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Introduction

1 A database of GCSE/GNVQ and GCE A/AS level & Advanced GNVQ examination results for each candidate has been assembled for the publication of secondary school and college performance tables for England in November 1999. This bulletin presents further analyses of this database. Full details of the sources and definitions of the data in this bulletin are given at the end of the text. The convention of referring to ages at the beginning of the academic year has been used to be consistent with the performance tables themselves. The results shown in this bulletin take account of any amendments notified by secondary schools and colleges and agreed since publication of the performance tables and the Statistical First Release (SFR35/1999) in November 1999. Final 1998/99 figures for each Local Education Authority are included in this bulletin – updating the data published in November 1999.

Key Points

2 The tables show that:

- I. The percentage of 15 year old girls in schools with 5 or more GCSEs at grades A*–C or the GNVQ equivalent has increased from 51.5 per cent in 1997/98 to 53.4 per cent in 1998/99. Achievements of girls remained well above those of boys, whose percentages with 5 or more grades A*–C or the GNVQ equivalent increased from 41.3 per cent in 1997/98 to 42.8 per cent in 1998/99. (*Table 1*)
- II. 88.5 per cent of 15 year old pupils gained at least five GCSEs at grades A*–G or the GNVQ equivalent in 1998/99, 90.6 per cent of girls and 86.5 per cent of boys. (*Table 1*)
- III. 94.0 per cent of 15 year old pupils gained at least one GCSE at grades A*–G or the GNVQ equivalent in 1998/99, 95.0 per cent of girls and 93.0 per cent of boys. (*Table 1*)
- IV. 95.0 per cent of 15 year old pupils in schools were entered for one or more GCSEs or the GNVQ equivalent in 1998/99 and 90.4 per cent were entered for five or more. On average, fifteen year old pupils attempted 8 or 9 GCSEs. (*Tables 1 and 6*)
- V. More than 34 per cent of the 17 year old population achieved 2 or more GCE A/AS/Advanced GNVQ passes in 1998/99, 37.9 per cent of women and 30.9 per cent of men. (*Table 18*)

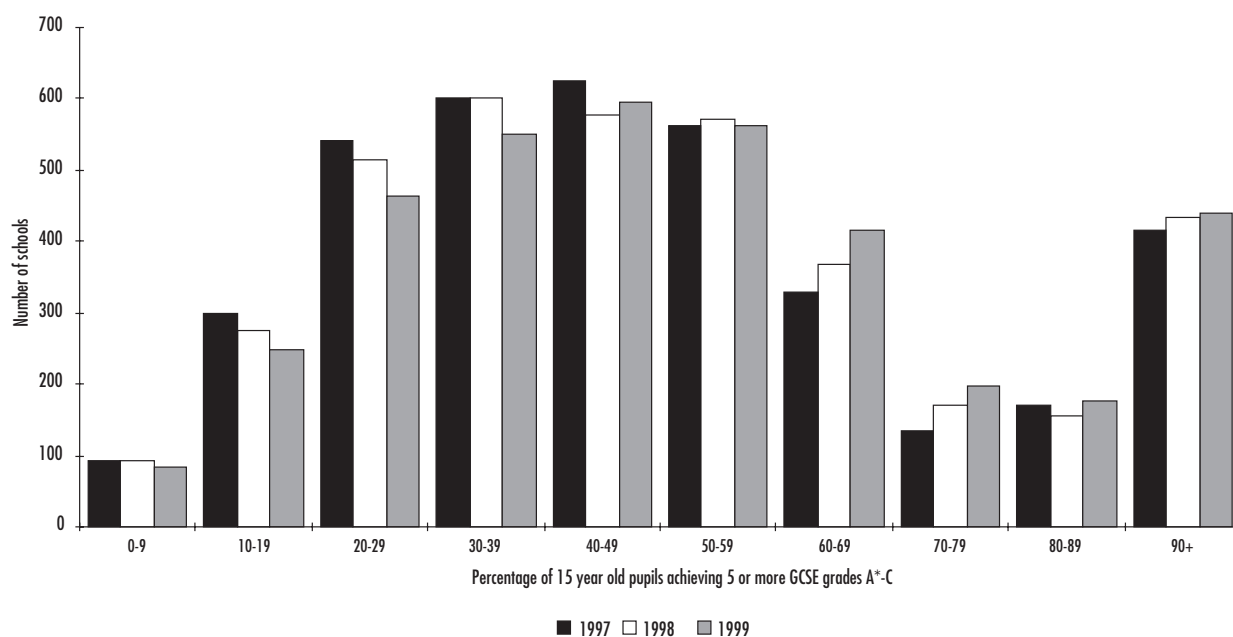
- VI. GCE A level pass rates (i.e. achievement at grades A–E) in school sixth forms were slightly higher than in sixth form colleges, 90.8 per cent and 88.9 per cent respectively. Pass rates at other Further Education sector colleges were 79.4 per cent for students aged 18 or below and 69.9 per cent for students aged 19 or above. The pass rate for all establishments was 88.9 (excluding candidates aged 19 or over in Further Education sector colleges). (*Table 10*)
- VII. The average number of GCE A/AS/Advanced GNVQ passes per 17 year old candidate was 2.7 in comprehensive schools and 2.9 in sixth form colleges, compared with 2.0 in other Further Education sector colleges. When all establishments were looked at as a whole, the average number of passes was 2.8. (*Table 11*)
- VIII. Overall 15.8 per cent of 17 year old male candidates achieved a score of at least 30 compared with 14.4 per cent of female candidates. However, women in modern schools, independent schools and sixth form colleges outperformed their male counterparts in this 30 plus category. (*Table 12*)

GCSE/GNVQ attempts and achievements by 15 year old pupils

- 3 Some 42.8 per cent of boys aged 15 in all schools (including special schools), had achieved 5 or more higher grades at GCSE or the GNVQ equivalent by 1998/99 compared with 53.4 per cent for girls. The increase in percentage points over 1997/98 was higher for girls (1.9) than for boys (1.5). Maintained selective schools had the highest percentage of pupils aged 15 gaining 5 or more grades A*–C by 1998/99, with 96.4 per cent achieving this level, compared with 80.9 per cent in independent schools, 45.0 per cent in comprehensive schools and 32.8 per cent in modern schools. (*Table 1*)
- 4 Chart 1 shows how the distribution of all schools (excluding special schools and schools with less than 20 pupils aged 15) by the percentage of 15 year old pupils achieving 5 or more GCSE grades A*–C or the GNVQ equivalent, has changed between 1997 and 1999. The chart shows that the number of schools with 50 per cent or more pupils achieving 5 or more GCSE grades A*–C has tended to increase over the years while those with pupils achieving less has tended to decrease. There has been a large reduction in the number of schools with 10–29 per cent of 15 year old pupils achieving 5 or more GCSE grades A*–C or the GNVQ equivalent. There has been a counterbalancing increase in the number of schools with 60–79 per cent of 15 year old pupils achieving 5 or more GCSE grades A*–C or the GNVQ equivalent.

CHART 1:

Number of schools (excluding special schools and schools with less than 20 pupils aged 15) analysed by percentage of 15 year old pupils achieving 5 or more GCSE grades A*–C



5 The proportion of pupils aged 15 gaining five or more grades A*–C or the GNVQ equivalent varied between LEAs and between regions. The average for the Inner London boroughs, at 35.0 per cent, was lower than non London metropolitan areas, which ranged from 37.7 per cent for South Yorkshire to 43.4 per cent for Greater Manchester. These were in turn lower than the shire counties which varied from 39.0 per cent in Durham to 62.6 per cent in Buckinghamshire. In each type of authority, girls achieved better results than boys. The Outer London authorities had lower GCSE/GNVQ achievements than the shire counties, but better than the non London metropolitan districts. The only LEA where the percentage of boys achieving five or more GCSE grades A*–C, or the GNVQ equivalent, was higher was Kensington & Chelsea. (Tables 2 and 3)

6 Table 3 shows for each LEA, the distribution of maintained schools (excluding special schools) by various ranges of the percentage of 15 year old pupils gaining 5 or more grades A*–C or the GNVQ equivalent. For example, in Knowsley (Merseyside) only 9 per cent of schools had 40 per cent or more 15 year old pupils gaining 5 or more grades A*–C, whereas in Shropshire (West Midlands Region) the proportion was 95 per cent. In England as a whole, the proportion of maintained schools with 40 per cent or more 15 year old pupils gaining 5 or more grades A*–C at GCSE or the GNVQ equivalent was 59 per cent, compared with 55 per cent in 1997/98 (Statistical Bulletin 8/99 published in May 1999). It should be noted, however, that the frequency of selective schools in an LEA will affect the numbers of schools where high proportions of pupils gain five or more A*–C grades. (Table 3)

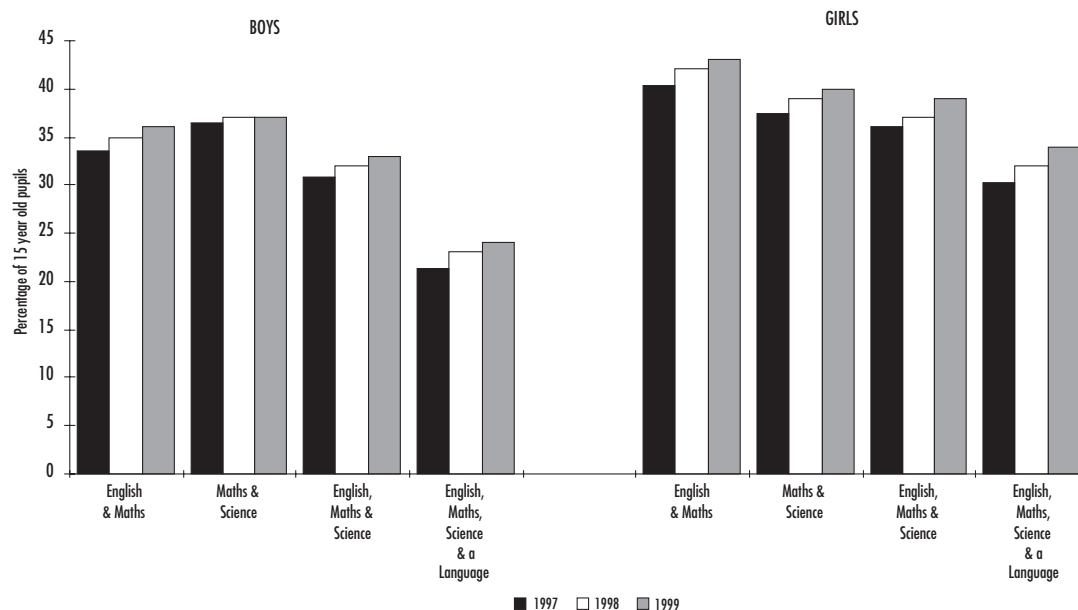
7 There was a considerable difference in the standard of achievement of girls and boys in modern languages, with 47 per cent of girls aged 15 achieving a GCSE grade A*–C in a modern language, compared with 31 per cent of boys. A higher proportion of girls also achieved GCSE grades A*–C in English – 61 per cent compared with 45 per cent of boys. The proportion of boys achieving a grade A*–C in geography was 23 per cent compared with 21 per cent for girls. A higher proportion of boys also achieved GCSE grades A*–C in physics, chemistry, biology, information technology and physical education. (Table 5) The achievements by subject refer to full GCSE courses and take no account of the GCSE short courses.

8 Seventy six per cent of the 15 year olds in schools attempted the GCSE double science award – a much higher proportion than the single science award or the individual subjects of physics, chemistry or biology. (Tables 4 and 5)

9 Eighty nine per cent of pupils aged 15 attempted a GCSE in English, mathematics and a science, and 36 per cent achieved a grade A*–C in all three subjects. Very few pupils only attempt two of these three subjects with forty per cent achieving a grade A*–C in both English and mathematics and 39 per cent achieving a grade A*–C in both mathematics and science. The proportion of 15 year old pupils in schools achieving a grade A*–C in English, mathematics, a science and a modern foreign language was 34 per cent of girls and 24 per cent of boys. Chart 2 shows how the proportion of 15 year old boys and girls in schools achieving grades A*–C in these subject combinations has changed over the last 3 years. (Table 5)

CHART 2:

Percentage of 15 year old pupils in schools achieving GCSE grades A*–C in each subject of selected combinations



GCSE achievements by students aged 16+ in schools and colleges

10 Table 6 shows the numbers of GCSE candidates by age, and the proportions with different achievements at GCSE in schools and colleges. Just under 100,000 students aged 16 entered one or more GCSE examinations in the academic year 1998/99. Forty six per cent were in maintained schools and most of the remainder were in sixth form colleges and other Further Education sector colleges. There were also around 95,000 students aged 17 and over at all types of establishment that were entered for 1 or more GCSEs in 1998/99. Nearly 97 per cent of those attempting GCSE achieved at least one pass. (*Table 6*)

Analysis of individual GCSE/GNVQ subjects by grades or types

11 For GCSE full courses, in the majority of subjects in 1998/99, the most common grade obtained by 15 year old candidates was grade C. In biology, chemistry and physics the most common grade was A (including A*) whereas in other science and physical education it was D. There were over 4,700,000 GCSE full course examination entries in 1998/99, of which 205.6 thousand resulted in the A* grade. There has been a significant increase in the numbers of 15 year olds taking GCSE short courses, from under 19,000 in 1996/97 to nearly 237,000 in 1998/99. The most popular subjects taken as GCSE short courses were religious education, computer studies, design & technology and French. The GNVQ results of 15 year old pupils in schools show that business and health & social care were the most popular subjects at both GNVQ Part 1 and full GNVQ. (*Table 7, 8 and 9*).

12 Chart 3 shows the distribution of full GCSE grades obtained by 15 year old candidates by 1998/99 for English, mathematics, double award science and French. (*Table 7*).

