

Re-sitting patterns at GCSE across subjects in 2013 and 2014

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1. Introduction

This statistical report investigates the re-sitting patterns of GCSE candidates in the academic years 2012/13 and 2013/14, across all the available subjects and with a focus on some specific subjects. Over recent years, a number of significant changes to GCSEs have been introduced, including, from the academic year 2013/14, candidates no longer allowed to sit an exam in the January session. It is possible that these changes have influenced the probability of candidates re-sitting exams in specific subjects. Investigations of re-sitting patterns have been carried out in the past (see Sutch and Gill, 2014), however most of the existing analyses were limited to selected subjects (Gill, 2010) and were in any case carried out with regard to a period of time prior to the removal of the January examination session.

The aim of this report is therefore to present the empirical description of re-sitting patterns of GCSE candidates in the academic years 2012/13 and 2013/14 across all the subjects taken by candidates. For both years considered, figures on the number of re-sitting candidates in each subject are presented along with the grades achieved by candidates. The results are displayed in order to highlight differences over time and are broken down by subjects, with a focus on the most popular re-sitting subjects.

2. Data

The data for this report were extracted from the National Pupil Database (NPD) for 2013 and 2014. The NPD is compiled for the Department for Education (DfE) from data supplied by the awarding bodies. It contains candidate details, such as gender and year group, and the national examination results of all pupils within schools in England up to the age of 19. The Key Stage 4 (KS4) extract of the NPD, consisting of candidates who were at the end of KS4 (i.e. in Year 11), was used to analyse resitting patterns of GCSE candidates.

For the purpose of this report a re-sit is defined as a candidate who entered a GCSE subject more than once in different sessions, without regard to the specification and/or awarding body s/he had chosen. This means that for candidates entering the same subject multiple times in the same session (i.e. multiple entries) only the entry with the highest grade was considered. In the NPD it is only possible to know if a candidate sat an exam in the summer session (i.e. June) or in any other session (labelled as Winter sessions¹) within the same academic year, meaning that some re-sits could have been labelled as multiple entries and excluded from the analysis. Figures on re-sits in this report can, therefore, represent an underestimate of the true number of resits.

Table 2.1: Summary of resits at GCSE by examination session

	2012/13		2013/14	
	June	All	June	All
<i>N of all entries</i>	3986401	4600882	3996019	4606421
<i>N of re-sits</i>	306098	372990	333820	368713
<i>% of resits relative to all entries</i>	7.7%	8.1%	8.4%	8.0%

¹ For example, the Winter 2012 session could be November 2012, January 2013 or even March 2013.

Table 2.1 summarises the number of re-sits in 2013 and 2014 and shows the percentage of re-sits relative to the total number of entries, considering all the examination sessions within each year and the June series alone. While the overall percentage of re-sits was quite stable (around 8-8.1%), the percentage of June re-sits in 2014 was 8.4%, slightly larger than the percentage shown for 2013 (7.7%).

Considering that the vast majority of candidates re-sat an examination in the June session (see Table 3.1 below), this report will focus on Year 11 candidates who re-sat the same subject in June and had sat the same subject at least once in a previous session.

In the following pages, descriptive statistics are presented through tables. Tables presented in Section 3 of this report are also available in .xls format on the Cambridge Assessment website.

3. Results

Table 3.1 shows the number and percentage of GCSE re-sitting candidates who were attending Year 11 in 2013 and 2014 by *last* session sat. It clearly emerges that the vast majority of re-sitting candidates re-sat in the June examination session of Year 11. However, the percentage of re-sits who sat an exam for the last time in June increased from 82.1% in 2013 to 90.5% in 2014. This increase is largely mirrored in the drop of re-sits who sat for the last time in the winter session of Year 11, from 16.4% in 2013 to 6.9% in 2014, which can be at least partly related to the removal of the January session since the academic year 2013/14. As mentioned in the data section, the figures presented in the rest of the report will refer to re-sits who entered a subject for the last time in June 2013 and 2014.

Table 3.1: *Last session sat by re-sitting candidates in Year 11 in 2013 and 2014*

2013			2014		
<i>Last session sat</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Last session sat</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>
2007S	1	0.0	2010S	1	0.0
2009W	2	0.0	2010W	3	0.0
2010S	34	0.0	2011S	32	0.0
2010W	11	0.0	2011W	32	0.0
2011S	178	0.0	2012S	169	0.0
2011W	1343	0.4	2012W	1539	0.4
2012S	4074	1.1	2013S	7582	2.1
2012W	61249	16.4	2013W	25535	6.9
2013S	306098	82.1	2014S	333820	90.5

For Year 11 candidates who re-sat a subject at GCSE in June, Table 3.2 displays in which session they had entered the same subject for the *first* time. Figures in Table 3.2 depict a clear change in re-sits patterns between the two academic years considered. Up until 2012/13 the number of Year 11 candidates who re-sat GCSEs in the June session and had entered the same subject for the first time in November or January of the same academic year was relatively high (57.1%), but it dropped more than a half in the next academic year (24.6%).

The vast majority (67%) of June 2014 re-sits had entered the same subject a year before, in June 2013, when they were in Year 10. With regard to June 2013, the percentage of candidates who had sat the same subject for the first time was 33%, fairly high but half of the corresponding

figure for 2014. This change in re-sitting patterns can be due to the removal of the January session since 2014.

