

Southampton's Exam Results and Analysis 2022

KS2 Results (Year 6)

- 52% of Southampton pupils achieved the **Expected Standard in Reading, Writing and Maths** combined, 7% below the National (59%).
- 4% of Southampton pupils achieved the **High Standard in Reading, Writing and Maths** combined.
- 70% of Southampton pupils achieved the **Expected Standard in Reading**, this is 4% below the National (74%).
- 25% of Southampton pupils achieved the **High Standard in Reading**.
- 62% of Southampton pupils achieved the **Expected Standard in Writing**, 7% below the National (69%).
- 7% of Southampton pupils achieved the **High Standard in Writing**.
- 66% of Southampton pupils achieved the **Expected Standard in Maths**, 5% below the National (71%).
- 19% of Southampton pupils achieved the **High Standard in Maths**.

Good News

• Southampton's 2022 KS2 performance at a Higher Standard in Reading and Maths was 25% and 19% respectively. This is in line with the Statistical Neighbour Higher Standard performance for both subjects. However, a challenge remains as there is a 1% and 3% gap to the Core City (26%) and National (28%) average for Reading and a 2% and 3% gap to the Core City (21%) and National average (22%) for Maths.

Areas to improve on

- The 2022 KS2 outcomes for Southampton at the Expected Standard were at least 1%, and as much as 7%, below the National average across all subjects and combined indicators; Reading, Writing and Maths combined (7% gap), Reading (4% gap), Writing (7% gap), Maths (6% gap), Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (5% gap) and Science (5% gap).
- Southampton's 2022 KS2 achievement for the percentage of pupils achieving the Expected Standard in Reading, Writing and Maths was 51% which is 3% and 5% below the Statistical Neighbour and Core City performance of 54% and 56% respectively.
- Southampton's 2022 KS2 achievement for the percentage of pupils achieving a Higher Standard in Reading, Writing and Maths was 4%, which is 1% and 3% below the Statistical Neighbour and Core City performance of 5% and 7% respectively.
- Southampton's 2022 KS2 achievement for the percentage of pupils achieving a Greater Depth in Writing was 6%, which is 3% and 6% below the Statistical Neighbour and Core City performance of 9% and 12% respectively.

- In Science, 73% of Southampton pupils achieved the Expected Standard, which was 5% below the National average (78%), 2% below both the Statistical Neighbour (75%) and Core City (75%) average. Southampton achieved a ranking of joint 141st with 5 other Local Authorities out of 150 Local Authorities.

- In Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS), 67% of Southampton pupils achieved the Expected Standard which was 5% below the National average (72%), 2% below the Statistical Neighbour average (69%), and 3% below the Core City average (70%). Southampton achieved a ranking of joint 139th with 6 other Local Authorities out of 150 Local Authorities.
- In Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS), 24% of Southampton pupils achieved the Higher Standard, which was 4% below the National average (28%), ranking Southampton a joint 109th with 15 other Local Authorities out of 150 Local Authorities.

KS4 Results and Analysis (Year 11)

Key Stage 4 GCSE results were released to schools on 24 August 2022. Southampton schools agreed to inform the Local Authority of their results so that citywide performance can be calculated. The short briefing note below, based on early provisional data, provides an overview of Southampton's performance.

2022 is the first time since 2019 that Key Stage 4 and 5 grades are being based on exams and assessments after two years of alternative arrangements in response to Coronavirus. The DfE and Ofqual recognise that students in the 2022 cohort have had their education disrupted, and that exams and assessments taken in summer 2022 should be adjusted to take this into account. These adjustments are designed to mitigate the impacts of the disruption that students have faced during the pandemic without undermining the value of their qualifications and their ability to progress successfully to further study.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, Key Stage 4 and 5 exams were not completed in the normal way in 2020 and 2021. It is important however to acknowledge that the 2020 and 2021 Key Stage 4 and 5 collections have used different methodologies. In 2020, schools were asked to provide centre assessed grades for their students. Schools were instructed that these should be fair, objective and carefully considered judgements of the grade's they believed their students would have been most likely to achieve, if they had sat their exams, whilst taking the full range of available evidence into account. In 2021, teachers were asked to assess the standard at which pupils were performing based only on what had been taught. Teachers' judgements were based on a range of evidence relating to the subject content that had been delivered, either in the classroom or via remote learning.