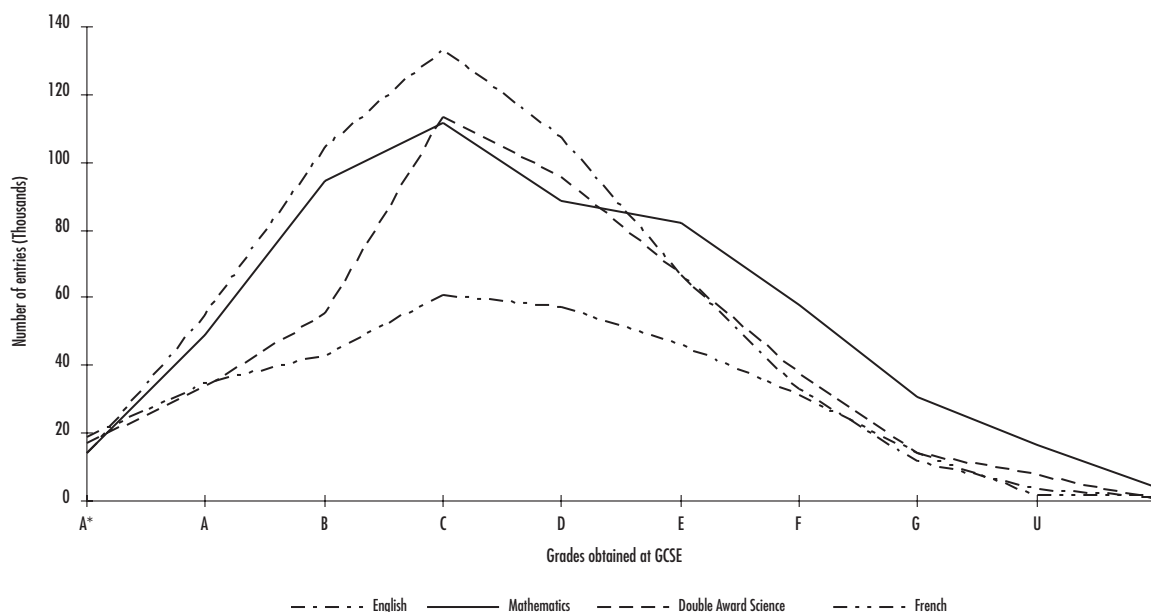
GCE A level and AS examination passes in 1998/99

13 The proportion of GCE A level candidates who achieved 2 or more passes in the academic year 1998/99 was higher at schools (82.4 per cent) and at sixth form colleges (77.2 per cent), than at other Further Education sector colleges (52.0 per cent of candidates aged 18 and under). This partly reflects the large numbers in Further Education who are aged 18 and who are retaking single subjects, and partly those in Further Education who are taking vocational qualifications in combination with one GCE A level, or who are taking the GCE A level on a part-time course. It may also be affected by the selection and examination entry policies of the institutions. (*Table 10*)

14 78.1 per cent of 17 year old GCE A/AS level & AGNVQ candidates at Further Education sector colleges had achieved two or more passes at GCE A/AS level & AGNVQ by 1998/99, compared with 88.3 per cent of all schools, 85.5 per cent in comprehensive schools, 96.1 per cent in selective schools and 73.5 per cent in modern schools. (*Table 11*)

15 The average point score of 17 year old GCE A/AS & Advanced GNVQ candidates in 1998/99 was 17.2, and was higher for women (17.4) than for men (17.0). More than 15 per cent of 17 year old candidates achieved a score of at least 30 points. This statistic varied considerably between different types of establishment, from 1.4 per cent of

CHART 3:
Distribution of GCSE grades in selected subjects – 1998/99



candidates in maintained modern schools, to 31.0 per cent in independent schools. The differences were due in part to the varying nature of what may be studied in schools and FE sector colleges and the qualifications of students on entry to colleges and schools, reflecting different policies on access to GCE A/AS level and Advanced GNVQ courses, and entry for examinations. (Table 12) The last point is explained in more detail in Statistical Bulletin 01/00, entitled 'GCSE/GNVQ and GCE A/AS performance of candidates attempting two or more GCE A levels or AS equivalents – 1998/99'. This bulletin shows how the GCE A/AS results of 17 year old candidates compare with their GCSE/GNVQ results. An electronic version of this document is available on the DfEE's website; <http://www.dfes.gov.uk/news/spn/spn.htm>

16 Differences in A/AS/AGNVQ average point scores were also apparent between different Local Education Authority areas. The North West GOR had the highest average score of 18.2 and the North East had the lowest at 16.1, compared with 17.2 for England as a whole. (Table 13)

Success rates in selected subjects at GCE A/AS level

17 Women of all ages entered for GCE A levels in mathematics, physics, and technology had higher success rates than men, although a much greater number of 17 year old men entered and passed these subjects. The opposite was true of history and French at GCE A level. Two of the most common subjects at GCE A level were English and mathematics, and women who entered them had a slightly higher pass rate than men. The proportions of the age group entering and passing English were much higher for women than men (15.6

per cent compared with 6.1 per cent), with the position reversed for mathematics (5.5 per cent compared with 8.8 per cent). (Tables 15 and 16)

Analysis of individual GCE A/AS level achievements of 17 year olds analysed by subject and grades

18 There were nearly 603,000 GCE A level entries made by 17 year old candidates, of which over 110,000 resulted in A grades. English, mathematics, social studies and general studies were the most popular subjects at GCE A level. The most common grade achieved in mathematics was A with a considerable difference between the numbers achieving grades A and B. Biology, French and Economics had a fairly even distribution with nearly equal numbers gaining grades A, B, C and D. (Table 17)

19 Chart 4 shows the grade distribution for GCE A level chemistry, mathematics, geography, English and French for 17 year old candidates in 1998/99. (Table 17)

Proportion of young people achieving a GCE A/AS/Advanced GNVQ pass in selected subjects.

20 Chart 5 shows how the proportion of young people passing GCE A/AS level in selected subjects (as a percentage of the 17 year old population) has changed from 1996/97 to 1998/99. The proportion of young people (aged 18 and under) passing GCE A/AS level in physics has risen slightly over the years from 1996/97 to 1998/99. The proportion passing English and mathematics has decreased whereas biology and

CHART 4:
Distribution of GCE A level grades in selected subjects – 1998/99

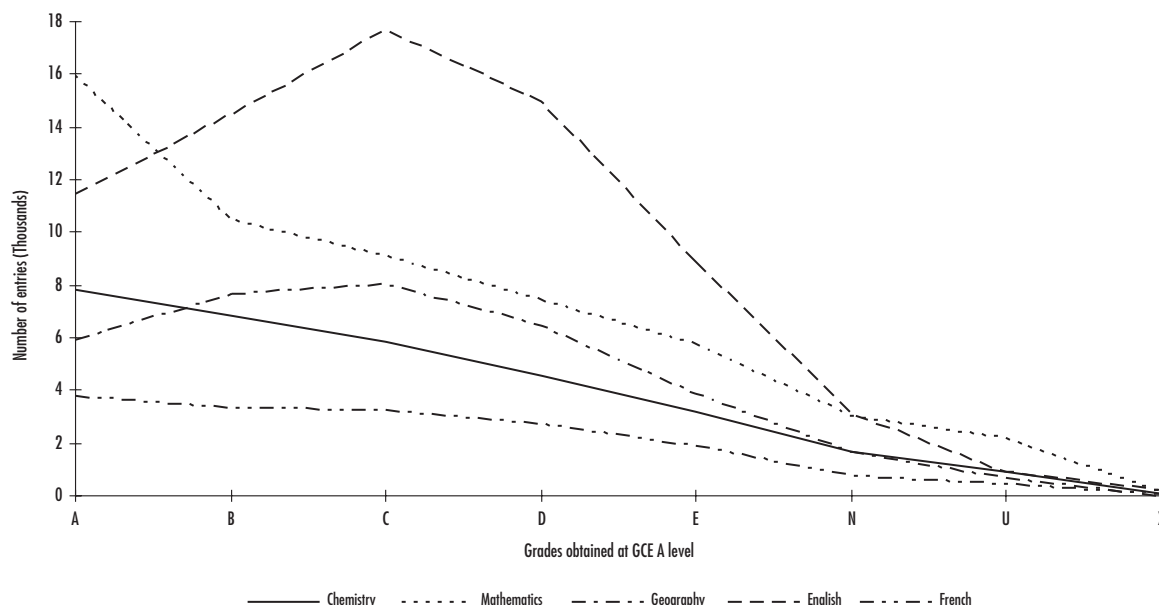
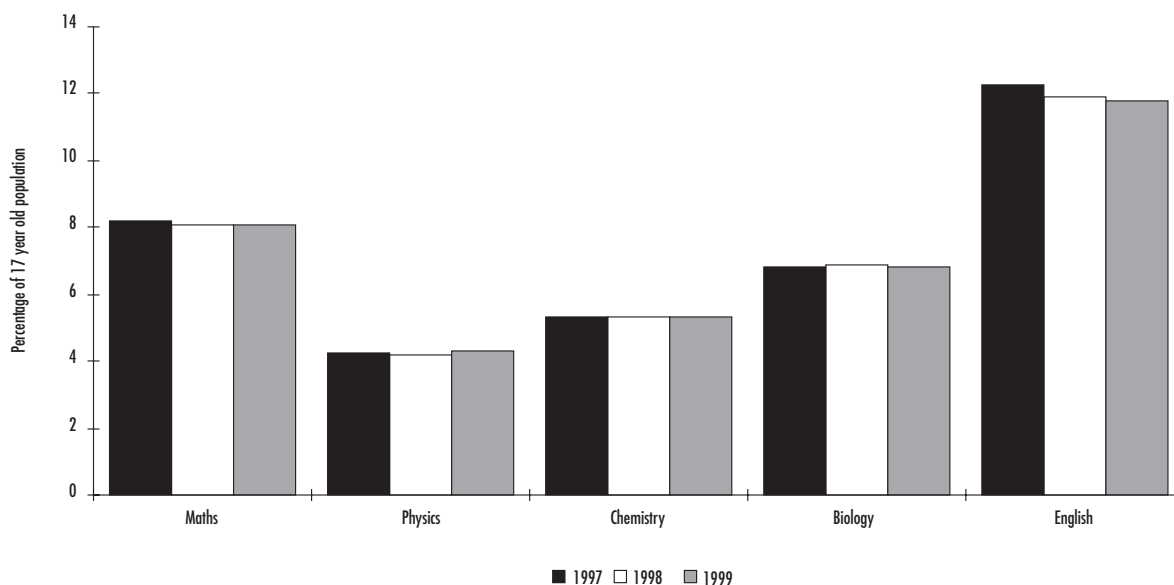


CHART 5:
Proportion of young people achieving a GCE A/AS/Advanced GNVQ pass in selected subjects – 1996/97 to 1998/99



chemistry have remained constant over the three year period. (Tables 15 and 16)

Time series of GCE A/AS level & Advanced GNVQ results of students aged 18 and under from 1996/97 to 1998/99

21 Table 18 shows the number of candidates aged 18 or under who achieved their GCE A/AS level (or AGNVQ equivalent) passes for the first time in each of the relevant years. In 1998/99, 210,400 young people in schools and Further Education sector colleges had achieved two or more GCE A/AS (or AGNVQ equivalent)

passes (34.3 per cent of the 17 year old population) compared with 212,200 (34.2 per cent) in 1997/98. In 1998/99, some 73,100 (11.9 per cent) achieved this level in Further Education sector colleges (Table 18) compared with 12.3 per cent in 1997/98.

Advanced GNVQ achievements of candidates in 1998/99

22 Advanced level GNVQs continue to be popular along side the traditional GCE A levels. Besides the 267 thousand young people that attempted GCE A levels in 1998/99, there were nearly 23 thousand 17 year old

candidates who completed an Advanced GNVQ. Of these candidates 41 per cent achieved a merit pass, 25 per cent achieved a distinction and 20 per cent achieved a basic pass. The distribution of awards is similar to last year. A full Advanced GNVQ award is broadly equivalent to 2 GCE A level passes. The most popular subjects taken were Business studies, leisure & tourism, health & social care, Art & Design and Information Technology. (Table 17A)

National Learning Targets

23 The GCSE/GNVQ and GCE A/AS level & Advanced GNVQ results described in this bulletin make a major contribution – but only a contribution – to the achievement of the National Learning Targets for England for the year 2002. The targets (revised in March 1999) are:

By age 16:

- at least 50% to achieve 5 or more higher grade (A*–C) GCSEs or the equivalent
- at least 95% to achieve 1 or more GCSE or the equivalent

By age 19:

- at least 85% to achieve a level 2 qualification i.e. 5 GCSEs at grade C or above, an Intermediate GNVQ or an NVQ level 2

By age 21:

- at least 60% to achieve a level 3 qualification i.e. 2 GCE A levels, an Advanced GNVQ or an NVQ level 3. Note: AS examinations count as half a GCE A level.

24 The denominators used for these targets are the total population who are in the relevant age range. It should be noted that other denominators are used in this publication such as the attainment of candidates entered for an examination and the attainment of 15 year olds on roll in all schools.

25 National monitoring of progress towards these targets, taking account of all academic and vocational qualifications gained by the target ages, is based on data from the Labour Force Survey (LFS). The latest estimates for Autumn 1999 show that within England, 75 per cent of 19 year olds had a level 2 qualification or above and 53 per cent of 21 year olds had a level 3 qualification.

26 Note that the targets for 21 year olds cannot be compared directly with the attainment of 17 year olds in 1998/99 given in Table 11 however, because they relate to an older cohort. The bulk of the difference between A/AS/AGNVQ attainment by 17 year olds and level 3 attainment by age 21 is accounted for by vocational qualifications, although a small proportion of young people do achieve A/AS/AGNVQs between the ages of 18 and 21.

27 The substantial increases in GCSE and GCE A level attainment since 1992/93, with the percentage of 15 year olds with 5 or more GCSE grades A*–C up by 6.7 percentage points (from 41.2 per cent to 47.9 per cent), and the percentage of 17 year olds with 2 or more GCE A levels (or equivalent) up by 10 percentage points (from 24 per cent to 34 per cent), will feed through into further progress towards the National Targets over the next four years. However, significant increases in the proportion of young people gaining vocational qualifications are also needed if the targets are to be achieved.

Definitions and Sources

28 The data on examination entries and passes were obtained from the GCSE/GNVQ and GCE A/AS & AGNVQ examination boards and groups. After further processing by the Department's contractors, the data were used to publish the Secondary school and the Secondary school and college (16-18) performance tables, under the Parent's Charter. The data for schools and Further Education sector colleges were checked by the institutions concerned before being used in the performance tables. Results for GCSE/GNVQ candidates aged 15 and GCE A/AS & AGNVQ candidates aged 17 (but not for other ages) were accumulated from entries made by the candidates in the previous academic years. Results for pupils in the 16-18 age range were taken over the 1998/99 academic year only.