Table 3.2: First session sat by candidates who re-sat in the summer session

2013			2014		
First sessions sat	N	%	First sessions sat	N	%
2009S	18	0.0	2010S	39	0.0
2009W	10	0.0	2010W	2	0.0
2010S	229	0.1	2011S	546	0.2
2010W	674	0.2	2011W	3262	1.0
2011S	7927	2.6	2012S	9014	2.7
2011W	21428	7.0	2012W	15190	4.6
2012S	100972	33.0	2013S	223744	67.0
2012W	174839	57.1	2013W	82023	24.6

Note: Among June 2013 re-sitting candidates, one candidate who entered a subject for the first time in June 2008 is not displayed.

Table 3.3: Number of times that subjects were sat

Number of times	2013		2014	
	N	%	N	%
2	241537	78.9	297087	89.0
3	54179	17.7	31877	9.5
4	9221	3.0	3965	1.2
5	1068	0.3	771	0.2
6	85	0.0	112	0.0
7	8	0.0	8	0.0

Table 3.3 shows the number of re-sits by the number of times that subjects were sat. It is apparent that the number of candidates re-sitting the same subject more than three times is almost negligible, for both the academic years considered. However, the percentage of candidates who entered the same subject three times dropped sharply from 17.7% to 9.5% between 2013 and 2014, whilst the percentage of candidates who sat the same subject twice increased from nearly 79% in 2013 to 89% in 2014.

As the decision to re-sit a subject is mainly driven by the willingness to attain a better grade, it is worth looking at achievement of re-sits. In Table 3.4, panels a) and b) display the original and final grades² achieved by 2013 and 2014 re-sitting candidates, respectively. Cells in the main diagonal (shadowed) refer to re-sits who in their first and last attempt achieved the same grade. Cells on the left of the main diagonal indicate re-sits who attained a better grade; cells on the right of the main diagonal indicate re-sits who attained a worse grade when they re-entered the subject.

² Regular grades are A*-G or U. However, some candidates also receive a Q or an X. A Q means that clarifications are needed by the exam board in order to grade the exam. An X grade signifies that the candidate has completed only part of the course/exam and so an appropriate grade cannot be given. Both X and Q are normally temporary grades and replaced with a regular grade (A*-G or U) later.

Table 3.4: First and last grades achieved by re-sits

a) 2013		<i>Last grade recorded (June 2013)</i>											<i>Total</i>
		<i>A*</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>Q</i>	<i>U</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Grade when first sat a subject</i>	<i>A*</i>	128 49.23	52 20.00	9 3.46	2 0.77	18 6.92	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	51 19.62	260
	<i>A</i>	2198 24.72	5128 57.68	1020 11.47	74 0.83	71 0.80	40 0.45	2 0.02	1 0.01	0 0.00	2 0.02	355 3.99	8891
	<i>B</i>	438 1.54	7531 26.46	16529 58.07	2653 9.32	200 0.70	214 0.75	35 0.12	6 0.02	0 0.00	18 0.06	840 2.95	28464
	<i>C</i>	321 0.40	2677 3.36	22870 28.72	42195 52.99	7893 9.91	829 1.04	312 0.39	30 0.04	0 0.00	161 0.20	2344 2.94	79632
	<i>D</i>	22 0.03	234 0.28	3098 3.64	35955 42.27	37573 44.17	5754 6.76	712 0.84	206 0.24	3 0.00	193 0.23	1320 1.55	85070
	<i>E</i>	15 0.03	67 0.15	436 0.97	6298 14.07	16973 37.92	14972 33.45	4197 9.38	531 1.19	0 0.00	416 0.93	850 1.90	44755
	<i>F</i>	8 0.03	30 0.10	128 0.44	1300 4.51	3888 13.50	8215 28.52	10646 36.96	3270 11.35	0 0.00	630 2.19	686 2.38	28801
	<i>G</i>	11 0.07	15 0.09	49 0.29	384 2.27	832 4.92	1532 9.05	3835 22.66	7247 42.82	0 0.00	2368 13.99	650 3.84	16923
	<i>Q</i>	1 2.22	1 2.22	5 11.11	18 40.00	11 24.44	7 15.56	2 4.44	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	45
	<i>U</i>	3 0.04	4 0.05	27 0.32	209 2.51	477 5.73	535 6.43	763 9.17	1858 22.32	0 0.00	3780 45.41	668 8.02	8324
	<i>X</i>	93 1.89	250 5.07	479 9.71	804 16.30	683 13.85	514 10.42	401 8.13	399 8.09	20 0.41	348 7.05	942 19.10	4933
	<i>Total</i>	3238	15989	44650	89892	68619	32612	20905	13548	23	7916	8706	306098