The focus of this 2022 briefing note will follow the 2022 accountability measures update published by the [DfE in June 2022](#):

- Progress 8 (not available until mid-September)
- Attainment 8
- The percentage of pupils achieving a 5 or above (strong pass) in English and Maths

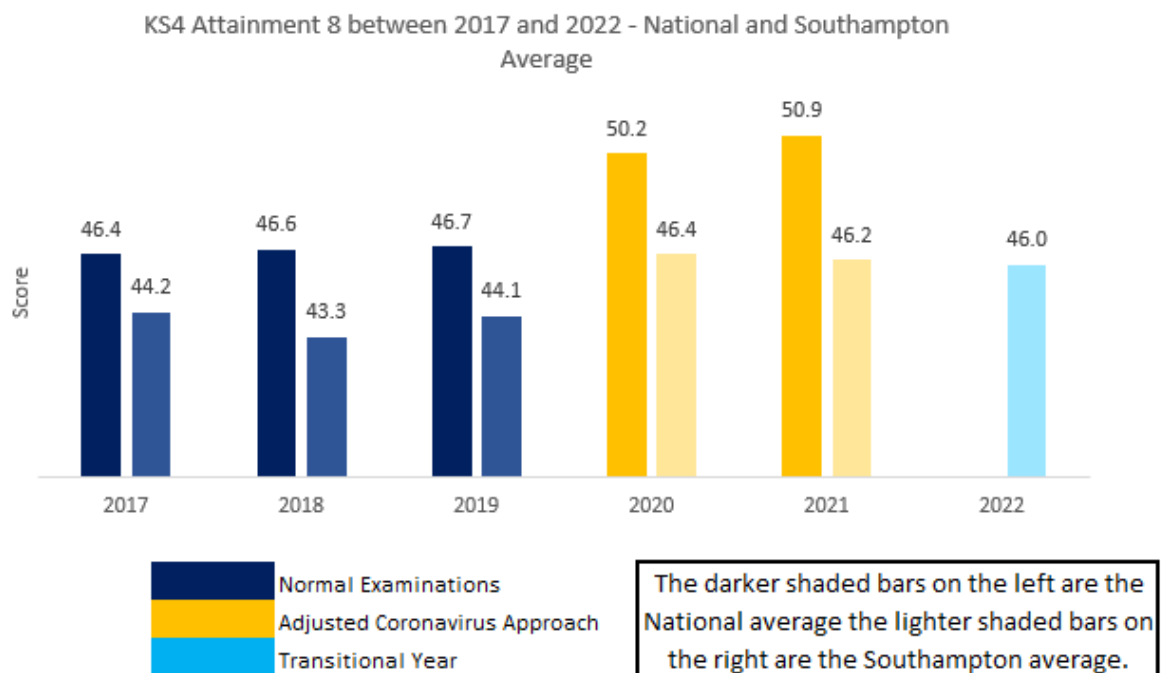
- EBacc Average Points Score
- The percentage of pupils entering the English Baccalaureate
- The percentage of students staying in education or employment after Key Stage 4 (destinations)

In addition to the headline indicators above, the DfE also focus on the following measures:

- The proportion of pupils achieving a standard pass in English and Maths – grade 4 or above
- The proportion of pupils achieving a grade 5 or above in all Ebacc subject
- The proportion of pupils achieving a grade 4 or above in all Ebacc subject areas (The EBacc is - English language and literature, maths, sciences, geography or history, a language)

Due to the changes in methodology between results years, it is important that outcomes are considered within the context of that specific year. Comparisons between years should be treated with caution.

- In 2022, Southampton pupils achieved an Attainment 8 score of 46.0 whereas in 2021, the Southampton Attainment 8 score was 46.2, a decrease of 0.2. The 2021 National average for Attainment 8 was 50.9, a 2022 National average will not be available until the end of September 2022.



- In 2022, 62% of Southampton pupils achieved a 9-4 in English and Maths GCSE, which was 2% lower than the 64% of Southampton pupils who achieved a 9-4 in English and Maths GCSE in 2021. The latest available National average for percentage achieving 9-4 in English and Maths was 72% in 2021.