29 The results for 15 year olds show their overall achievements in GCSEs, GCSE (Short Courses), Part One GNVQs (Foundation and Intermediate), full GNVQs (Foundation and Intermediate) and the GNVQ Language Units. GCSE (Sort Courses) are of the same academic standard as a full GCSE but have half the content. GCSE (Short Courses) and GNVQ awards have been reported on the basis of the following broad equivalencies:

Qualification		Number of GCSEs	GCSE grades
GNVQ Part One	Intermediate	2	A*–C
	Foundation	2	D–G
GNVQ Full	Intermediate	4	A*–C
	Foundation	4	D–G
GNVQ Language unit	Intermediate	1/2	A
	Foundation	1/2	D
GCSE Short Course		1/2	same grade

The figures for those achieving 1 or more GCSE grade A*–G or the GNVQ equivalent also include those 15 year olds that achieved at least one pass in a GCSE short course or GNVQ language unit.

30 Where a candidate had attempted an examination in the same subject more than once, only the highest value

pass was counted. A GCE A level pass was always taken in place of an AS examination pass in the same subject, regardless of the AS grade. A GCSE full course pass was always taken in place of the GCSE short course in the same subject.

31 The pupil population aged 15 is taken from the annual schools census carried out in January 1999, as modified by schools when they were consulted in October about the information to be published in the performance tables. The estimates of the 17 year old population in Table 11 and 18 use the GAD source. A pupil's age is that at the start of the academic year (i.e. 31 August 1998). Fifteen year olds are therefore in the last year of compulsory education and seventeen year olds are in the second year of post compulsory education.

32 GCSE/GNVQ point scores are determined by totalling pupils' individual GCSE/GNVQ results as follows:

GCSE: grades A to G count as 7 to 1 points respectively, with A* counting as 8; GCSE Short Courses grades A to G count as 3½ to ½ respectively, with A* counting as 4.

GNVQ: grades D, M and P count as 7½, 6 and 5 points respectively at Intermediate level, and 4, 3 and 1½ point respectively at Foundation level. These points need to be multiplied by 2 for GNVQ Part One and by 4 for GNVQ Full.

32 GCE A/AS/AGNVQ point scores are derived as follows: an A level pass and an AS examination pass are classified as grade E or above. Each grade at AS examination is counted as half that grade at A level. Scores are calculated as shown below:

A level		AS examination		Advanced GNVQ	
A	10	A	5	Distinction	18
B	8	B	4	Merit	12
C	6	C	3	Pass	6
D	4	D	2		
E	2	E	1		

34 The National Targets for Education and Training were launched in 1991, based on proposals first made by the CBI. In 1993, an independent body – the National Advisory Council for Education and Training Targets (NACETT) – was set up by Government to monitor and report on progress towards the Targets, to advise Government on policies likely to promote progress, and to increase commitment to the Targets by education and training providers and employers. The Targets include

“Foundation” and “Lifetime” Targets, the first relating to levels of attainment by young people, and the second to levels in the workforce as a whole. In July 1994 NACETT initiated a review of the Targets, resulting in a revised set of Targets, which were announced and endorsed by the Government in the second Competitiveness White Paper in May 1995. The discussion in paragraphs 23–26 above relates to these revised Targets.

35 Rounding has been used in tables to aid clarity. It is therefore possible that some totals may differ slightly from the sum of their constituent parts.

36 Table 19 gives the final 1998/99 figures for Local Education Authority areas, updating the information published in the Secondary school and the Secondary school and college (16–18) performance tables published in November 1999.

Further Information

37 Enquiries on the contents of this bulletin should be addressed to Analytical Services Branch, Level 5B, Department for Education and Employment, Caxton House, 6-12 Tothill Street, London SW1H 9NF (Tel: 0207 273 5938). An electronic version of this document is available on the DfEE's website; <http://www.dfee.gov.uk/news/spn/spn.htm> The combined Secondary school and College performance tables are available on disk. The disks can be used on PCs with Microsoft Windows version 3.1 or later. The disks are available, free of charge, from the DfEE Publications Centre, PO Box 5050, Sherwood Park, Annesley, Nottingham NG15 0DJ (Telephone 0845 602 2260). Booklets for schools in individual local education authorities are also available from this source. The Secondary school and college performance tables for the years 1994-99, are also available on the Internet on <http://www.dfee.gov.uk/perform.shtml>

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TABLE 1**GCSE/GNVQ attempts and achievements by 15 year old pupils (1) by the end of 1998/99 (2)**

School Type	Number of 15 year old pupils (1)	Percentage entered for 5+ GCSEs	Percentage who achieved at GCSE or GNVQ equivalent			Percentage entered for 1+ GCSEs	Percentage who achieved at GCSE or GNVQ equivalent	
			5+ A*–C Grades	4+ A*–C Grades	5+ A*–G Grades		1+ A*–C Grades	1+ A*–G Grades
Comprehensives Schools (3)								
Boys	244,598	91.7	39.7	44.6	89.3	96.6	67.1	95.4
Girls	238,293	93.8	50.5	55.6	91.9	97.1	77.1	96.1
Total	482,891	92.7	45.0	50.1	90.6	96.8	72.0	95.8
Selective Schools								
Boys	10,077	99.2	95.5	97.0	99.1	99.5	99.1	99.5
Girls	10,241	99.3	97.2	98.0	99.2	99.8	99.5	99.7
Total	20,318	99.2	96.4	97.5	99.2	99.7	99.3	99.6
Modern Schools								
Boys	10,347	90.4	26.8	32.3	87.4	96.1	60.3	94.7
Girls	10,489	93.0	38.8	45.5	91.4	97.0	72.8	95.9
Total	20,836	91.7	32.8	38.9	89.4	96.5	66.6	95.3
Other Maintained Schools (4)								
Boys	9,591	4.0	0.3	0.5	3.3	31.1	6.1	27.3
Girls	4,511	5.3	0.6	0.9	4.6	31.5	9.6	28.7
Total	14,102	4.4	0.4	0.6	3.7	31.3	7.2	27.8
All Maintained Schools								
Boys	274,613	88.9	39.9	44.6	86.6	94.4	65.9	93.1
Girls	263,534	92.4	51.0	55.9	90.7	96.1	76.7	95.1
Total	538,147	90.6	45.3	50.1	88.6	95.2	71.2	94.1
Independent Schools (5)								
Boys	22,494	85.2	77.7	80.2	84.8	91.0	87.7	90.6
Girls	20,331	89.5	84.5	86.3	89.4	94.1	92.9	93.9
Total	42,825	87.3	80.9	83.1	87.0	92.4	90.2	92.2
All Schools								
Boys	297,107	88.6	42.8	47.3	86.5	94.1	67.5	93.0
Girls	283,865	92.2	53.4	58.1	90.6	95.9	77.8	95.0
Total	580,972	90.4	47.9	52.6	88.5	95.0	72.6	94.0
All Schools								
Boys in 1998/99	297,107	88.6	42.8	47.3	86.5	94.1	67.5	93.0
Boys in 1997/98	293,597	87.8	41.3	45.8	85.5	93.9	66.3	92.3
Boys in 1996/97	299,509	88.0	40.5	44.9	84.4	93.1	65.2	91.2
Girls in 1998/99	283,865	92.2	53.4	58.1	90.6	95.9	77.8	95.0
Girls in 1997/98	281,613	91.5	51.5	56.3	89.7	95.7	76.6	94.6
Girls in 1996/97	287,257	91.2	50.0	54.9	88.6	95.0	76.0	93.5
Boys and Girls in 1998/99	580,972	90.4	47.9	52.6	88.5	95.0	72.6	94.0
Boys and Girls in 1997/98	575,210	89.6	46.3	50.9	87.5	94.8	71.4	93.4
Boys and Girls in 1996/97	586,766	89.6	45.1	49.8	86.4	94.0	70.5	92.3

(1) Number of pupils on roll aged 15 at the start of the 1998/99 academic year, ie. 31 August 1998.

(2) Including attempts and achievements by these pupils in previous academic years.

(3) Including City Technology Colleges.

(4) Including LEA maintained special schools, hospital schools and pupil referral units.

(5) Including non maintained special schools.

TABLE 2

GCSE/GNVQ achievements by 15 year old pupils (1) in maintained schools (2) in each Local Education Authority by the end of 1998/99 (3)

LEA	BOYS					GIRLS				
	Number of 15 year olds	Percentage of 15 year old pupils (1) achieving at GCSE or or GNVQ equivalent:			Average GCSE/GNVQ point score per 15 year old	Number of 15 year olds	Percentage of 15 year old pupils (1) achieving at GCSE or or GNVQ equivalent:			Average GCSE/GNVQ point score per 15 year old
		5+ A*–C grades	5+ A*–G grades	1+ A*–G grades			5+ A*–C grades	5+ A*–G grades	1+ A*–G grades	
NORTH EAST GOR	15,479	34.1	85.2	92.1	32.1	15,150	44.7	89.0	94.0	37.3
Hartlepool UA	607	31.8	83.0	92.9	31.8	550	46.5	90.4	94.7	39.6
Middlesbrough UA	961	27.6	79.1	89.9	28.3	957	34.4	82.4	91.1	31.8
Redcar & Cleveland UA	989	38.7	87.5	94.2	33.6	968	50.5	88.4	93.8	38.4
Stockton on Tees UA	1,210	34.5	86.1	93.6	32.9	1,219	48.2	90.5	94.5	39.9
Darlington UA	531	37.1	86.1	93.4	33.7	548	48.5	89.4	95.1	38.3
Durham County	3,002	33.2	84.2	91.8	30.9	2,833	43.5	88.7	93.9	36.3
Northumberland	1,868	40.3	88.9	93.4	35.4	1,877	52.2	90.9	94.7	40.8
Tyne & Wear Met County	6,311	32.8	85.0	91.4	31.7	6,198	42.6	89.3	94.0	36.7
Gateshead	1,071	36.8	83.9	91.3	34.1	1,103	44.8	87.6	92.9	38.9
Newcastle upon Tyne	1,394	29.0	79.1	85.7	28.1	1,359	38.3	84.0	89.9	33.0
North Tyneside	1,021	38.2	91.4	93.8	34.9	1,025	48.5	94.1	96.5	39.2
South Tyneside	905	35.6	87.8	93.5	32.6	921	44.1	91.6	95.0	37.0
Sunderland	1,920	29.2	85.3	93.3	30.8	1,790	40.3	90.4	95.9	36.4
NORTH WEST GOR	41,022	39.3	87.0	93.3	33.9	39,853	49.1	90.4	94.9	38.7
Halton	836	34.3	87.3	94.0	32.0	785	40.4	88.5	94.6	35.3
Warrington	1,189	43.1	91.9	95.9	37.2	1,162	56.5	95.3	97.8	42.7
Cheshire	3,842	49.7	92.0	96.1	38.0	3,914	59.2	94.2	97.2	43.1
Cumbria	2,879	41.7	89.3	94.8	35.9	2,775	53.7	92.0	95.4	41.4
Greater Manchester Met County	15,193	37.3	86.5	93.1	32.9	14,607	47.9	90.2	94.9	37.9
Bolton	1,734	37.1	86.7	92.2	33.0	1,596	49.9	88.5	93.3	38.6
Bury	1,081	50.1	95.5	98.2	39.3	1,090	56.9	94.6	97.4	42.2
Manchester	2,033	24.8	74.9	87.6	25.2	1,939	35.9	83.6	92.3	31.4
Oldham	1,547	35.7	88.3	94.1	33.2	1,488	44.2	89.0	93.4	36.7
Rochdale	1,246	34.0	83.0	90.4	30.5	1,208	43.0	89.3	94.5	36.0
Salford	1,176	29.8	84.9	93.5	29.2	1,179	38.4	89.0	95.2	33.5
Stockport	1,627	44.3	90.3	94.0	35.7	1,548	56.2	93.0	96.1	40.7
Tameside	1,388	35.4	88.6	95.1	32.5	1,367	45.7	92.5	96.6	36.9
Trafford	1,361	48.3	90.2	95.3	38.7	1,276	59.6	94.0	97.0	43.8
Wigan	2,000	39.5	88.1	93.6	34.5	1,916	52.3	91.4	95.0	40.7
Blackburn with Darwen	955	32.5	84.9	91.9	31.5	897	39.6	90.0	94.0	36.0
Blackpool	677	30.6	85.1	93.5	29.1	666	42.5	84.4	91.9	34.0
Lancashire	6,653	43.5	89.6	94.9	36.2	6,563	52.6	92.3	95.8	40.8
Merseyside	8,798	35.6	82.9	90.5	31.8	8,484	43.7	87.0	92.8	36.0
Knowsley	979	20.9	74.1	85.4	24.1	918	26.5	80.1	87.7	27.6
Liverpool	2,859	29.8	76.6	87.9	28.0	2,732	35.1	82.6	90.8	31.9
St Helens	1,100	38.0	86.6	92.0	32.5	1,095	48.9	89.7	94.8	37.5
Sefton	1,794	43.9	91.6	95.2	36.9	1,776	53.6	93.3	95.8	41.8
Wirral	2,066	42.0	86.2	91.9	35.7	1,963	52.1	89.3	94.2	39.6