b) 2014		<i>Last grade recorded (June 2014)</i>											<i>Total</i>
		<i>A*</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>Q</i>	<i>U</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Grade when first sat a subject</i>	<i>A*</i>	429 66.41	141 21.83	33 5.11	4 0.62	1 0.15	0 0.00	1 0.15	1 0.15	0 0.00	1 0.15	35 5.42	646
	<i>A</i>	2710 29.80	4749 52.22	1277 14.04	124 1.36	31 0.34	13 0.14	52 0.57	11 0.12	0 0.00	8 0.09	119 1.31	9094
	<i>B</i>	993 3.10	10330 32.24	16067 50.15	3658 11.42	384 1.20	141 0.44	130 0.41	85 0.27	0 0.00	29 0.09	223 0.70	32040
	<i>C</i>	490 0.57	4205 4.92	28098 32.85	42035 49.15	8580 10.03	850 0.99	232 0.27	293 0.34	1 0.00	175 0.20	568 0.66	85527
	<i>D</i>	37 0.03	464 0.43	7962 7.36	57635 53.24	35449 32.75	4958 4.58	724 0.67	326 0.30	7 0.01	348 0.32	337 0.31	108247
	<i>E</i>	22 0.05	89 0.18	862 1.77	11770 24.15	20782 42.64	11434 23.46	2566 5.26	560 1.15	1 0.00	389 0.80	266 0.55	48741
	<i>F</i>	3 0.01	33 0.13	200 0.80	2090 8.35	5845 23.35	7601 30.37	6153 24.58	2145 8.57	0 0.00	671 2.68	290 1.16	25031
	<i>G</i>	10 0.07	20 0.15	71 0.52	456 3.36	1235 9.10	1995 14.70	2874 21.18	4032 29.71	0 0.00	2576 18.98	300 2.21	13569
	<i>Q</i>	0 0.00	0 0.00	1 14.29	2 28.57	3 42.86	0 0.00	0 0.00	1 14.29	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	7
	<i>U</i>	0 0.00	9 0.12	43 0.58	190 2.55	493 6.61	602 8.07	638 8.55	1246 16.71	0 0.00	3890 52.16	347 4.65	7458
	<i>X</i>	78 2.25	172 4.97	375 10.84	752 21.73	529 15.29	299 8.64	275 7.95	238 6.88	0 0.00	374 10.81	368 10.64	3460
	<i>Total</i>	4772	20212	54989	118716	73332	27893	13645	8938	9	8461	2853	333820

For 2013, as an example, it can be seen that the largest number of candidates who entered the same subject more than once were those who achieved a grade D in their first attempt (85070), followed by those who achieved a grade C (79632). For those achieving a grade D in their first attempt, 44.17% achieved the same grade in June 2013, while 42.27% managed to attain a grade C; only a small fraction of these candidates achieved a grade B.

Panel b) in Table 3.4 reveals that in 2014 the largest number of students resitting the same subject was again those who achieved a grade D in their first attempt (108247 candidates). The percentage of those achieving a grade D in their first attempt who attained a grade C when they re-entered the same subject was 53.24%, while 32.75% achieved the same grade D again.

The 'Total' row in Panels a) and b) in Table 3.4 show that C was the most common final grade achieved by re-sits in both June 2013 and June 2014.

So far the figures have been presented at aggregate level. However, interesting re-sitting patterns can be highlighted by the analysis of re-sits by subject. Table 3.5 shows the number of candidates who entered each GCSE subject more than once. As an example, it can be seen that, among Year 11 candidates in 2014, 8529 candidates sat Additional Science more than once. Interestingly, the number of re-sits in Additional Science hugely increased from 2013 to 2014, from only 360 to 8529. Similarly, the number of re-sits in Core Science has also more than doubled, from 32660 in 2013 to 75871 in 2014. A fairly high increase in the number of re-sits is displayed also for English Language, English Language & Literature, English Literature, Geography and History.

Table 3.5 reports two percentages: the first one computed with respect to the total amount of re-sits, while the second one with respect to the total amount of candidates entering that specific subject in the June examination session. In this way it is possible to infer that, as an example, the candidates who re-sat Applications of Mathematics in 2013 were an almost negligible proportion (0.3%) relative to the total amount of re-sits, but a more significant percentage (8%) of the sample of those entering this subject at least once.

Among other interesting figures shown by Table 3.5, it is worth noting that the number of re-sits in GCSE Mathematics decreased sharply from 231213 (75.5% of all re-sits) in 2013 to 172860 (nearly 52% of all re-sits) in 2014. In 2013 Mathematics was the subject most likely to be re-sat by candidates (in terms of the percentage of candidates taking the subject), while in 2014 the subject most likely to be re-sat was Core Science. However, Mathematics was the subject with by far the largest number of re-sits in both years considered, followed by Core Science, English Language and English Language & Literature. Other very popular subjects in both years were Religious Studies and French.

For the ten GCSE subjects with the highest number of re-sitting candidates in 2014, Table 3.6 shows how many times each subject was sat. Mathematics was clearly the subject which was entered more times by re-sits in both 2014 and 2013. Figures in Table 3.6 confirm a change in re-sitting patterns over time as it seems that, on average, candidates re-sat these subjects in 2014 slightly fewer times than in 2013. As an example, the percentage of 2014 re-sitting candidates who entered Mathematics only twice was 82%, 5% more than in 2013. A similar fall in the number of re-sits is also highlighted for English Language & Literature, English Language and Core Science.

