6.7	1.8	2.7	5.0	6.0		4.6	1.1
Drama/Theatre Studies	15,372	6.5	14.1	9.3	1.6	3.0	6.8	9.6	4.7		2.0
Law	14,005	16.7	5.0	11.9	5.1	3.8	4.0	9.4	1.2	2.2	