TABLE 2: *continued*

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		5+ A*—C grades	5+ A*—G grades	1+ A*—G grades			5+ A*—C grades	5+ A*—G grades	1+ A*—G grades	
YORKSHIRE & HUMBER GOR	29,337	35.2	85.4	92.2	32.0	28,236	45.9	88.9	93.9	37.2
East Riding of Yorkshire	1,875	41.4	89.5	95.0	34.8	1,728	56.7	94.5	96.8	41.8
Kingston-upon-Hull UA	1,450	19.9	79.4	89.2	25.0	1,445	26.9	81.7	90.9	28.2
North East Lincolnshire UA	1,055	31.4	83.0	90.3	29.9	1,069	39.6	86.6	94.1	34.6
North Lincolnshire UA	1,040	37.5	90.0	95.4	33.5	989	45.9	93.6	97.3	38.8
York UA	883	47.3	89.5	94.2	37.8	809	56.1	93.3	95.8	41.9
North Yorkshire	3,232	50.6	91.8	96.6	39.3	3,178	63.1	93.5	96.6	44.6
South Yorkshire Met County	7,443	32.2	84.1	91.0	30.9	7,144	42.1	88.0	92.9	35.7
Barnsley	1,237	27.2	79.8	89.5	27.7	1,214	37.7	86.3	93.4	33.5
Doncaster	1,767	31.4	84.0	91.0	30.2	1,816	40.9	87.8	92.3	34.9
Rotherham	1,833	35.2	86.7	92.9	32.6	1,761	45.8	89.7	94.3	37.3
Sheffield	2,606	33.0	84.4	90.3	31.5	2,353	42.6	87.6	91.9	36.3
West Yorkshire Met County	12,359	33.1	84.1	91.4	30.8	11,874	44.2	87.9	93.3	36.3
Bradford	3,000	27.7	80.8	89.4	28.0	2,850	36.7	85.2	91.8	33.0
Calderdale	1,218	37.8	85.7	92.2	33.6	1,142	46.1	89.5	95.2	38.2
Kirklees	2,285	35.9	86.5	92.7	32.2	2,183	46.9	88.6	93.6	37.5
Leeds	3,956	33.7	83.5	90.6	30.8	3,880	45.2	87.1	92.1	36.4
Wakefield	1,900	34.2	86.7	93.9	31.5	1,819	49.5	92.1	96.4	38.6
EAST MIDLANDS GOR	24,031	40.2	87.4	93.9	34.4	22,932	50.6	91.0	95.3	39.5
Derby UA	1,384	38.7	87.7	94.1	32.6	1,338	43.1	88.6	93.9	35.0
Derbyshire County	4,100	44.0	89.8	95.7	36.4	3,845	54.4	92.8	96.0	41.2
Leicester UA	1,806	32.6	80.1	90.6	29.6	1,714	41.8	86.2	93.5	34.6
Rutland UA	201	49.8	98.5	100.0	40.5	200	68.0	96.5	98.0	47.9
Leicestershire County	3,366	42.6	90.0	95.5	35.3	3,305	54.0	93.1	96.5	41.1
Lincolnshire	3,625	44.1	89.1	94.6	36.6	3,478	56.8	92.3	95.6	41.9
Northamptonshire	3,618	40.8	87.7	93.8	35.7	3,434	52.9	92.1	95.7	41.9
Nottingham City	1,322	23.8	76.2	87.7	25.6	1,318	33.5	83.4	91.6	31.4
Nottinghamshire	4,609	39.1	87.0	93.6	33.9	4,300	47.9	90.8	95.1	38.5
WEST MIDLANDS GOR	31,760	38.1	86.7	93.6	33.6	30,260	49.1	90.6	95.3	39.0
Herefordshire UA	867	44.8	89.2	94.7	37.1	885	59.1	91.3	95.4	43.4
Worcestershire	3,056	42.7	86.8	93.8	35.2	2,851	53.6	90.7	95.2	40.7
The Wrekin	1,115	43.3	88.0	93.9	37.0	983	47.6	90.7	93.6	39.4
Shropshire	1,604	47.6	91.0	96.6	38.5	1,439	64.1	96.4	98.2	46.0
Stoke on Trent UA	1,329	30.7	83.0	92.6	29.3	1,346	40.9	90.3	95.5	34.7
Staffordshire County	4,933	43.4	90.0	94.5	35.9	4,740	53.0	93.0	96.3	40.9
Warwickshire	2,814	41.1	89.6	95.0	35.8	2,653	53.5	92.1	95.4	40.9
West Midlands Met County	16,042	34.1	84.8	92.8	31.6	15,363	45.2	89.0	94.8	37.2
Birmingham	5,922	32.8	83.7	92.5	31.2	5,720	43.6	89.0	95.1	36.9
Coventry	1,727	34.3	84.5	92.4	31.0	1,648	44.0	87.9	93.4	36.4
Dudley	1,938	40.7	87.8	94.4	34.7	1,757	55.3	92.3	96.9	40.8
Sandwell	1,885	23.8	82.4	91.0	27.5	1,790	35.9	85.8	91.3	32.8
Solihull	1,465	46.5	90.0	95.8	37.7	1,416	58.4	93.3	97.5	43.5
Walsall	1,799	32.1	81.5	92.2	29.9	1,732	40.3	85.7	94.4	34.8
Wolverhampton	1,306	33.2	87.2	92.6	31.1	1,300	45.2	90.5	95.0	37.0

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		5+ A*—C grades	5+ A*—G grades	1+ A*—G grades			5+ A*—C grades	5+ A*—G grades	1+ A*—G grades	
EAST OF ENGLAND GOR	29,243	44.1	89.1	94.6	36.8	28,395	55.9	92.7	96.0	42.5
Luton UA	1,118	30.9	91.2	96.4	33.5	1,053	41.0	92.8	97.2	37.7
Bedfordshire County	2,269	41.6	88.4	94.2	36.6	2,018	53.5	92.5	95.7	42.3
Peterborough	1,080	37.2	86.0	91.8	33.9	1,037	45.2	90.0	93.4	38.3
Cambridgeshire	2,622	47.4	87.8	93.6	37.5	2,659	57.8	91.0	94.9	43.0
Southend	879	49.8	86.3	93.1	38.9	838	58.6	90.1	95.2	43.6
Thurrock	742	28.2	80.7	90.4	29.8	724	43.9	88.5	93.9	37.0
Essex	7,257	43.4	89.8	94.8	36.8	7,024	55.5	93.5	96.6	42.8
Hertfordshire	5,795	48.1	89.8	95.4	37.8	5,769	61.7	93.3	96.2	44.2
Norfolk	3,995	42.4	88.1	94.2	35.4	3,947	53.1	91.4	95.7	40.4
Suffolk	3,486	48.2	92.0	96.2	39.1	3,326	59.7	95.0	97.2	45.0
LONDON GOR	33,222	37.7	86.2	94.0	33.8	32,951	49.5	90.6	95.6	39.8
Inner London Boroughs	10,437	28.6	81.7	93.1	29.5	10,660	39.5	88.1	95.3	35.7
Camden	669	41.4	85.7	92.8	34.5	988	50.9	88.2	93.3	39.0
Hackney	603	23.4	72.0	89.9	25.9	809	31.0	85.3	94.8	34.3
Hammersmith & Fulham	471	46.5	83.0	94.5	37.5	490	51.2	90.6	96.5	42.2
Haringey	922	25.7	77.7	91.0	26.5	856	35.3	81.8	94.3	30.9
Islington	773	24.5	79.0	92.0	25.4	636	31.0	83.0	89.6	32.0
Kensington & Chelsea	314	51.0	83.4	92.7	38.5	272	37.1	86.4	93.8	35.3
Lambeth	529	27.4	80.3	93.6	28.2	723	35.1	90.5	97.0	34.8
Lewisham	1,044	26.8	85.0	94.4	29.7	1,049	37.8	90.2	94.9	33.9
Newham	1,397	28.6	88.6	96.1	32.0	1,468	40.2	91.3	96.9	36.5
Southwark	951	23.3	79.1	92.1	26.7	909	36.0	86.6	97.4	34.1
Tower Hamlets	1,145	25.2	84.7	94.8	29.4	1,096	37.2	90.2	96.8	36.2
Wandsworth	963	28.1	80.5	94.2	30.2	747	45.2	90.0	96.1	38.1
Westminster, City of	656	24.1	75.0	88.4	25.8	617	46.5	86.7	95.0	38.6
Outer London Boroughs	22,785	41.9	88.2	94.4	35.8	22,291	54.3	91.8	95.8	41.7
Barking & Dagenham	914	31.1	86.4	93.5	30.9	785	37.5	89.9	95.5	34.0
Barnet	1,697	50.5	87.9	92.4	38.6	1,571	63.9	91.0	94.0	45.9
Bexley	1,303	43.5	91.7	96.2	37.6	1,250	52.5	93.1	96.6	40.9
Brent	1,096	37.0	89.1	95.1	33.7	1,115	48.8	89.8	94.7	38.3
Bromley	1,493	51.0	92.0	95.2	39.8	1,585	61.6	94.2	96.5	45.0
Croydon	1,563	33.8	86.0	94.6	31.8	1,602	50.8	90.4	96.2	39.9
Ealing	1,210	37.8	87.5	95.0	34.3	1,213	53.5	92.5	96.2	41.7
Enfield	1,590	41.5	89.4	96.4	35.7	1,558	52.2	93.5	96.7	40.6
Greenwich	1,164	24.0	76.7	87.5	27.5	1,185	39.2	85.8	93.0	35.1
Harrow	998	49.4	90.6	95.8	38.8	996	60.8	92.0	95.7	43.8
Havering	1,310	49.4	92.9	96.6	40.2	1,333	59.0	94.7	98.1	44.4
Hillingdon	1,290	36.0	86.2	92.7	33.1	1,229	52.5	90.5	94.2	40.9
Hounslow	1,288	41.0	85.5	94.3	33.9	1,238	52.7	88.9	94.9	40.3
Kingston upon Thames	638	50.3	86.8	92.3	41.5	688	63.2	92.9	96.4	46.8
Merton	803	31.1	84.1	91.2	29.8	798	46.5	88.5	92.6	36.7
Redbridge	1,437	53.2	93.0	98.3	41.5	1,301	64.3	94.9	99.0	46.5
Richmond upon Thames	781	44.9	91.9	96.5	37.6	698	59.6	91.8	95.0	43.0
Sutton	1,002	56.6	92.8	96.8	43.3	1,040	63.6	95.0	96.8	47.4
Waltham Forest	1,208	29.6	83.4	91.0	29.9	1,106	44.4	91.6	95.8	37.8

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		5+ A*-C grades	5+ A*-G grades	1+ A*-G grades			5+ A*-C grades	5+ A*-G grades	1+ A*-G grades	
SOUTH EAST GOR	41,547	45.8	89.6	94.2	37.4	39,700	56.7	93.1	96.2	42.8
Bracknell Forest	563	41.6	91.7	95.4	35.5	525	49.5	91.8	96.2	38.5
Reading	495	38.4	80.8	88.5	36.7	464	47.6	84.3	89.0	39.3
Slough	599	43.6	91.3	96.8	36.1	600	52.7	92.5	96.7	41.6
West Berkshire	898	51.7	94.3	95.3	39.4	879	62.1	95.8	98.0	44.6
Windsor & Maidenhead	810	55.4	91.9	94.8	40.9	676	60.9	95.0	97.6	44.6
Wokingham	933	54.7	90.5	94.5	38.8	788	62.3	94.5	96.7	44.4
Milton Keynes UA	1,210	33.1	87.2	91.1	34.6	1,107	46.4	90.0	94.8	41.1
Buckinghamshire County	2,672	56.7	89.8	94.3	42.4	2,590	65.3	92.9	95.9	45.6
Brighton and Hove UA	1,038	36.0	85.3	92.6	34.0	947	48.7	90.2	95.8	39.0
East Sussex County	2,422	44.1	90.0	94.9	37.2	2,272	55.6	93.4	96.4	43.2
Portsmouth UA	920	25.4	79.9	86.8	28.1	856	39.4	87.4	92.4	34.4
Southampton UA	1,152	33.2	87.2	92.4	31.8	1,154	47.7	91.5	95.3	40.6
Hampshire County	6,553	47.6	91.8	95.7	38.9	6,320	58.8	95.0	97.4	43.8
Isle of Wight	723	40.1	85.6	92.3	34.1	686	49.3	90.8	95.9	40.3
Kent	7,299	46.0	88.6	94.2	36.4	7,215	56.0	92.9	96.1	41.9
Medway	1,516	39.1	89.2	94.1	34.4	1,536	51.7	93.5	95.6	41.1
Oxfordshire	3,113	43.0	87.2	93.4	36.3	2,920	53.2	90.9	95.8	41.6
Surrey	4,752	50.1	91.3	94.6	39.4	4,437	63.6	93.8	95.8	45.2
West Sussex	3,879	48.7	91.6	95.4	38.5	3,728	59.0	94.5	97.0	44.7
SOUTH WEST GOR	25,997	44.6	89.9	95.3	36.8	24,615	56.0	92.7	96.2	42.2
Bath & NE Somerset UA	988	49.1	91.1	96.3	38.5	952	60.6	92.9	96.0	43.6
Bristol UA	1,526	27.5	77.6	87.7	27.6	1,450	34.8	83.5	91.0	32.0
North Somerset UA	1,051	48.1	90.1	96.8	38.5	965	55.6	91.9	96.7	41.6
South Gloucestershire UA	1,402	44.1	92.2	96.3	36.4	1,304	51.5	93.6	96.4	40.7
Cornwall	2,821	45.9	91.1	95.9	37.6	2,598	57.8	94.4	97.4	43.1
Isles of Scilly	17	35.3	88.2	100.0	33.2	14	92.9	100.0	100.0	62.3
Plymouth	1,454	42.6	91.8	96.4	36.4	1,521	52.7	91.6	95.0	40.7
Torbay	761	41.9	88.4	93.8	36.3	659	53.7	91.8	95.3	41.6
Devon	3,358	41.0	89.0	95.4	35.3	3,373	55.8	93.1	96.7	42.1
Bournemouth UA	849	44.9	86.5	92.6	35.3	738	53.3	89.7	95.4	42.0
Poole UA	789	49.8	89.0	95.1	39.1	718	62.5	95.0	96.9	45.2
Dorset County	1,958	46.2	93.3	96.3	38.5	1,937	60.8	94.0	96.4	44.4
Gloucestershire	3,093	51.2	91.9	96.6	39.8	2,916	61.3	94.1	97.4	44.6
Somerset	2,623	46.7	92.2	96.4	37.9	2,394	59.3	95.4	97.3	44.5
Swindon UA	1,044	42.4	89.6	95.9	34.1	997	48.1	90.9	94.2	37.0
Wiltshire County	2,263	45.4	89.1	94.5	37.2	2,079	59.9	92.5	95.9	43.9
England Average	271,638	40.3	87.5	93.8	34.7	262,092	51.2	91.1	95.3	40.1

(1) Number of pupils on roll aged 15 at the start of the 1998/99 academic year, ie. 31 August 1998.

(2) Including LEA-maintained schools, special schools, and City Technology Colleges.

(3) Including attempts and achievements by these pupils in previous academic years.