Table 3.5: Number of candidates re-sitting each subject

GCSE Subject	2013			2014		
	N	% ¹	% ²	N	% ¹	% ²
Additional Science	360	0.1	0.1	8529	2.6	3.2
Applications of Mathematics	965	0.3	8.2	440	0.1	3.8
Applied Art & Design	2	0	0.2	0	0	3.6
Applied Engineering	48	0	2.4	145	0	4.5
Arabic	118	0	7.7	72	0	0.3
Art & Design	222	0.1	0.3	230	0.1	0.6
Art & Design (3d Studies)	14	0	0.7	11	0	0.2
Art & Design (Fine Art)	144	0	0.3	117	0	0.1
Art & Design (Graphics)	3	0	0.0	8	0	0.7
Art & Design (Photography)	29	0	0.2	120	0	0.1
Art & Design (Textiles)	14	0	0.2	8	0	0.9
Astronomy	9	0	0.7	12	0	5.2
Bengali	41	0	5.4	38	0	1.8
Biology	292	0.1	0.2	2174	0.7	0
Business Studies & Economics	3	0	0.4	1	0	0.5
Business Studies: Single	240	0.1	0.1	305	0.1	1
Chemistry	52	0	0.0	1221	0.4	0.9
Chinese	9	0	0.6	16	0	0.2
Classical Civilisation	4	0	0.1	7	0	0.1
Classical Greek	3	0	0.3	0	0	0.1
Computer Studies/Computing	10	0	0.3	9	0	0.4
D&T Electronic Products	18	0	0.2	6	0	0.1
D&T Food Technology	174	0.1	0.4	149	0	0.4
D&T Graphic Products	148	0	0.4	45	0	0.6
D&T Product Design	171	0.1	0.6	135	0	0.1
D&T Resistant Materials	206	0.1	0.4	292	0.1	0.1
D&T Systems & Control	3	0	0.1	2	0	0.7
D&T Textiles Technology	70	0	0.3	35	0	0.2
Dance	69	0	0.7	79	0	6.3
Drama & Theatre Studies	165	0.1	0.2	140	0	0.5
Dutch	9	0	6.6	8	0	3.8
Economics	44	0	1.1	25	0	12.8
Electronics	0	0	0	20	0	15.9
English Language	14701	4.8	3.8	35213	10.5	0.6
English Language & Literature	9315	3	6.2	15435	4.6	0.7
English Literature	1690	0.6	0.4	2484	0.7	1.7
English Studies	0	0	0	2	0	0.7
Environmental Science	2	0	0.1	49	0	1
Expressive Arts & Performance Studies	13	0	0.6	15	0	1.3
Film Studies	33	0	0.8	60	0	3.2
French	1765	0.6	1.2	1856	0.6	3.8

Note: %¹ is computed with respect to the total amount of resits, while %² refers to the number of candidates who re-sat a subject with respect to the total amount of candidates who entered it in the June examination session.

Table 3.5(ctd): Number of candidates re-sitting each subject

GCSE Subject	2013			2014		
	N	% ¹	% ²	N	% ¹	% ²
General Studies	13	0	0.3	35	0	0.4
Geography	844	0.3	0.4	1832	0.5	0.9
Geology	0	0	0	1	0	0.1
German	329	0.1	0.6	278	0.1	0.5
Gujarati	3	0	1.4	2	0	0.9
Health & Social Care	61	0	2.3	117	0	2.2
History	874	0.3	0.4	2265	0.7	1
Home Economics: Child Development	59	0	0.4	49	0	0.3
Home Economics: Food	22	0	0.2	22	0	0.3
Home Economics: Textiles	44	0	0.6	1	0	0.5
Humanities: Single	372	0.1	0.7	74	0	1.1
ICT	33	0	1.0	472	0.1	0.6
Italian	1	0	0.2	9	0	0.3
Latin	25	0	0.3	10	0	0.1
Law	51	0	2.4	36	0	1.9
Mathematics	231213	75.5	53.2	172860	51.8	33.8
Media/Film/Tv Studies	542	0.2	1.3	692	0.2	1.6
Methods in Mathematics	1602	0.5	16.1	1391	0.4	16.3
Modern Greek	2	0	2.0	2	0	1.9
Music	166	0.1	0.4	167	0.1	0.4
Office Technology	107	0	1.0	203	0.1	1.6
Other Classical Languages	4	0	12.5	2	0	6.9
Performing Arts	241	0.1	11.7	366	0.1	10.7
Persian	9	0	5.1	13	0	6.4
Physical Education/Sports Studies	980	0.3	1.1	1527	0.5	1.6
Physics	50	0	0.0	764	0.2	0.6
Polish	79	0	7.8	86	0	6.5
Portuguese	70	0	10.9	66	0	8.5
Psychology	109	0	1.0	66	0	0.5
Punjabi	18	0	4.5	15	0	3.9
Religious Studies	2737	0.9	1.3	3432	1	1.5
Russian	7	0	0.6	15	0	1.2
Science (Core)	32660	10.7	28.5	75871	22.7	52.3
Social Science: Citizenship	19	0	0.2	8	0	0
Sociology	210	0.1	1.2	174	0.1	0.9
Spanish	895	0.3	1.2	852	0.3	1.1
Statistics	265	0.1	1.0	415	0.1	1.2
Turkish	62	0	11.7	42	0	7.6
Urdu	142	0	4.7	75	0	2.5

Note: %¹ is computed with respect to the total amount of resits, while %² refers to the number of candidates who re-sat a subject with respect to the total amount of candidates who entered it in the June examination session.

