

Provisional Headline KS4 GCSE Results 2017 for Southampton Schools

Key Stage 4 GCSE results were released to schools on 24/08/2017. The short briefing note below, based on early provisional data, provides an overview of Southampton's performance. The KS4 accountability of Attainment 8 and Progress 8 was introduced in 2016. In 2017, new, reformed English and Maths GCSEs were first examined and a new grading of 9-1 was introduced, with 9 being the highest grade. All other GCSE subjects were graded A*-G in 2017 and converted to a scale of 9-1 to ensure compatibility with English and Maths when calculating Attainment 8 and Progress 8 scores. Consequently, any comparisons made between 2017 and 2016 results for the key headline performance measures must be treated with great caution.

National and Local Authority data will be published by the DfE in October 2017. Following this release, a further briefing note will be issued outlining Southampton's performance compared to Statistical Neighbours, Core Cities and National.

In 2017, the focus is on accountability measures as outlined by the DfE in the Performance Tables Statement of Intent.

- Progress 8 (not available until mid-September)
- Attainment 8
- The percentage of pupils achieving a 5 or above (strong pass) in English and Maths
- The percentage of pupils achieving the English Baccalaureate – at a grade 5 or above in English and Maths and a C or above in unreformed qualifications
- The percentage of pupils entering the English Baccalaureate
- The percentage of students staying in education or employment after key stage 4 (destinations)

In March 2017, the DfE announced that the following additional measures will also be reported in 2017:

- The proportion of pupils achieving a standard pass in English and Maths – grade 4 or above
- The proportion of pupils achieving the EBacc - grade 4 or above in English and Maths, and grade C or above in unreformed subjects.

The Progress 8 indicator relies on National calculations completed by the DfE and is currently unavailable at either School or Local Authority level. Provisional Progress 8 figures will be first published in mid-September.

Headlines

- **In 2017, 51% of Southampton pupils achieved a 9-5 (Strong Pass) in English GCSE. 68% of Southampton pupils achieved 9-4 (Standard Pass) in English GCSE while in 2016, 69% of Southampton pupils achieved A*-C in English GCSE. The 2016 National average for percentage of pupils achieving A*-C in English GCSE was 75%.**

- In 2017, 40% of Southampton pupils achieved a 9-5 (Strong Pass) in Maths GCSE. 64% of Southampton pupils achieved 9-4 (Standard Pass) in Maths GCSE while in 2016, 62% of Southampton pupils achieved A*-C in Maths GCSE. The 2016 National average for percentage of pupils achieving A*-C in Maths GCSE was 69%.
- In 2017, 34% of Southampton pupils achieved a 9-5 (Strong Pass) in English and Maths GCSE. 57% of Southampton pupils achieved 9-4 (Standard Pass) in English and Maths GCSE which was the same outcome for percentage of Southampton pupils achieving A*-C in English and Maths GCSE in 2016 (57%). The 2016 National average for percentage of pupils achieving A*-C in English and Maths GCSE was 63%.
- In 2017, 18% of Southampton pupils achieved a 9-5 (Strong Pass) EBacc. In 2016, 21% of Southampton pupils achieved A*-C EBacc while the 2016 National average was 25%.
- In 2017, Southampton pupils achieved an Attainment 8 score of 44.1 where in 2016, the Southampton Attainment 8 score was 47.5. The 2016 National average for Attainment 8 was 50.0.

Additional Information

The tables in Appendices 3 and 4 outline school specific performance for Southampton Schools. This data is early provisional and therefore results are subject to change.

Please be reminded that historical data has been provided to show context. The outcomes achieved in previous years cannot be directly compared to the outcomes in 2017.

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