TABLE 3

GCSE/GNVQ achievements in maintained schools (1) (2) by 15 year old (3) pupils in each Local Education Authority by the end of 1998/99 (4)

LEA	Number of schools	Percentage of pupils with 5+ A*–C GCSE grades or GNVQ	Percentage of maintained schools in which the following percentages of pupils achieved 5+ GCSE grades A*–C or the GNVQ equivalent					
			Under 10	10–19	20–29	30–39	40–59	60-Plus
NORTH EAST GOR	166	40.2	2	9	22	23	34	10
Hartlepool UA	6	39.5	0	0	50	0	33	17
Middlesbrough UA	12	31.7	8	25	25	17	25	0
Redcar & Cleveland UA	13	44.9	0	15	15	23	23	23
Stockton on Tees UA	14	42.8	0	7	29	7	36	21
Darlington UA	7	43.7	0	0	14	14	71	0
Durham County	36	39.0	0	3	28	33	33	3
Northumberland	16	47.0	0	0	19	19	44	19
Tyne & Wear Met County	62	38.5	3	13	16	27	32	8
Gateshead	11	41.7	9	27	9	9	18	27
Newcastle upon Tyne	12	34.3	8	25	17	8	42	0
North Tyneside	11	44.2	0	0	18	36	36	9
South Tyneside	11	40.7	0	0	9	45	45	0
Sunderland	17	35.5	0	12	24	35	24	6
NORTH WEST GOR	493	45.0	1	9	17	18	33	20
Halton	9	38.3	0	22	0	33	33	11
Warrington	12	50.4	0	8	8	25	25	33
Cheshire	46	55.4	0	4	11	9	37	39
Cumbria	42	47.8	0	2	7	24	48	19
Greater Manchester Met County	175	43.4	2	10	19	19	32	17
Bolton	16	43.8	0	6	6	38	31	19
Bury	14	54.1	0	0	14	0	57	29
Manchester	28	31.4	4	21	36	18	18	4
Oldham	15	40.3	0	13	27	27	20	13
Rochdale	14	39.3	0	7	21	21	43	7
Salford	17	34.8	6	18	29	12	24	12
Stockport	14	50.8	0	7	0	14	50	29
Tameside	18	41.2	6	6	11	22	44	11
Trafford	18	54.6	0	11	17	22	11	39
Wigan	21	46.9	0	5	19	19	38	19
Blackburn with Darwen	9	37.0	0	0	33	33	33	0
Blackpool	8	37.5	0	13	25	13	50	0
Lancashire	89	48.9	0	4	17	16	39	24
Merseyside	103	40.6	3	15	22	18	23	18
Knowsley	11	24.4	0	27	55	9	9	0
Liverpool	35	33.4	9	26	29	9	14	14
St Helens	12	44.5	0	8	8	25	50	8
Sefton	22	49.4	0	0	14	23	36	27
Wirral	23	47.9	0	9	13	30	17	30

TABLE 3: *continued*

LEA	Number of schools	Percentage of pupils with 5+ A*–C GCSE grades or GNVQ	Percentage of maintained schools in which the following percentages of pupils achieved 5+ GCSE grades A*–C or the GNVQ equivalent					
			Under 10	10–19	20–29	30–39	40–59	60-Plus
YORKSHIRE & HUMBER	316	41.0	4	12	13	22	34	14
East Riding of Yorkshire	18	49.5	0	0	0	22	61	17
Kingston-upon-Hull UA	16	23.7	19	38	13	13	19	0
North East Lincolnshire UA	12	35.8	8	8	33	17	17	17
North Lincolnshire UA	14	41.9	0	7	7	29	57	0
York UA	12	52.6	0	8	8	33	8	42
North Yorkshire	42	57.4	0	2	2	14	48	33
South Yorkshire Met County	75	37.7	3	16	16	29	27	9
Barnsley	14	32.6	0	21	14	36	29	0
Doncaster	17	37.0	0	6	41	24	12	18
Rotherham	17	41.1	0	12	6	35	41	6
Sheffield	27	38.2	7	22	7	26	26	11
West Yorkshire Met County	127	39.1	6	13	15	21	34	11
Bradford	25	32.5	8	16	24	20	24	8
Calderdale	15	42.0	13	7	7	40	20	13
Kirklees	25	41.9	0	12	24	32	12	20
Leeds	44	39.9	9	16	11	9	43	11
Wakefield	18	42.5	0	6	6	22	67	0
EAST MIDLANDS GOR	279	45.9	2	9	14	20	36	19
Derby UA	15	41.7	7	13	7	33	13	27
Derbyshire County	47	49.5	0	4	11	11	55	19
Leicester UA	21	38.1	5	14	24	14	38	5
Rutland UA	3	58.9	0	0	0	0	67	33
Leicestershire County	18	48.5	0	0	0	17	72	11
Lincolnshire	63	51.1	2	10	22	16	24	27
Northamptonshire	40	47.4	0	10	10	20	35	25
Nottingham City	22	29.2	14	23	18	32	5	9
Nottinghamshire	50	43.8	0	4	12	30	40	14
WEST MIDLANDS GOR	379	44.4	1	9	17	18	36	20
Herefordshire UA	14	52.2	0	0	7	7	43	43
Worcestershire	30	49.0	0	0	13	7	60	20
The Wrekin	14	46.5	0	14	21	7	36	21
Shropshire	22	55.7	0	0	0	5	59	36
Stoke on Trent UA	17	36.6	0	12	24	29	29	6
Staffordshire County	55	49.1	0	0	9	20	53	18
Warwickshire	37	48.2	0	3	14	24	32	27
West Midlands Met County	190	40.4	1	16	22	19	26	16
Birmingham	77	39.0	1	25	21	16	22	16
Coventry	19	40.1	0	11	21	32	26	11
Dudley	22	48.5	0	5	18	5	50	23
Sandwell	20	30.3	0	15	35	30	20	0
Solihull	14	53.2	0	7	14	7	29	43
Walsall	20	36.7	5	10	20	30	25	10
Wolverhampton	18	40.1	0	11	28	28	17	17

TABLE 3: *continued*

LEA	Number of schools	Percentage of pupils with 5+ A*–C GCSE grades or GNVQ	Percentage of maintained schools in which the following percentages of pupils achieved 5+ GCSE grades A*–C or the GNVQ equivalent					
			Under 10	10–19	20–29	30–39	40–59	60–Plus
EAST OF ENGLAND GOR	341	50.7	1	5	10	16	38	32
Luton UA	12	36.3	0	0	25	50	25	0
Bedfordshire County	18	48.2	6	0	17	6	56	17
Peterborough	13	41.9	0	15	23	15	38	8
Cambridgeshire	29	53.4	0	7	0	17	34	41
Southend	12	55.4	0	0	17	33	0	50
Thurrock	10	36.8	10	20	20	10	30	10
Essex	79	50.1	0	5	10	14	41	30
Hertfordshire	78	56.1	0	5	9	17	27	42
Norfolk	52	48.3	0	4	10	13	48	25
Suffolk	38	54.5	0	0	3	8	50	39
LONDON GOR	403	44.5	1	10	20	16	30	23
Inner London Boroughs	135	35.0	3	20	27	15	24	12
Camden	10	47.7	0	10	10	0	60	20
Hackney	9	28.9	0	11	44	22	11	11
Hammersmith & Fulham	8	50.3	13	25	0	25	0	38
Haringey	10	31.0	0	40	30	0	20	10
Islington	9	27.8	0	22	44	22	11	0
Kensington & Chelsea	4	45.4	0	0	0	25	50	25
Lambeth	10	33.2	0	30	10	20	40	0
Lewisham	14	33.4	7	7	43	14	14	14
Newham	14	34.6	0	21	43	0	21	14
Southwark	14	30.4	7	36	14	0	36	7
Tower Hamlets	15	31.9	0	20	20	33	27	0
Wandsworth	10	37.9	10	10	30	20	20	10
Westminster, City of	8	35.1	0	13	38	25	0	25
Outer London Boroughs	268	48.9	0	6	16	16	34	28
Barking & Dagenham	8	34.4	0	0	50	25	25	0
Barnet	21	57.8	0	10	5	5	43	38
Bexley	16	48.6	0	6	25	19	25	25
Brent	13	43.8	0	8	0	38	46	8
Bromley	17	57.5	0	0	12	12	24	53
Croydon	23	43.4	0	9	17	26	30	17
Ealing	12	46.6	0	0	17	25	25	33
Enfield	16	47.5	0	6	25	0	38	31
Greenwich	14	32.8	0	21	29	14	21	14
Harrow	10	55.6	0	0	10	0	50	40
Havering	18	54.5	0	6	17	0	39	39
Hillingdon	15	45.2	7	0	20	13	47	13
Hounslow	14	47.3	0	7	14	14	43	21
Kingston upon Thames	10	57.8	0	0	0	40	20	40
Merton	9	39.5	0	22	11	33	22	11
Redbridge	15	59.2	0	0	7	7	40	47
Richmond upon Thames	8	52.3	0	0	0	25	50	25
Sutton	13	61.1	0	0	8	15	23	54
Waltham Forest	16	37.3	0	6	38	25	25	6

TABLE 3: *continued*

LEA	Number of schools	Percentage of pupils with 5+ A*–C GCSE grades or GNVQ	Percentage of maintained schools in which the following percentages of pupils achieved 5+ GCSE grades A*–C or the GNVQ equivalent					
			Under 10	10–19	20–29	30–39	40–59	60–Plus
SOUTH EAST GOR	477	52.3	3	4	12	13	36	32
Bracknell Forest	6	46.0	0	0	0	50	17	33
Reading	8	44.8	13	13	0	25	25	25
Slough	11	49.1	9	18	27	9	0	36
West Berkshire	11	57.8	0	0	9	0	55	36
Windsor & Maidenhead	10	58.9	0	10	0	10	50	30
Wokingham	9	59.8	0	0	0	22	11	67
Milton Keynes UA	8	40.6	0	13	38	0	38	13
Buckinghamshire County	34	62.6	0	6	9	15	29	41
Brighton and Hove UA	10	43.3	0	10	20	10	60	0
East Sussex County	25	50.6	0	0	8	16	40	36
Portsmouth UA	8	33.4	13	0	38	0	50	0
Southampton UA	14	41.3	0	14	21	7	50	7
Hampshire County	71	54.1	1	1	4	8	51	34
Isle of Wight	5	45.6	0	0	0	20	80	0
Kent	104	52.0	5	7	22	13	18	36
Medway	20	46.0	20	10	15	15	10	30
Oxfordshire	35	48.7	0	0	6	23	60	11
Surrey	52	58.2	0	2	4	10	40	44
West Sussex	36	54.7	0	0	6	14	44	36
SOUTH WEST GOR	304	51.1	1	3	10	13	45	28
Bath & NE Somerset UA	13	56.4	0	0	0	15	38	46
Bristol UA	22	32.1	9	14	36	23	5	14
North Somerset UA	10	52.7	0	0	0	20	50	30
South Gloucestershire UA	15	48.3	0	0	13	20	47	20
Cornwall	31	52.0	0	0	0	6	71	23
Isles of Scilly	1	61.3	0	0	0	0	0	100
Plymouth	18	48.9	0	6	28	0	39	28
Torbay	8	48.9	0	0	38	0	25	38
Devon	37	49.0	0	0	0	22	65	14
Bournemouth UA	10	50.0	0	10	10	20	30	30
Poole UA	8	56.5	13	0	13	13	13	50
Dorset County	20	54.3	0	0	5	0	65	30
Gloucestershire	42	57.5	0	2	10	14	33	40
Somerset	30	53.4	0	0	3	13	53	30
Swindon UA	11	46.2	0	18	9	18	36	18
Wiltshire County	28	53.0	0	4	11	14	43	29
TOTAL ENGLAND	3,158	46.5	2	8	15	17	36	23

(1) Excluding special schools and including City Technology Colleges.

(2) Excluding schools with less than five 15 year old pupils.

(3) Number of pupils on roll aged 15 at the start of the 1998/99 academic year, ie. 31 August 1998.

(4) Including attempts and achievements by these pupils in previous academic years.

TABLE 4

GCSE attempts and achievements (1) in selected subjects by 15 year old pupils in schools (2) by the end of 1998/99 (3)

Thousands

	Attempted GCSE			Achieved grade A*–C			Achieved grade A*–G		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Any Subject	279.3	272.0	551.3	200.1	220.4	420.5	275.8	269.5	545.4
English/Mathematics	262.3	261.3	523.6	107.9	123.2	231.1	253.4	252.9	506.3
Mathematics/Science	264.6	259.7	524.3	111.1	113.7	224.8	253.6	250.1	503.7
English/Mathematics/Science	258.4	257.4	515.8	97.6	110.2	207.8	248.5	248.4	496.9
English/Mathematics/Science and a Modern Language	213.7	229.9	443.6	72.3	96.9	169.2	206.2	223.0	429.2
English	265.5	264.7	530.2	132.8	173.7	306.5	262.5	262.7	525.2
Mathematics	271.5	265.3	536.8	130.3	130.4	260.7	260.8	255.7	516.5
Any Science	268.5	262.9	531.4	131.6	134.1	265.7	261.8	257.7	519.5
Single Award Science	25.3	24.9	50.2	3.8	5.3	9.0	23.0	23.3	46.3
Double Award Science	219.9	221.9	441.9	106.0	113.8	219.8	215.6	218.3	433.9
Physics	22.8	14.4	37.2	20.5	12.7	33.3	22.7	14.4	37.0
Chemistry	22.6	15.1	37.6	20.0	13.6	33.7	22.5	15.0	37.5
Biological Sciences	22.6	16.1	38.8	20.1	14.4	34.5	22.5	16.1	38.6
Other Sciences	2.4	1.0	3.4	1.1	0.4	1.5	2.3	1.0	3.3
Design & Technology (4)	204.5	190.6	395.2	87.5	110.9	198.4	195.7	185.8	381.4
Information Technology (5)	45.6	30.7	76.3	23.5	18.2	41.7	43.5	29.8	73.2
Business Studies	47.1	39.5	86.5	23.6	21.3	44.9	45.0	38.0	83.0
Home Economics	2.5	35.5	38.0	0.8	16.5	17.4	2.3	33.9	36.2
Geography	129.5	100.3	229.8	69.7	60.8	130.5	125.4	97.7	223.2
History	92.8	96.2	188.9	52.9	60.7	113.6	89.4	93.8	183.1
Music	17.4	23.3	40.7	11.1	17.0	28.1	16.7	22.7	39.4
Any Modern Language	220.0	235.4	455.4	93.4	134.5	227.9	216.2	232.8	449.1
French	149.7	161.7	311.4	64.1	93.9	158.0	147.5	160.0	307.5
German	62.4	67.4	129.8	30.1	41.7	71.9	61.5	66.8	128.3
Spanish	16.8	22.7	39.5	7.6	13.6	21.3	16.3	22.4	38.7
Other Modern Languages	8.4	10.3	18.8	5.7	7.8	13.6	8.2	10.1	18.4
Art and Design	87.2	95.9	183.2	46.4	70.7	117.1	84.4	94.3	178.7
Classical Studies	6.8	6.4	13.2	5.9	5.7	11.6	6.7	6.3	13.0
Physical Education	60.0	33.5	93.5	29.3	18.1	47.4	59.5	33.0	92.5
Religious Education	39.3	57.3	96.6	18.2	36.7	54.9	36.8	55.7	92.5
Any other subjects	235.6	249.4	485.0	134.9	179.8	314.6	230.9	246.5	477.4

(1) For each subject, only one attempt is counted – that which achieved the highest grade.