Table 3.6: Number of re-sitting candidates for the 10 most popular subjects in 2014, by the number of times the subject was entered

GCSE Subject	Number of times	2013		2014	
		N	%	N	%
Mathematics	2	177641	76.8	141759	82.0
Mathematics	3	43272	18.7	26435	15.3
Mathematics	4	9139	4.0	3799	2.2
Mathematics	5	1068	0.5	747	0.4
Mathematics	6	85	0.0	112	0.1
Mathematics	7	8	0.0	8	0.0
Science (Core)	2	28332	86.7	74222	97.8
Science (Core)	3	4324	13.2	1554	2.0
Science (Core)	4	4	0.0	95	0.1
English Language	2	11568	78.7	32898	93.4
English Language	3	3073	20.9	2287	6.5
English Language	4	60	0.4	28	0.1
English Language & Literature	2	6834	73.4	14153	91.7
English Language & Literature	3	2481	26.6	1216	7.9
English Language & Literature	4	0	0.0	42	0.3
English Language & Literature	5	0	0.0	24	0.2
Additional Science	2	238	66.1	8527	100
Additional Science	3	122	33.9	2	0
Religious Studies	2	2708	98.9	3415	99.5
Religious Studies	3	29	1.1	16	0.5
Religious Studies	4	0	0.0	1	0.0
English Literature	2	1650	97.6	2321	93.4
English Literature	3	40	2.4	163	6.6
History	2	857	98.1	2261	99.8
History	3	17	1.9	4	0.2
Biology	2	224	76.7	2162	99.4
Biology	3	68	23.3	12	0.6
French	2	1676	95.0	1846	99.5
French	3	87	4.9	10	0.5
French	4	2	0.1	0	0

Finally, for the five subjects with the largest number of re-sits in both 2013 and 2014 (Mathematics, Core Science, English Language, English Language & Literature and Religious Studies), Tables 3.7 – 3.11 display the first and final grades achieved by re-sits.

Table 3.7: First and last grades achieved by re-sitters in Mathematics

a) 2013		<u>Last grade recorded (June 2013)</u>											
		A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Q	U	X	Total
Grade when <u>first</u> sat a subject	A*	31 36.05	2 2.33	1 1.16	0 0.00	14 16.28	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	38 44.19	86
	A	1754 23.71	4378 59.19	842 11.38	53 0.72	43 0.58	21 0.28	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	2 0.03	304 4.11	7397
	B	201 0.89	5590 24.68	13797 60.91	2182 9.63	127 0.56	100 0.44	9 0.04	1 0.00	0 0.00	15 0.07	631 2.79	22653
	C	232 0.35	2004 2.99	18400 27.48	36326 54.25	7171 10.71	610 0.91	126 0.19	7 0.01	0 0.00	150 0.22	1933 2.89	66959
	D	7 0.01	61 0.12	1466 2.80	21532 41.15	23465 44.85	4342 8.30	271 0.52	110 0.21	0 0.00	158 0.30	908 1.74	52320
	E	1 0.00	14 0.04	202 0.63	4342 13.50	11181 34.76	11267 35.03	3636 11.31	378 1.18	0 0.00	398 1.24	743 2.31	32162
	F	0 0.00	3 0.01	52 0.22	975 4.06	2977 12.38	6491 27.00	9293 38.66	3027 12.59	0 0.00	577 2.40	645 2.68	24040
	G	0 0.00	0 0.00	8 0.05	210 1.39	620 4.11	1208 8.01	3297 21.87	6843 45.40	0 0.00	2261 15.00	626 4.15	15073
	Q	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	1 100.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	1
	U	0 0.00	0 0.00	13 0.17	157 2.11	377 5.07	406 5.46	609 8.19	1678 22.55	0 0.00	3545 47.65	655 8.80	7440
	X	10 0.32	61 1.98	162 5.26	328 10.64	341 11.06	331 10.74	303 9.83	351 11.39	0 0.00	313 10.16	882 28.62	3082
	Total	2236	12113	34943	66106	46316	24776	17544	12395	0	7419	7365	231213

b) 2014		<u>Last grade recorded (June 2014)</u>											
		A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Q	U	X	Total
Grade when <u>first</u> sat a subject	A*	6 15.79	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	32 84.21	38
	A	1775 32.09	3043 55.01	598 10.81	23 0.42	3 0.05	1 0.02	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	2 0.04	87 1.57	5532
	B	506 2.87	5778 32.73	9540 54.04	1600 9.06	54 0.31	12 0.07	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	3 0.02	161 0.91	17654
	C	394 0.71	2601 4.70	17779 32.10	28862 52.11	4951 8.94	284 0.51	1 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	83 0.15	427 0.77	55382
	D	3 0.01	76 0.20	2065 5.33	25710 66.40	9544 24.65	913 2.36	86 0.22	41 0.11	0 0.00	64 0.17	219 0.57	38721
	E	0 0.00	12 0.06	183 0.84	6756 31.00	9235 42.37	4054 18.60	991 4.55	189 0.87	0 0.00	165 0.76	210 0.96	21795
	F	0 0.00	6 0.04	49 0.33	1273 8.51	3642 24.33	4090 27.33	3719 24.85	1545 10.32	0 0.00	410 2.74	233 1.56	14967
	G	1 0.01	0 0.00	12 0.12	269 2.66	811 8.03	1234 12.22	1875 18.57	3337 33.04	0 0.00	2289 22.67	271 2.68	10099
	Q	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	1 100.0	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	1
	U	0 0.00	0 0.00	8 0.13	97 1.62	364 6.07	432 7.20	370 6.17	910 15.17	0 0.00	3506 58.46	310 5.17	5997
	X	27 1.01	117 4.38	263 9.84	588 21.99	376 14.06	227 8.49	209 7.82	194 7.26	0 0.00	336 12.57	337 12.60	2674
	Total	2712	11633	30497	65178	28981	11247	7251	6216	0	6858	2287	172860

