

2017 Provisional Headline A-Level results for Southampton Local Authority

A Level results were released to Colleges and students on the 17th August 2017. Southampton Colleges and Sixth Forms have agreed to inform the LA of their results so that citywide performance can be calculated. The short briefing note below summarises National contextual performance before commenting on Southampton performance. Comparative performance for Statistical Neighbours and Core Cities will not be available until the DfE release provisional data usually available in late October.

National Context

- Nationally the pass rate (A*-E) dropped by 0.2% from 98.1% in 2016 to 97.9% in 2017. This is the lowest the National pass rate (A*-E) has been over the past 4 years and the first time the pass rate has decreased since 2014.
- A*-A grades achieved a National pass rate of 26.3%, an increase of 0.5% from 25.8% in 2016. Since 2014, the A*-A pass rate has shown a decreasing trend until 2017, when there was the first increase in the National average in 4 years. The 2017 A*-A National pass rate is the highest that it has been since 2014.
- The A* pass rate increased by 0.2% to 8.3% after being 8.1% in 2016. This is the highest the A* pass rate has been since 2014. This new grade was introduced in 2010 to provide more challenge and help universities identify the top performing students.

	2017 A-Level grades	2016 A-Level grades	2015 A-level grades	2014 A-level grades
Grade A*	8.3%	8.1%	8.2%	8.2%
Grade A*-A	26.3%	25.8%	25.9%	26.0%
Grade A*-B	53.1%	52.9%	52.8%	52.4%
Grade A*-E	97.9%	98.1%	98.1%	98.0%

Figure 1 Top ten A-level subjects as a percentage of the total entry over the period 2008 to 2017

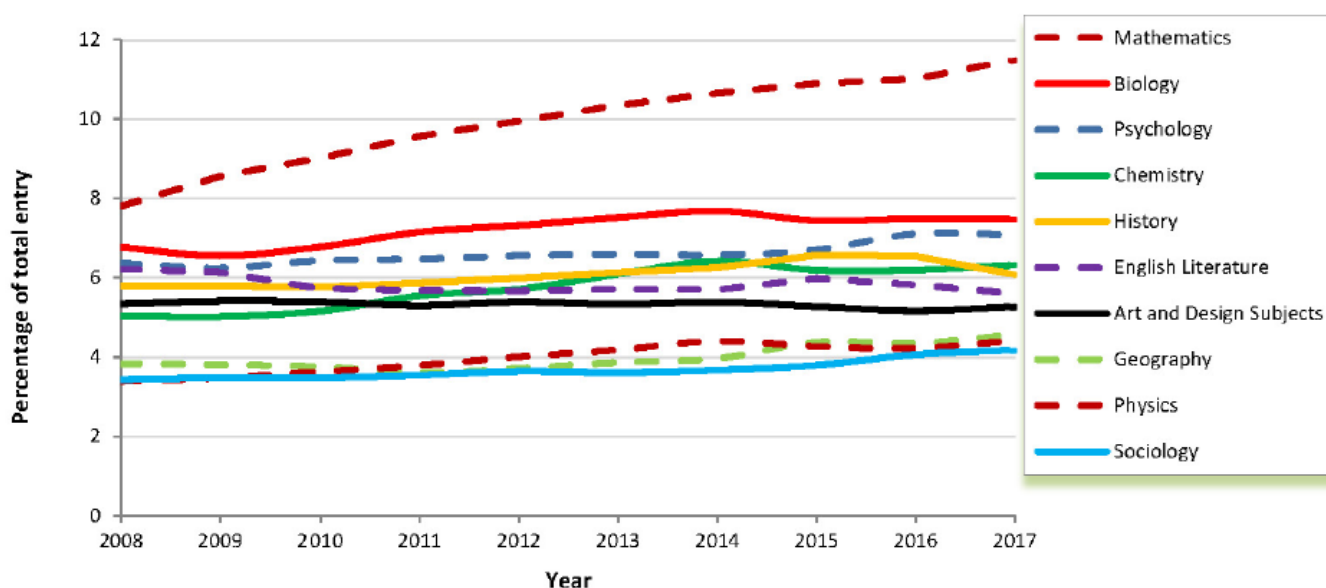


Figure 1 source: Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) Examination Results for 2017 A-Level

Southampton Provisional Results (Additional level 3 qualifications are still to be received by further education providers)

- In 2017, 96.6% of Southampton A Level entries achieved an A*-E grade at College or Sixth Form. This is 1.3% below National performance that saw 97.9% of A level results achieve an A*-E grade.
- 67.8% of A Level entries within Southampton's Colleges or Sixth Forms achieved a grade C or above. The National performance for A*-C was 77.4%, a gap of 9.6% when compared with Southampton LA (67.8%).
- Out of over 1900 A-level entries within Southampton, 39.4% achieved an A*-B grade. Nationally a pass rate of 53.1% was achieved resulting in a gap of 13.7% with Southampton (39.4%).
- 15.7% of Southampton entries achieved an A-Level A* or A grade in 2017. A challenge still remains to meet National performance as A-Level A*-A grades was 26.3%, a gap of 10.6% between Southampton and National.

Southampton College and Sixth Form A Level results 2017											
	Number of A Levels completed in 2017	A Level A*-A		A Level A*-B		A Level A*-C		A Level A*-E		Average Points Score per A Level entry	
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number of A level entries at the end of Key Stage 5 (16-18 only)	APS
Southampton	1968	308	15.7%	776	39.4%	1335	67.8%	1902	96.6%	1859	32.0
National			26.3%		53.1%		77.4%		97.9%		Not currently available

All data is provisional and subject to change

Southampton City College do not complete an A level curriculum therefore are not included within the table above. A broader range of results will be reported later in the year reflecting the breadth of achievements within Southampton.

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