(2) Those in all schools who were 15 at the start of the 1998/99 academic year, ie. 31 August 1998.

(3) Including attempts and achievements by these pupils in previous academic years.

(4) Includes any combined syllabus of which Design and Technology is the major part.

(5) Also includes Computer Studies, Information Systems and any combined syllabus of which Information Technology is the major part.

TABLE 5**GCSE attempts and achievements (1) in selected subjects by 15 year old pupils in schools (2) by the end of 1998/99 (3)**

Percentages of the 15 year old pupils in schools

	Attempted GCSE			Achieved grade A*–C			Achieved grade A*–G		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Any Subject (000s)	279	272	551	200	220	420	276	270	545
Any Subject	94	96	95	67	78	72	93	95	94
English/Mathematics	88	92	90	36	43	40	85	89	87
Mathematics/Science	89	91	90	37	40	39	85	88	87
English/Mathematics/Science	87	91	89	33	39	36	84	88	86
English/Mathematics/Science and a Modern Language	72	81	76	24	34	29	69	79	74
English	89	93	91	45	61	53	88	93	90
Mathematics	91	93	92	44	46	45	88	90	89
Any Science	90	93	91	44	47	46	88	91	89
Single Award Science	9	9	9	1	2	2	8	8	8
Double Award Science	74	78	76	36	40	38	73	77	75
Physics	8	5	6	7	4	6	8	5	6
Chemistry	8	5	6	7	5	6	8	5	6
Biological Sciences	8	6	7	7	5	6	8	6	7
Other Sciences	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Design & Technology (4)	69	67	68	29	39	34	66	65	66
Information Technology (5)	15	11	13	8	6	7	15	10	13
Business Studies	16	14	15	8	8	8	15	13	14
Home Economics	1	13	7	0	6	3	1	12	6
Geography	44	35	40	23	21	22	42	34	38
History	31	34	33	18	21	20	30	33	32
Music	6	8	7	4	6	5	6	8	7
Any Modern Language	74	83	78	31	47	39	73	82	77
French	50	57	54	22	33	27	50	56	53
German	21	24	22	10	15	12	21	24	22
Spanish	6	8	7	3	5	4	5	8	7
Other Modern Languages	3	4	3	2	3	2	3	4	3
Art and Design	29	34	32	16	25	20	28	33	31
Classical Studies	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Physical Education	20	12	16	10	6	8	20	12	16
Religious Education	13	20	17	6	13	9	12	20	16
Any other subjects	79	88	83	45	63	54	78	87	82

(1) For each subject, only one attempt is counted - that which achieved the highest grade.

(2) Those in all schools who were 15 at the start of the 1998/99 academic year, ie. 31 August 1998.

(3) Including attempts and achievements by these pupils in previous academic years.

(4) Includes any combined syllabus of which Design and Technology is the major part.

(5) Also includes Computer Studies, Information Systems and any combined syllabus of which Information Technology is the major part.

TABLE 6**GCSE/GNVQ attempts and achievements by students in schools and Further Education sector colleges in 1998/99 (1)(2)**

	Males				Females				Average number of attempts per candidate
	Entered for 1+ GCSEs or GNVQ equivalent	Percentage of those attempting at least 1 GCSE or GNVQ equivalent achieving			Entered for 1+ GCSEs or GNVQ equivalent	Percentage of those attempting at least 1 GCSE or GNVQ equivalent achieving			
		5+ A*-C grades	5+ A*-G grades	1+ A*-G grades		5+ A*-C grades	5+ A*-G grades	1+ A*-G grades	
Maintained Schools (3)(4)									
Under 15	16,222	2.4	2.9	94.8	16,913	2.1	2.5	96.3	1.1
15	258,239	42.2	91.9	98.7	252,158	53.0	94.6	99.0	8.8
16	22,651	3.5	10.3	94.2	23,011	3.2	8.6	93.9	2.0
17-Plus	6,374	0.2	0.7	87.5	10,173	0.3	0.6	88.6	1.2
Total	303,486	36.3	79.1	97.9	302,255	44.6	79.7	98.2	7.6
Independent Schools (3)									
Under 15	6,118	7.7	8.3	98.8	4,710	12.6	13.0	98.7	2.0
15	19,710	85.9	93.8	99.7	18,266	90.0	95.5	99.9	8.6
16	4,077	25.5	37.5	97.6	3,025	27.6	34.7	98.3	3.8
17-Plus	1,650	3.1	7.5	95.1	1,654	3.4	5.6	95.7	1.6
Total	31,555	58.6	65.4	99.0	27,655	64.8	69.4	99.2	6.4
Sixth Form Colleges									
Under 15	33	0.0	0.0	93.9	93	0.0	0.0	96.8	1.1
15	77	3.9	6.5	89.6	100	4.0	9.0	95.0	2.3
16	9,030	1.9	7.7	95.5	9,866	1.3	5.3	96.1	1.7
17-Plus	4,802	0.3	1.2	90.4	5,855	0.1	0.5	92.2	1.2
Total	13,942	1.4	5.4	93.7	15,914	0.9	3.5	94.6	1.6
Other FE Sector Colleges									
Under 15	240	0.8	1.3	96.7	415	0.2	0.7	96.4	1.2
15	639	2.3	6.9	88.9	574	3.3	6.6	89.5	2.7
16	13,921	1.1	5.0	89.6	14,020	1.0	4.2	90.2	1.8
17-Plus	24,733	0.1	0.6	84.5	39,775	0.1	0.5	86.9	1.2
Total	39,533	0.5	2.3	86.4	54,784	0.4	1.5	87.8	1.4
All FE Sector Colleges									
Under 15	273	0.7	1.1	96.3	508	0.2	0.6	96.5	1.2
15	716	2.5	6.8	89.0	674	3.4	7.0	90.4	2.7
16	22,951	1.5	6.1	91.9	23,886	1.1	4.6	92.6	1.8
17-Plus	29,535	0.2	0.7	85.4	45,630	0.1	0.5	87.5	1.2
Total	53,475	0.8	3.1	88.3	70,698	0.5	1.9	89.3	1.5
All Establishments									
Under 15	22,613	3.8	4.3	95.9	22,131	4.3	4.7	96.8	1.3
15	278,665	45.2	91.8	98.8	271,098	55.4	94.4	99.1	8.7
16	49,679	4.4	10.6	93.4	49,922	3.7	8.3	93.5	2.0
17-Plus	37,559	0.3	1.0	86.2	57,457	0.2	0.6	88.0	1.2
Total	388,516	33.2	67.6	96.7	400,608	38.2	65.3	96.7	6.6

(1) Attempts and passes in the 1998/99 academic year only.

(2) Ages as at 31 August 1998.

(3) Including special schools.

(4) Including City Technology Colleges.

TABLE 7

GCSE results of 15 year olds (1) in educational establishments, analysed by subject and grade – by the end of 1998/99 (2)

Subjects	Grades obtained										Thousands
	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	X	Total Entries
SCIENCES											
Biological Science	5.7	10.4	11.0	7.5	2.8	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	38.9
Chemistry	6.3	10.2	9.9	7.3	2.7	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	37.7
Physics	7.4	9.5	9.2	7.2	2.7	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	37.2
Single Award Science	0.2	0.6	1.4	6.8	9.8	11.8	10.3	5.5	3.6	0.3	50.3
Double Award Science	16.8	33.9	55.5	113.7	95.6	67.0	37.6	14.0	7.4	0.5	442.0
Other Science	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	3.5
Mathematics	14.3	49.1	94.4	111.4	88.7	82.0	57.8	30.9	16.3	3.9	549.4
Design & Technology	9.3	40.2	58.6	92.5	79.2	55.2	34.5	17.4	11.3	2.9	401.1
Computer Studies(3)	3.2	7.9	11.7	19.1	13.9	8.9	5.7	3.0	2.6	0.5	76.5
Home Economics	0.9	2.9	4.5	9.4	7.6	5.6	3.9	2.2	1.5	0.3	38.8
SOCIAL SCIENCES											
Business Studies	2.2	7.6	12.6	22.5	15.6	11.0	7.3	4.2	2.9	0.6	86.7
Geography	11.0	28.9	38.2	52.4	39.9	27.1	17.2	8.6	5.7	0.8	230.0
History	11.3	28.6	38.2	35.6	25.8	20.8	14.4	8.5	5.0	0.7	189.0
Economics	0.2	0.7	1.0	1.2	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	5.1
Humanities	0.4	1.4	2.9	3.9	3.8	3.3	2.4	1.5	0.8	0.1	20.4
Social Studies	0.3	1.3	2.5	4.1	2.9	1.9	1.2	0.6	0.6	0.2	15.7
Physical Education	3.6	9.7	16.3	18.0	23.6	14.1	6.1	1.7	0.5	0.4	94.1
Vocational Studies	0.5	0.9	1.3	3.7	2.4	1.8	1.1	0.6	0.6	0.1	13.1
ARTS											
Art and Design	13.5	25.3	35.1	44.8	28.6	18.8	10.9	4.1	1.6	2.9	185.7
English	14.4	54.7	104.3	133.4	107.5	66.7	33.1	11.7	3.5	1.4	530.9
English Literature	16.2	52.9	100.7	120.5	79.4	50.5	26.8	10.5	5.8	1.6	464.8
Drama	3.2	12.4	20.3	19.4	12.5	7.1	3.5	1.3	0.3	0.6	80.6
Communication Studies	0.9	3.3	5.6	7.5	6.3	4.0	2.2	1.0	0.5	0.4	31.7
French	18.8	34.8	43.4	61.1	57.6	46.1	31.4	14.5	1.9	1.7	311.5
German	7.8	15.6	20.4	28.1	23.3	16.4	11.2	5.5	0.9	0.6	129.8
Spanish	3.1	5.3	6.0	6.9	6.4	4.9	3.8	2.3	0.6	0.3	39.6
Other Modern Languages	3.2	4.7	3.3	2.7	2.1	1.6	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.3	19.2
Classical Studies	3.6	4.1	2.8	1.9	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	14.2
Music	3.9	7.4	9.1	7.7	4.6	3.3	2.2	1.3	0.8	0.4	40.7
Religious Studies	6.0	12.2	17.4	19.3	13.7	10.9	8.0	4.9	3.6	0.4	96.6
Total	205.6	511.0	793.6	1,084.4	857.7	611.6	373.0	171.0	86.7	22.4	4,719.5

(1) Number of 15 year olds, in all educational establishments, at the start of the 1998/99 academic year, ie. 31 August 1998.

(2) Including attempts and achievements by these pupils in previous academic years.

(3) Combined syllabuses for Design & Technology and Information Systems are shown with the main subject.

TABLE 8**GCSE Short Courses results of 15 year olds (1) in educational establishments, analysed by subject and grade – by the end of 1998/99 (2)**

Subjects	Grades obtained										Grades Pending	Total Entries
	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	X		
SCIENCES												
Design & Technology (3)	733	3,214	5,269	8,693	8,293	5,959	4,177	2,729	2,320	520	110	42,017
Computer Studies	949	3,084	5,608	11,415	9,496	7,625	5,188	3,076	3,048	703	17	50,209
SOCIAL SCIENCES												
Business Studies	1	7	12	25	30	22	9	1	1	1		109
Geography	99	238	582	1,066	1,031	795	769	604	721	65	2	5,972
History	143	416	754	918	919	849	849	722	628	80	2	6,281
Physical Education	101	371	755	914	1,185	1,058	603	282	83	40	21	5,413
ARTS												
Art and Design	51	215	378	625	596	583	386	253	114	79	29	3,309
French	4	24	127	817	2,119	3,473	3,625	2,532	646	350	63	13,780
German	5	14	47	258	690	837	688	489	116	61	9	3,214
Spanish	12	13	41	88	164	290	356	251	60	36	26	1,337
Music	21	37	78	127	86	85	74	35	28	17	12	600
Religious Education	5,354	9,832	16,225	19,139	17,796	12,892	10,114	6,022	4,525	2,548	135	104,582
Total	7,474	17,468	29,877	44,086	42,405	34,468	26,838	16,996	12,290	4,500	427	236,829

(1) Number of 15 year olds, in all educational establishments, at the start of the 1998/99 academic year, ie. 31 August 1998.

(2) Including attempts and achievements by these pupils in previous academic years.

(3) Combined syllabuses for Design & Technology and Information Systems are shown with the main subject.

TABLE 9

GNVQ results of 15 year old pupils (1) in all schools, analysed by subject, qualification and level – by the end of 1998/99 (2)

	Qualifications obtained					
	GNVQ Part One		Full GNVQ		GNVQ Language Unit	
	Intermediate	Foundation	Intermediate	Foundation	Intermediate	Foundation
Art & Design	574	51	50	44	–	–
Business	2,313	663	256	131	–	–
Health & Social Care	1,307	573	81	126	–	–
Leisure & Tourism	689	298	61	122	–	–
Manufacturing	704	400	30	71	–	–
Construction	–	–	–	67	–	–
Hospitality & Catering	–	–	9	27	–	–
Engineering	353	95	20	36	–	–
Information Technology	1,270	245	199	22	–	–
French	–	–	–	–	41	282
German	–	–	–	–	7	48
Spanish	–	–	–	–	5	33
Other	45	1	1	14	–	–
Total	7,255	2,326	707	660	53	363

(1) Number of 15 year olds, in all schools, at the start of the 1998/99 academic year, ie. 31 August 1998.

(2) Including attempts and achievements by these pupils in previous academic years.