Table 3.8: First and last grades achieved by re-sitters in Core Science

a) 2013		<i>Last grade recorded (June 2013)</i>											
		A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Q	U	X	Total
Grade when <u>first</u> sat a subject	A*	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	3 100.00	3
	A	20 27.78	29 40.28	3 4.17	2 2.78	0 0.00	2 2.78	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	16 22.22	72
	B	5 0.67	255 34.41	304 41.03	28 3.78	10 1.35	13 1.75	7 0.94	1 0.13	0 0.00	0 0.00	118 15.92	741
	C	1 0.03	71 2.31	1197 38.98	1330 43.31	106 3.45	61 1.99	46 1.50	7 0.23	0 0.00	2 0.07	250 8.14	3071
	D	0 0.00	7 0.04	492 2.66	7612 41.08	8815 47.57	913 4.93	283 1.53	59 0.32	0 0.00	18 0.10	331 1.79	18530
	E	0 0.00	3 0.05	45 0.69	803 12.34	3173 48.76	1967 30.23	326 5.01	85 1.31	0 0.00	15 0.23	90 1.38	6507
	F	0 0.00	1 0.04	15 0.67	100 4.50	427 19.20	829 37.28	660 29.68	122 5.49	0 0.00	37 1.66	33 1.48	2224
	G	0 0.00	0 0.00	3 0.39	22 2.83	74 9.51	152 19.54	247 31.75	200 25.71	0 0.00	58 7.46	22 2.83	778
	Q	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0
	U	0 0.00	1 0.29	3 0.88	15 4.40	20 5.87	42 12.32	60 17.60	84 24.63	0 0.00	110 32.26	6 1.76	341
	X	1 0.25	5 1.27	26 6.62	75 19.08	84 21.37	61 15.52	46 11.70	21 5.34	20 5.09	15 3.82	39 9.92	393
	Total	27	372	2088	9987	12709	4040	1675	579	20	255	908	32660

b) 2014		<i>Last grade recorded (June 2014)</i>											
		A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Q	U	X	Total
Grade when <u>first</u> sat a subject	A*	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0
	A	44 39.29	51 45.54	3 2.68	3 2.68	2 1.79	0 0.00	0 0.00	2 1.79	0 0.00	2 1.79	5 4.46	112
	B	49 3.23	608 40.11	675 44.53	126 8.31	12 0.79	6 0.40	1 0.07	14 0.92	0 0.00	8 0.53	17 1.12	1516
	C	8 0.11	495 6.85	2982 41.27	3034 41.99	482 6.67	53 0.73	13 0.18	32 0.44	0 0.00	63 0.87	63 0.87	7225
	D	2 0.00	92 0.22	3567 8.43	21029 49.69	14976 35.39	1964 4.64	294 0.69	102 0.24	5 0.01	214 0.51	72 0.17	42317
	E	0 0.00	7 0.04	311 1.94	3119 19.42	7420 46.20	4137 25.76	728 4.53	169 1.05	0 0.00	141 0.88	30 0.19	16062
	F	0 0.00	6 0.10	58 1.01	406 7.04	1330 23.05	2167 37.56	1331 23.07	306 5.30	0 0.00	131 2.27	35 0.61	5770
	G	1 0.05	2 0.11	21 1.15	70 3.85	219 12.04	426 23.42	568 31.23	363 19.96	0 0.00	134 7.37	15 0.82	1819
	Q	0 0.00	0 0.00	1 100.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	1
	U	0 0.00	3 0.40	17 2.26	41 5.45	61 8.11	85 11.30	157 20.88	180 23.94	0 0.00	183 24.34	25 3.32	752
	X	0 0.00	9 3.03	25 8.42	58 19.53	60 20.20	36 12.12	33 11.11	24 8.08	0 0.00	29 9.76	23 7.74	297
	Total	104	1273	7660	27886	24562	8874	3125	1192	5	905	285	75871