- In 2022, 42% of Southampton pupils achieved a 9-5 in English and Maths GCSE, which was in line with the 42% of Southampton pupils who achieved a 9-5 in English and Maths GCSE in 2021. The latest available National average for percentage achieving 9-5 in English and Maths was 52% in 2021.
- In 2022, 61% of Southampton pupils achieved a 9-5 and 75% of Southampton pupils achieved a 9-4 in GCSE English.
- In 2022, 46% of Southampton pupils achieved a 9-5 and 66% of Southampton pupils achieved a 9-4 in GCSE Maths.
- Southampton's 2022 Attainment 8 score in English, Maths, EBacc elements and Open elements were 9.8, 8.6, 13.2 and 14.3 respectively.
- In 2022, 29% of Southampton pupils entered the English Baccalaureate. An English Baccalaureate Average Points Score of 3.99 was achieved by Southampton pupils.
- In 2022, 16% of Southampton pupils achieved a 9-5 and 20% of Southampton pupils achieved a 9-4 in the English Baccalaureate.

This early data suggests that Southampton's 2022 relative performance in relation to other LAs and the rank position is an improvement on the KS4 outcomes achieved during the pandemic but is unlikely to reach the levels achieved in 2019. This data continues to support the messaging of cautious optimism, but a way to go to meet National averages. However, the caveat remains in place that this is dependent on the accuracy of information provided by the 12 schools.

The position should become clearer towards the end of September as LAs should start to receive pupil level files from the DfE and the publication of the Statistical Release should follow shortly after that.

Southampton A-Level Provisional Results (Year 13)

- Southampton pupils achieved an Average Points Score per A-Level Entry of 33.0 in 2022. This is 5.7 below the 2021 Southampton performance of 38.7. No National data is available for Average Points Score per A-Level Entry on results day.
- In 2022, 21.9% of A-Level entries within Southampton's Colleges and Sixth Forms achieved a grade A* or A. The National performance for A*-A was 35.9%, a gap of 14.0% when compared with the Southampton average (21.9%).
- Out of 975 A-level entries within Southampton, 43.2% achieved an A*-B grade. Nationally a pass rate of 62.2% was achieved resulting in a gap of 19.0% with Southampton (43.2%). Southampton pupils had 421 A-Levels at grade B or above and required an additional 185 A-Levels to have surpassed the B grade threshold to have equalled the National average.

- In 2022, 70.7% of A-Level entries within Southampton's Colleges and Sixth Forms achieved a grade C or above. The National performance for A*-C was 82.1%, a gap of 11.4% when compared with the Southampton average (70.7%).
- In 2022, 97.5% of Southampton A-Level entries achieved an A*-E grade at College or Sixth Form. This is 0.9% below the National performance that saw 98.4% of A-level results achieve an A*-E grade.

Southampton College and Sixth Form A Level Results 2022 (Provisional)											
	Number of A Levels completed in 2022	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 2022	975	214	21.9%	421	43.2%	689	70.7%	951	97.5%	976.5	33.0
National 2022			35.9%		62.2%		82.1%		98.4%	-	-

- The 2022 performance has seen Southampton's relative position to the National average between 2021 and 2022 decline by 1.4% for %A*-A, by 11.6% for A*-B, by 10.4% for A*-C and by 0.9% for A*-E.

	2020			2021			2022			Relative change in Southampton / National Gap 2020 to 2021	Relative change in Southampton / National Gap 2021 to 2022
	Southampton (Provisional Results Day)	National	Gap to National	Southampton (Provisional Results Day)	National	Gap to National	Southampton (Provisional Results Day)	National	Gap to National		
A*-A	26.4%	38.1%	-11.7%	31.8%	44.3%	-12.5%	21.9%	35.9%	-14.0%	-0.8%	-1.4%
A*-B	55.5%	65.4%	-9.9%	62.3%	69.8%	-7.5%	43.2%	62.2%	-19.0%	2.4%	-11.6%
A*-C	84.6%	87.5%	-2.9%	87.2%	88.2%	-1.0%	70.7%	82.1%	-11.4%	1.8%	-10.4%
A*-E	99.4%	99.7%	-0.3%	99.5%	99.5%	0.0%	97.5%	98.4%	-0.9%	0.3%	-0.9%
Average Points Score (2020 & 2021 is revised data)	35.5	39.5	-4.0	38.7	40.4	-1.7	33.0	-	-	2.3	-