TABLE 10

GCE A level and AS examination attempts and passes in 1998/99 (1) analysed by establishment type

	Number of candidates	Number of attempts per candidate	Successful (2) attempts as a percentage of attempts	Percentage of candidates gaining passes:			Mean number of passes per candidate
				3 or more	2	1	
A Levels							
Schools (3)							
Males	76,035	3.0	90.0	64.6	16.7	14.0	2.7
Females	80,904	3.0	91.5	67.3	16.1	12.8	2.7
Total	156,939	3.0	90.8	66.0	16.4	13.4	2.7
Sixth Form Colleges							
Males	19,709	2.9	87.7	56.4	19.3	17.1	2.5
Females	24,122	2.9	89.8	61.8	16.5	15.8	2.6
Total	43,831	2.9	88.9	59.4	17.8	16.4	2.6
Other FE Sector Colleges (Aged 18 or below)							
Males	17,168	2.2	77.1	29.9	19.9	31.6	1.7
Females	24,097	2.2	81.0	33.5	20.0	30.8	1.8
Total	41,265	2.2	79.4	32.0	20.0	31.2	1.8
All Establishments (4)							
Males	112,912	2.9	88.1	57.9	17.6	17.2	2.5
Females	129,123	2.8	89.6	59.9	16.9	16.7	2.5
Total	242,035	2.8	88.9	59.0	17.3	16.9	2.5
Other FE Sector Colleges (Aged 19 or above)							
Males	9,514	1.4	67.1	5.6	9.7	53.9	0.9
Females	15,326	1.2	71.8	2.9	7.3	63.2	0.9
Total	24,840	1.3	69.9	3.9	8.3	59.6	0.9
AS Examinations							
Schools (3)							
Males	18,064	1.1	69.6	0.2	4.8	66.7	0.8
Females	16,754	1.1	74.7	0.3	5.4	70.6	0.8
Total	34,818	1.1	72.0	0.2	5.1	68.6	0.8
Sixth Form Colleges							
Males	5,987	1.2	64.8	0.4	7.1	60.8	0.8
Females	6,471	1.2	72.0	0.6	7.6	66.1	0.8
Total	12,458	1.2	68.5	0.5	7.4	63.6	0.8
Other FE Sector Colleges (Aged 18 or below)							
Males	5,446	1.1	56.0	0.3	4.4	54.0	0.6
Females	6,927	1.1	63.0	0.3	4.5	60.5	0.7
Total	12,373	1.1	59.9	0.3	4.5	57.6	0.7
All Establishments (4)							
Males	29,497	1.1	66.1	0.2	5.2	63.2	0.7
Females	30,152	1.1	71.4	0.4	5.7	67.3	0.8
Total	59,649	1.1	68.7	0.3	5.4	65.3	0.8
Other FE Sector Colleges (Aged 19 or above)							
Males	1,555	1.1	56.3	0.4	2.3	55.3	0.6
Females	2,083	1.1	63.7	0.3	1.3	63.4	0.7
Total	3,638	1.1	60.5	0.3	1.7	60.0	0.6

(1) Attempts and passes in the 1998/99 academic year only.

(2) The total number of grade A-E passes as a percentage of the total number of attempts.

(3) Including all candidates of all ages in all maintained and independent schools.

(4) Including all candidates in all schools and sixth form colleges, and all of those aged 18 or below in other FE sector colleges.

TABLE 11

GCE A/AS level and AGNVQ attempts and passes by 17 year old students by the end of 1998/99 (1) analysed by establishment type

	Number of candidates	Mean number of passes per candidate	Percentage of candidates gaining passes (3)		Percentage of 17 year olds (2) gaining passes (3)		
			3 or more	2 / 2.5	1 / 1.5	3 or more	2 / 2.5
Comprehensive Schools (4) (5)							
Males	43,699	2.7	60.3	23.3	10.5	8.4	3.2
Females	50,645	2.8	64.3	22.7	8.6	10.9	3.8
Total	94,344	2.7	62.5	23.0	9.5	9.6	3.5
Selective Schools (4)							
Males	8,140	3.4	87.1	8.6	3.1	2.3	0.2
Females	8,808	3.4	88.1	8.4	2.7	2.6	0.2
Total	16,948	3.4	87.6	8.5	2.9	2.4	0.2
Modern Schools (4)							
Males	896	2.0	32.6	36.6	19.6	0.1	0.1
Females	1,193	2.2	42.8	33.9	14.8	0.2	0.1
Total	2,089	2.1	38.4	35.1	16.9	0.1	0.1
Other Maintained Schools (6)							
Males	2	1.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Females	4	1.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Total	6	1.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Independent Schools (7)							
Males	15,845	3.2	83.9	9.1	5.2	4.2	0.5
Females	14,171	3.2	85.8	8.5	4.6	4.1	0.4
Total	30,016	3.2	84.8	8.8	4.9	4.1	0.4
All schools							
Males	68,582	2.9	68.6	18.5	8.5	14.9	4.0
Females	74,821	2.9	70.8	18.5	7.2	17.7	4.6
Total	143,403	2.9	69.8	18.5	7.8	16.3	4.3
Sixth Form Colleges							
Males	16,319	2.8	64.3	20.0	9.9	3.3	1.0
Females	20,902	2.9	69.9	18.7	6.9	4.9	1.3
Total	37,221	2.9	67.4	19.3	8.2	4.1	1.2
Other FE Sector Colleges							
Males	15,104	1.9	30.4	36.8	14.7	1.5	1.8
Females	21,511	2.1	35.4	35.6	14.3	2.5	2.6
Total	36,615	2.0	33.3	36.1	14.4	2.0	2.2
All FE Sector Colleges							
Males	31,423	2.4	48.0	28.1	12.2	4.8	2.8
Females	42,413	2.5	52.4	27.3	10.7	7.4	3.9
Total	73,836	2.5	50.5	27.6	11.3	6.1	3.3
All Establishments							
Males	100,005	2.7	62.1	21.5	9.7	19.7	6.8
Females	117,234	2.8	64.1	21.7	8.5	25.2	8.5
Total	217,239	2.8	63.2	21.6	9.0	22.4	7.6

(1) Including attempts and passes by these students in previous academic years (possibly at other institutions).

(2) The GAD estimate of the 17 year olds population in England, ie. aged 17 at the end of August 1998.

(3) Including both GCE A level and AS examination passes with each AS pass counted as half of an A level pass — total passes are rounded down to the nearest whole number.

(4) Including LEA maintained schools

(5) Including City Technology Colleges.

(6) Including LEA maintained special schools, hospital schools and pupil referral units.

(7) Including non maintained special schools

TABLE 12

GCE A/AS level & AGNVQ examination scores (1) achieved by 17 year old students by the end of 1998/99 (2) analysed by establishment type

	Number of candidates	Mean score	Percentage of candidates who achieved a score of:						
			1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-Plus
Comprehensive Schools (3)									
Males	43,699	15.9	10.3	14.7	21.9	13.7	14.5	7.5	12.5
Females	50,645	16.6	8.2	12.9	21.8	15.5	17.4	8.8	11.6
Total	94,344	16.3	9.2	13.8	21.8	14.7	16.1	8.2	12.0
Selective Schools									
Males	8,140	23.5	3.1	6.0	13.9	12.8	19.0	13.4	31.0
Females	8,808	23.5	2.5	5.7	12.9	12.2	21.6	15.3	29.4
Total	16,948	23.5	2.8	5.8	13.4	12.5	20.3	14.4	30.2
Modern Schools									
Males	896	10.1	17.1	22.7	25.6	12.8	8.8	2.1	1.1
Females	1,193	12.3	11.6	16.1	29.3	16.2	14.2	3.7	1.6
Total	2,089	11.3	13.9	18.9	27.7	14.7	11.9	3.0	1.4
Other Maintained Schools (4)									
Males	2	5.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Females	4	4.5	75.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	6	4.7	66.7	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Independent Schools (5)									
Males	15,845	23.5	3.5	6.4	12.8	11.3	19.8	14.4	30.7
Females	14,171	24.1	2.3	5.2	11.5	11.6	20.7	16.6	31.3
Total	30,016	23.8	2.9	5.8	12.2	11.4	20.2	15.5	31.0
All Schools									
Males	68,582	18.5	7.9	11.8	18.9	13.0	16.2	9.7	18.8
Females	74,821	18.8	6.5	10.7	18.9	14.4	18.5	11.0	17.2
Total	143,403	18.6	7.2	11.2	18.9	13.7	17.4	10.4	18.0
Sixth Form Colleges									
Males	16,319	16.7	10.1	14.0	20.3	13.5	15.2	8.5	14.0
Females	20,902	18.0	6.8	11.6	20.0	15.4	18.3	9.7	15.1
Total	37,221	17.4	8.2	12.6	20.1	14.6	17.0	9.2	14.6
Other FE Sector Colleges									
Males	15,104	10.6	13.9	20.3	23.6	11.6	7.7	3.4	4.2
Females	21,511	11.8	12.8	17.2	24.8	15.0	9.8	4.3	4.2
Total	36,615	11.3	13.3	18.5	24.3	13.6	8.9	3.9	4.2
All FE Sector Colleges									
Males	31,423	13.8	11.9	17.0	21.9	12.6	11.6	6.1	9.3
Females	42,413	14.8	9.8	14.4	22.5	15.2	14.0	7.0	9.5
Total	73,836	14.4	10.7	15.5	22.2	14.1	13.0	6.6	9.4
All Establishments									
Males	100,005	17.0	9.2	13.5	19.8	12.9	14.7	8.6	15.8
Females	117,234	17.4	7.7	12.0	20.2	14.7	16.9	9.5	14.4
Total	217,239	17.2	8.4	12.7	20.0	13.8	15.9	9.1	15.1

(1) Including both GCE A level and AS examination passes with each AS pass counted as half of an A level pass — total passes are rounded down to the nearest whole number.

(2) Including attempts and passes by these students in previous academic years (possibly at other institutions).

(3) Including City Technology Colleges.

(4) Including maintained special schools, hospital schools and pupil referral units.

(6) Including non maintained special schools

TABLE 13

Mean scores (1) achieved by 17 year old GCE A/AS level & AGNVQ candidates in each Local Education Authority by the end of 1998/99 (2)

LEA	Overall	Males	Females	Maintained Schools (3)	Independent Schools (3)	Sixth Form Colleges	Other FE Sector Colleges
NORTH EAST GOR	16.1	15.9	16.3	16.8	24.5	17.2	10.7
Hartlepool UA	14.5	14.5	14.5	18.1	—	14.4	10.8
Middlesbrough UA	13.5	13.4	13.6	14.2	—	16.2	11.9
Redcar & Cleveland UA	16.4	16.3	16.5	—	—	17.1	12.6
Stockton on Tees UA	17.6	18.1	17.1	19.2	26.6	16.1	6.9
Darlington UA	18.5	17.6	19.2	15.2	24.0	20.0	6.1
Durham County	16.2	16.0	16.4	17.1	24.1	—	9.8
Northumberland	16.7	16.0	17.3	17.1	15.6	—	9.7
Tyne & Wear Met County	15.6	15.4	15.8	16.2	24.6	15.5	11.0
Gateshead	15.5	15.4	15.6	16.3	2.0	—	8.6
Newcastle upon Tyne	17.7	17.7	17.8	15.2	26.6	—	9.3
North Tyneside	15.8	15.3	16.3	16.4	18.5	15.5	8.2
South Tyneside	12.3	12.0	12.5	14.6	—	—	11.6
Sunderland	14.0	13.8	14.2	18.4	15.6	—	11.7
NORTH WEST GOR	18.2	18.0	18.3	18.9	26.5	17.5	12.4
Halton	14.9	15.4	14.6	11.5	—	17.3	10.2
Warrington	16.4	16.6	16.2	17.4	—	15.4	10.0
Cheshire	20.0	19.9	20.2	19.9	27.6	23.8	11.3
Cumbria	18.4	17.9	18.8	18.4	24.7	16.0	9.0
Greater Manchester Met County	17.7	17.2	18.2	19.4	27.1	16.7	11.1
Bolton	19.3	19.1	19.6	18.6	31.2	14.2	5.5
Bury	16.8	15.3	18.2	—	24.2	18.0	13.0
Manchester	19.8	19.1	20.3	17.5	26.7	14.9	7.9
Oldham	17.7	18.1	17.4	17.9	26.3	16.7	6.5
Rochdale	13.8	12.8	14.7	15.0	—	—	11.3
Salford	14.1	13.8	14.4	—	13.9	14.4	8.3
Stockport	18.5	18.1	18.8	—	29.5	17.2	9.9
Tameside	14.7	14.3	15.1	19.4	—	16.6	12.2
Trafford	20.4	19.9	20.9	24.6	11.9	—	8.0
Wigan	16.5	15.7	17.0	14.5	—	19.5	11.3
Blackburn with Darwen	18.5	19.2	18.0	19.2	28.2	16.6	14.5
Blackpool	17.7	18.0	17.4	16.0	23.7	17.5	9.8
Lancashire	18.6	18.5	18.6	21.1	20.4	17.3	15.8
Merseyside	18.0	18.1	17.9	17.6	28.1	19.4	8.6
Knowsley	10.4	9.6	11.1	10.7	—	—	10.1
Liverpool	16.8	17.4	16.2	16.9	24.3	—	6.0
St Helens	18.1	17.6	18.5	17.5	—	20.6	4.0
Sefton	18.9	18.7	19.1	16.9	29.9	21.0	10.3
Wirral	19.2	19.7	18.7	19.5	28.6	15.2	6.8