Table 3.9: First and last grades achieved by re-sitters in English Language

a) 2013		<u>Last grade recorded (June 2013)</u>											
		A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Q	U	X	Total
Grade when <u>first</u> sat a subject	A*	45 56.96	31 39.24	1 1.27	0 0.00	2 2.53	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	79
	A	103 16.80	370 60.36	107 17.46	2 0.33	18 2.94	5 0.82	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	8 1.31	613
	B	33 1.45	624 27.33	1260 55.19	256 11.21	16 0.70	50 2.19	6 0.26	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	38 1.66	2283
	C	12 0.26	153 3.30	1494 32.23	2469 53.27	303 6.54	76 1.64	70 1.51	2 0.04	0 0.00	2 0.04	54 1.17	4635
	D	0 0.00	13 0.30	210 4.83	2249 51.75	1713 39.42	105 2.42	42 0.97	2 0.05	0 0.00	0 0.00	12 0.28	4346
	E	0 0.00	4 0.32	28 2.26	225 18.17	505 40.79	409 33.04	56 4.52	10 0.81	0 0.00	0 0.00	1 0.08	1238
	F	3 0.70	4 0.93	5 1.17	41 9.58	77 17.99	144 33.64	135 31.54	16 3.74	0 0.00	2 0.47	1 0.23	428
	G	0 0.00	4 2.23	16 8.94	34 18.99	16 8.94	29 16.20	38 21.23	27 15.08	0 0.00	15 8.38	0 0.00	179
	Q	1 7.14	1 7.14	5 35.71	5 35.71	1 7.14	1 7.14	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	14
	U	0 0.00	0 0.00	2 2.22	12 13.33	11 12.22	7 7.78	19 21.11	16 17.78	0 0.00	19 21.11	4 4.44	90
	X	49 6.16	134 16.83	195 24.50	232 29.15	115 14.45	41 5.15	17 2.14	4 0.50	0 0.00	4 0.50	5 0.63	796
	Total	246	1338	3323	5525	2777	867	383	77	0	42	123	14701

b) 2014		<u>Last grade recorded (June 2014)</u>											
		*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Q	U	X	Total
Grade when <u>first</u> sat a subject	*	1 25.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	1 25.00	2 50.00	4
	A	411 27.22	707 46.82	259 17.15	38 2.52	19 1.26	11 0.73	50 3.31	2 0.13	0 0.00	2 0.13	11 0.73	1510
	B	173 2.39	2123 29.30	3434 47.39	1070 14.77	175 2.42	77 1.06	112 1.55	53 0.73	0 0.00	4 0.06	25 0.35	7246
	C	12 0.09	404 3.13	4038 31.26	5987 46.35	1804 13.97	283 2.19	151 1.17	189 1.46	0 0.00	2 0.02	46 0.36	12916
	D	0 0.00	42 0.43	466 4.72	3640 36.84	4623 46.79	872 8.83	128 1.30	95 0.96	0 0.00	11 0.11	3 0.03	9880
	E	0 0.00	10 0.38	39 1.49	330 12.62	960 36.73	922 35.27	262 10.02	66 2.52	0 0.00	25 0.96	0 0.00	2614
	F	0 0.00	3 0.45	8 1.21	34 5.14	101 15.28	202 30.56	205 31.01	72 10.89	0 0.00	35 5.30	1 0.15	661
	G	0 0.00	0 0.00	7 3.87	11 6.08	22 12.15	26 14.36	51 28.18	46 25.41	0 0.00	16 8.84	2 1.10	181
	Q	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0
	U	0 0.00	0 0.00	2 3.17	5 7.94	6 9.52	6 9.52	10 15.87	6 9.52	0 0.00	27 42.86	1 1.59	63
	X	7 5.07	7 5.07	32 23.19	47 34.06	33 23.91	5 3.62	4 2.90	1 0.72	0 0.00	1 0.72	1 0.72	138
	Total	604	3296	8285	11162	7743	2404	973	530	0	124	92	35213

Table 3.10: First and last grades achieved by re-sitters in English Language & Literature

a) 2013		<i>Last grade recorded (June 2013)</i>											
		A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Q	U	X	Total
Grade when <u>first</u> sat a subject	A*	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	1 16.67	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	5 83.33	6
	A	10 20.41	22 44.90	6 12.24	1 2.04	1 2.04	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	9 18.37	49
	B	8 3.02	73 27.55	124 46.79	33 12.45	9 3.40	12 4.53	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	6 2.26	265
	C	1 0.08	52 4.37	380 31.91	629 52.81	86 7.22	19 1.60	20 1.68	0 0.00	0 0.00	1 0.08	3 0.25	1191
	D	0 0.00	13 0.38	194 5.60	1741 50.23	1423 41.06	79 2.28	15 0.43	1 0.03	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	3466
	E	0 0.00	0 0.00	21 0.85	431 17.41	1162 46.95	760 30.71	82 3.31	18 0.73	0 0.00	0 0.00	1 0.04	2475
	F	0 0.00	0 0.00	4 0.40	53 5.28	164 16.35	407 40.58	331 33.00	40 3.99	0 0.00	4 0.40	0 0.00	1003
	G	0 0.00	0 0.00	8 2.04	51 12.98	55 13.99	54 13.74	126 32.06	87 22.14	0 0.00	11 2.80	1 0.25	393
	Q	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	12 40.00	10 33.33	6 20.00	2 6.67	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	30
	U	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	8 3.60	47 21.17	57 25.68	42 18.92	33 14.86	0 0.00	33 14.86	2 0.90	222
	X	0 0.00	0 0.00	4 1.86	65 30.23	67 31.16	38 17.67	12 5.58	11 5.12	0 0.00	10 4.65	8 3.72	215
	Total	19	160	741	3024	3025	1432	630	190	0	59	35	9315

b) 2014		<i>Last grade recorded (June 2014)</i>											
		*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Q	U	X	Total
Grade when <u>first</u> sat a subject	*	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0
	A	14 22.95	31 50.82	7 11.48	1 1.64	0 0.00	0 0.00	1 1.64	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	7 11.48	61
	B	8 1.54	122 23.55	251 48.46	98 18.92	20 3.86	6 1.16	8 1.54	2 0.39	0 0.00	0 0.00	3 0.58	518
	C	2 0.08	76 2.93	655 25.25	1146 44.18	528 20.35	96 3.70	38 1.46	50 1.93	0 0.00	1 0.04	2 0.08	2594
	D	1 0.02	18 0.28	276 4.31	2425 37.88	3015 47.09	537 8.39	68 1.06	46 0.72	1 0.02	12 0.19	3 0.05	6402
	E	0 0.00	1 0.03	21 0.58	375 10.33	1477 40.70	1361 37.50	299 8.24	61 1.68	0 0.00	30 0.83	4 0.11	3629
	F	0 0.00	0 0.00	3 0.19	38 2.46	216 13.99	591 38.28	526 34.07	115 7.45	0 0.00	51 3.30	4 0.26	1544
	G	0 0.00	0 0.00	1 0.20	4 0.81	29 5.89	99 20.12	160 32.52	126 25.61	0 0.00	69 14.02	4 0.81	492
	Q	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	2 40.00	2 40.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	1 20.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	5
	U	0 0.00	0 0.00	3 2.11	2 1.41	11 7.75	13 9.15	25 17.61	34 23.94	0 0.00	52 36.62	2 1.41	142
	X	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	2 4.17	5 10.42	12 25.00	15 31.25	7 14.58	0 0.00	6 12.50	1 2.08	48
	Total	25	248	1217	4093	5303	2715	1140	442	1	221	30	15435

Table 3.11: First and last grades achieved by re-sitters in Religious Studies

a) 2013		<i>Last grade recorded (June 2013)</i>											
		A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Q	U	X	Total
Grade when <u>first</u> sat a subject	A*	47 72.31	14 21.54	1 1.54	2 3.08	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	1 1.54	65
	A	74 33.04	104 46.43	32 14.29	6 2.68	2 0.89	5 2.23	1 0.45	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	224
	B	37 7.06	202 38.55	200 38.17	51 9.73	19 3.63	6 1.15	5 0.95	0 0.00	0 0.00	1 0.19	3 0.57	524
	C	12 2.34	69 13.48	215 41.99	146 28.52	48 9.38	14 2.73	7 1.37	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	1 0.20	512
	D	2 0.25	21 2.60	144 17.84	342 42.38	232 28.75	47 5.82	14 1.73	3 0.37	0 0.00	0 0.00	2 0.25	807
	E	4 1.21	9 2.73	23 6.97	84 25.45	100 30.30	82 24.85	20 6.06	7 2.12	0 0.00	0 0.00	1 0.30	330
	F	1 0.65	3 1.94	13 8.39	20 12.90	34 21.94	43 27.74	29 18.71	9 5.81	0 0.00	3 1.94	0 0.00	155
	G	0 0.00	1 1.30	1 1.30	7 9.09	8 10.39	16 20.78	19 24.68	18 23.38	0 0.00	7 9.09	0 0.00	77
	Q	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0
	U	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	2 6.90	0 0.00	3 10.34	2 6.90	7 24.14	0 0.00	15 51.72	0 0.00	29
	X	0 0.00	1 7.14	2 14.29	1 7.14	2 14.29	3 21.43	4 28.57	1 7.14	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	14
	Total	177	424	631	661	445	219	101	45	0	26	8	2737

b) 2014		<i>Last grade recorded (June 2014)</i>											
		*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Q	U	X	Total
Grade when <u>first</u> sat a subject	*	26 74.29	8 22.86	1 2.86	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	35
	A	39 34.21	49 42.98	19 16.67	0 0.00	1 0.88	1 0.88	1 0.88	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	4 3.51	114
	B	35 11.71	106 35.45	111 37.12	26 8.70	9 3.01	2 0.67	2 0.67	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	8 2.68	299
	C	7 1.64	70 16.36	159 37.15	122 28.50	43 10.05	11 2.57	4 0.93	4 0.93	0 0.00	0 0.00	8 1.87	428
	D	6 0.54	48 4.35	248 22.46	422 38.22	262 23.73	90 8.15	13 1.18	6 0.54	0 0.00	3 0.27	6 0.54	1104
	E	2 0.29	10 1.45	54 7.84	169 24.53	208 30.19	151 21.92	65 9.43	20 2.90	0 0.00	5 0.73	5 0.73	689
	F	1 0.27	2 0.55	12 3.29	51 13.97	99 27.12	97 26.58	65 17.81	24 6.58	0 0.00	7 1.92	7 1.92	365
	G	0 0.00	1 0.44	7 3.08	21 9.25	31 13.66	50 22.03	50 22.03	46 20.26	0 0.00	19 8.37	2 0.88	227
	Q	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0
	U	0 0.00	1 0.63	1 0.63	5 3.16	8 5.06	22 13.92	22 13.92	41 25.95	0 0.00	55 34.81	3 1.90	158
	X	1 7.69	1 7.69	2 15.38	2 15.38	2 15.38	1 7.69	0 0.00	2 15.38	0 0.00	1 7.69	1 7.69	13
	Total	117	296	614	818	663	425	222	143	0	90	44	3432

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