TABLE 13: *continued*

LEA	Overall	Males	Females	Maintained Schools (3)	Independent Schools (3)	Sixth Form Colleges	Other FE Sector Colleges
YORKSHIRE & HUMBER GOR	17.7	17.5	17.8	17.8	25.1	18.9	11.0
East Riding of Yorkshire	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.5	21.8	—	8.6
Kingston-upon-Hull UA	14.9	14.6	15.1	16.8	28.3	13.8	7.4
North East Lincolnshire UA	14.9	15.0	14.9	15.3	22.4	17.3	7.7
North Lincolnshire UA	17.7	17.3	18.0	15.4	—	19.4	7.5
York UA	20.0	20.0	19.9	20.8	28.8	19.1	7.2
North Yorkshire	20.1	19.7	20.5	20.6	22.4	17.9	15.3
South Yorkshire Met County	16.6	16.9	16.4	18.0	27.1	18.0	12.6
Barnsley	15.6	14.7	16.3	19.9	—	—	14.5
Doncaster	15.2	16.4	14.3	16.1	23.0	—	7.9
Rotherham	16.2	16.5	16.0	16.1	—	18.0	7.4
Sheffield	18.1	18.2	18.0	21.4	27.5	—	12.7
West Yorkshire Met County	17.6	17.2	17.9	16.6	25.2	21.1	9.6
Bradford	16.0	15.7	16.3	15.1	25.7	—	8.6
Calderdale	17.3	16.9	17.7	17.9	13.7	—	13.0
Kirklees	18.4	18.0	18.9	15.1	17.6	22.5	8.1
Leeds	18.2	18.2	18.1	18.1	27.4	20.8	9.3
Wakefield	17.4	16.4	18.2	14.6	25.8	18.0	11.2
EAST MIDLANDS GOR	17.0	16.9	17.0	17.3	24.2	15.9	9.9
Derby UA	14.6	14.3	14.9	15.4	24.4	—	12.0
Derbyshire County	17.9	18.0	17.8	18.8	20.9	—	11.2
Leicester UA	14.7	14.0	15.2	14.0	28.1	14.1	8.8
Rutland UA	20.0	19.3	20.8	—	21.2	17.4	—
Leicestershire County	17.7	17.9	17.5	17.0	26.9	—	10.0
Lincolnshire	19.0	19.3	18.8	21.1	19.7	—	8.6
Northamptonshire	15.8	15.3	16.2	15.5	23.9	—	10.2
Nottingham City	19.3	20.6	18.3	14.4	31.8	18.1	10.2
Nottinghamshire	14.8	14.6	15.0	15.7	16.2	—	8.5
WEST MIDLANDS GOR	16.9	16.9	16.9	17.3	25.8	16.9	9.6
Herefordshire	16.5	16.5	16.6	16.4	24.0	16.9	10.3
Worcestershire	17.7	17.5	17.8	17.5	24.0	16.8	9.0
The Wrekin	17.6	18.0	17.3	21.8	22.4	14.7	8.6
Shropshire	18.5	18.3	18.7	15.4	21.9	20.2	13.8
Stoke on Trent UA	16.1	15.2	17.1	17.4	—	16.9	6.8
Staffordshire County	16.3	16.1	16.4	17.4	24.9	—	9.0
Warwickshire	17.6	17.8	17.4	18.1	25.9	15.8	11.0
West Midlands Met County	16.5	16.6	16.4	17.0	29.2	16.7	9.3
Birmingham	17.3	17.4	17.3	18.7	29.6	13.9	8.7
Coventry	17.5	18.0	17.1	16.3	30.3	—	8.4
Dudley	15.6	16.2	15.1	19.6	—	22.9	10.3
Sandwell	10.8	10.8	10.8	11.7	—	11.3	6.3
Solihull	16.8	16.3	17.3	15.0	30.1	16.0	9.3
Walsall	15.9	15.7	16.0	16.8	—	—	8.4
Wolverhampton	15.9	16.1	15.7	14.8	25.8	—	7.5

TABLE 13: *continued*

LEA	Overall	Males	Females	Maintained Schools (3)	Independent Schools (3)	Sixth Form Colleges	Other FE Sector Colleges
EAST OF ENGLAND GOR	17.0	16.6	17.3	17.2	22.5	18.2	9.7
Luton UA	12.6	12.7	12.5	10.1	—	13.7	5.4
Bedfordshire County	17.5	17.0	18.0	16.6	23.7	—	6.3
Peterborough	16.0	16.9	15.4	17.2	17.4	—	7.7
Cambridgeshire	19.3	18.7	19.8	16.3	21.7	22.5	9.0
Southend	18.5	17.9	19.3	21.5	—	—	13.6
Thurrock	12.6	11.4	13.5	—	—	13.2	6.9
Essex	17.1	16.5	17.6	18.4	20.4	18.6	10.8
Hertfordshire	17.3	17.4	17.2	17.2	23.4	—	8.1
Norfolk	16.3	15.2	17.2	16.5	24.3	15.8	9.5
Suffolk	15.9	15.4	16.4	15.8	19.8	—	8.7
LONDON GOR	16.2	16.2	16.1	15.7	24.5	14.2	10.3
City of London	26.0	26.4	25.3	—	26.0	—	—
Inner London Boroughs	16.0	16.2	15.9	14.8	23.3	13.3	9.0
Camden	17.3	17.8	17.0	16.6	25.0	—	7.4
Hackney	10.8	11.8	10.5	12.3	8.0	—	9.4
Hammersmith & Fulham	21.9	20.6	23.0	19.9	26.3	—	8.7
Haringey	15.3	16.7	13.8	12.9	24.2	—	4.5
Islington	11.6	10.7	12.3	8.3	5.0	—	12.4
Kensington & Chelsea	16.7	16.4	16.9	19.4	17.1	14.3	4.1
Lambeth	14.2	9.3	15.2	11.4	20.6	—	8.2
Lewisham	14.2	13.6	14.8	13.0	20.4	14.2	8.3
Newham	11.1	11.0	11.3	14.2	—	10.8	6.9
Southwark	22.9	23.2	22.4	11.3	26.4	—	6.7
Tower Hamlets	9.6	9.2	9.9	9.9	—	—	9.3
Wandsworth	15.0	14.6	15.2	15.3	20.4	14.9	6.9
Westminster, City of	18.1	18.8	17.6	14.1	26.7	—	7.0
Outer London Boroughs	16.1	16.1	16.2	15.9	25.3	14.5	10.7
Barking & Dagenham	12.5	11.2	13.8	12.6	—	—	11.2
Barnet	16.7	16.1	17.2	17.9	17.3	18.4	7.3
Bexley	15.9	15.8	16.1	16.5	—	—	7.4
Brent	14.1	14.2	14.0	14.2	14.6	—	11.0
Bromley	16.7	16.1	17.1	17.4	22.4	—	10.9
Croydon	16.0	16.9	15.2	13.0	26.7	12.9	8.1
Ealing	15.5	14.6	16.2	14.2	21.6	—	11.7
Enfield	14.6	14.6	14.6	15.3	27.5	—	8.3
Greenwich	14.0	15.0	13.2	11.8	24.5	—	7.0
Harrow	15.8	15.3	16.3	—	25.0	16.4	11.2
Havering	16.5	16.4	16.6	20.8	—	16.1	8.0
Hillingdon	15.2	13.5	16.4	14.5	24.8	—	9.9
Hounslow	13.5	12.6	14.2	14.2	8.0	—	6.4
Kingston upon Thames	15.3	14.2	16.2	16.6	24.3	—	9.5
Merton	19.5	20.8	17.8	17.0	27.5	10.1	8.2
Redbridge	16.5	15.9	17.0	15.6	26.9	—	7.1
Richmond upon Thames	20.0	22.2	17.6	—	31.3	—	14.2
Sutton	19.5	19.9	19.2	19.4	26.5	—	9.1
Waltham Forest	13.5	13.3	13.7	12.5	26.4	11.9	8.0

TABLE 13: continued

LEA	Overall	Males	Females	Maintained Schools (3)	Independent Schools (3)	Sixth Form Colleges	Other FE Sector Colleges
SOUTH EAST GOR	17.5	17.2	17.7	17.1	22.5	18.3	11.5
Bracknell Forest	16.2	16.6	15.6	14.2	21.7	—	8.9
Reading	18.9	18.7	19.1	19.1	24.0	—	8.3
Slough	14.5	14.8	14.3	17.9	—	—	7.6
West Berkshire	18.5	17.4	19.6	17.6	22.5	—	10.7
Windsor & Maidenhead	20.7	22.0	18.8	16.4	27.2	—	—
Wokingham	17.9	17.9	17.9	17.7	18.9	—	—
Milton Keynes UA	14.4	14.0	14.8	15.3	7.7	—	10.4
Buckinghamshire County	19.3	19.4	19.1	19.8	23.7	—	9.1
Brighton and Hove UA	18.9	18.1	19.5	14.8	22.1	20.5	6.1
East Sussex County	16.2	15.4	16.9	14.5	18.5	20.5	11.5
Portsmouth UA	17.6	18.1	17.2	14.0	22.8	14.9	7.3
Southampton UA	15.4	15.2	15.5	17.7	23.0	14.2	5.6
Hampshire County	17.8	17.2	18.2	17.5	23.7	19.0	14.4
Isle of Wight	16.4	16.8	16.1	16.5	22.3	—	8.6
Kent	17.5	17.3	17.7	17.7	22.8	—	9.1
Medway	15.7	15.6	15.9	16.5	20.7	—	8.5
Oxfordshire	17.2	17.6	16.9	15.8	23.0	—	12.5
Surrey	18.0	17.3	18.6	17.0	22.5	17.8	10.1
West Sussex	16.3	15.8	16.7	15.8	20.4	16.9	9.4
SOUTH WEST GOR	17.5	17.1	17.8	17.6	21.9	15.7	14.2
Bath & NE Somerset UA	16.7	16.5	16.8	15.5	21.8	—	9.8
Bristol UA	16.4	15.3	17.3	13.3	21.0	14.1	9.2
North Somerset UA	16.2	15.5	16.7	16.7	15.0	—	10.5
South Gloucestershire UA	15.4	15.6	15.3	16.8	10.4	—	11.2
Cornwall	17.9	17.2	18.5	16.4	21.8	—	18.5
Isles of Scilly							
Plymouth	17.3	17.2	17.4	17.2	24.3	—	13.3
Torbay	19.1	20.9	17.8	21.8	18.6	—	9.2
Devon	17.3	16.5	17.9	16.8	22.0	—	15.7
Bournemouth UA	21.0	22.2	19.9	21.3	18.4	—	—
Poole UA	16.5	17.2	15.9	19.7	24.2	—	8.7
Dorset County	18.0	17.7	18.2	17.1	21.8	—	15.6
Gloucestershire	19.0	18.2	19.6	19.7	23.1	—	14.0
Somerset	17.0	16.2	17.6	17.0	20.9	17.1	13.1
Swindon UA	14.8	14.7	14.8	16.1	—	—	14.4
Wiltshire County	18.2	18.4	18.1	17.5	24.4	—	10.3
TOTAL ENGLAND	17.2	17.0	17.4	17.3	23.8	17.4	11.3

(1) Including both GCE A level and AS examination passes with each AS pass counted as half of an A level pass — total passes are rounded down to the nearest whole number.

(2) Including attempts and passes by these students in previous academic years (possibly at other institutions).

(3) Including special schools in which GCE A levels and AS examinations were taken.

TABLE 14

Mean scores (1) achieved by 17 year old GCE A/AS level & AGNVQ candidates in maintained schools (2) in each Local Education Authority by the end of 1998/99 (3)

LEA	Number of candidates	Average point score	Percentage of candidates with a mean score of:					
			1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25 plus
NORTH EAST GOR	4,922	16.8	8	12	22	16	16	22
Hartlepool UA	77	18.1	6	14	29	10	12	26
Middlesbrough UA	78	14.2	8	18	23	24	6	14
Redcar & Cleveland UA	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stockton on Tees UA	204	19.2	6	9	20	20	17	27
Darlington UA	47	15.2	15	19	17	11	19	17
Durham County	1,167	17.1	7	11	22	15	18	23
Northumberland	1,295	17.1	7	13	21	16	16	22
Tyne & Wear Met County	2,054	16.2	9	12	22	16	16	20
Gateshead	548	16.3	7	11	23	19	18	17
Newcastle upon Tyne	620	15.2	11	15	22	14	15	18
North Tyneside	506	16.4	9	12	23	15	15	21
South Tyneside	82	14.6	13	15	22	15	21	13
Sunderland	298	18.4	7	9	17	16	16	29
NORTH WEST GOR	12,005	18.9	7	12	19	13	16	29
Halton	170	11.5	13	29	21	11	9	9
Warrington	513	17.4	8	12	24	14	16	23
Cheshire	2,253	19.9	6	11	19	14	16	32
Cumbria	1,561	18.4	8	12	20	13	17	27
Greater Manchester Met County	2,205	19.4	6	11	18	14	17	31
Bolton	510	18.6	7	12	21	16	16	27
Bury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manchester	192	17.5	6	13	16	15	23	20
Oldham	307	17.9	6	14	22	17	16	24
Rochdale	293	15.0	10	15	24	13	13	19
Salford	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stockport	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tameside	54	19.4	7	11	9	17	15	33
Trafford	671	24.6	2	6	12	11	18	50
Wigan	178	14.5	12	11	28	17	18	10
Blackburn with Darwen	81	19.2	6	5	20	12	26	27
Blackpool	56	16.0	14	13	13	14	18	23
Lancashire	1,665	21.1	7	10	17	11	15	39
Merseyside	3,501	17.6	9	13	20	13	15	26
Knowsley	105	10.7	20	16	22	12	8	9
Liverpool	1,176	16.9	9	14	22	13	14	23
St Helens	410	17.5	10	14	20	13	14	25
Sefton	706	16.9	9	14	23	15	16	21
Wirral	1,104	19.5	8	11	17	12	15	33

TABLE 14: *continued*

LEA	Number of candidates	Average point score	Percentage of candidates with a mean score of:					
			1–4	5–9	10–14	15–19	20–24	25 plus
YORKSHIRE & HUMBER	10,819	17.8	9	12	19	13	16	26
East Riding of Yorkshire	1,035	17.5	9	12	20	14	15	25
Kingston-upon-Hull UA	63	16.8	11	13	11	6	24	22
North East Lincolnshire UA	113	15.3	11	13	21	15	17	18
North Lincolnshire UA	118	15.4	11	8	22	13	19	17
York UA	316	20.8	6	7	20	13	16	36
North Yorkshire	2,067	20.6	6	10	18	14	16	34
South Yorkshire Met County	2,316	18.0	9	12	18	13	16	27
Barnsley	104	19.9	8	12	18	8	18	35
Doncaster	831	16.1	12	13	19	13	16	20
Rotherham	642	16.1	11	15	20	15	16	19
Sheffield	739	21.4	6	9	14	11	17	40
West Yorkshire Met County	4,791	16.6	9	14	20	13	16	22
Bradford	1,400	15.1	9	16	22	13	15	18
Calderdale	620	17.9	10	11	19	12	16	26
Kirklees	604	15.1	10	15	20	13	17	17
Leeds	1,799	18.1	8	12	19	14	18	26
Wakefield	368	14.6	13	19	22	11	15	15
EAST MIDLANDS GOR	11,936	17.3	9	13	20	14	17	24
Derby UA	437	15.4	12	14	21	15	15	18
Derbyshire County	2,035	18.8	7	12	19	13	16	30
Leicester UA	235	14.0	12	21	15	15	20	10
Rutland UA	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Leicestershire County	2,310	17.0	9	13	20	15	17	22
Lincolnshire	2,078	21.1	5	9	16	13	18	37
Northamptonshire	2,163	15.5	9	15	24	16	16	17
Nottingham City	189	14.4	13	17	17	11	17	16
Nottinghamshire	2,489	15.7	13	14	21	12	16	20
WEST MIDLANDS GOR	11,555	17.3	10	13	21	13	15	25
Herefordshire UA	138	16.4	9	14	20	18	16	20
Worcestershire	1,511	17.5	8	13	22	12	17	24
The Wrekin	272	21.8	2	5	22	16	19	35
Shropshire	434	15.4	10	17	25	14	17	15
Stoke on Trent UA	123	17.4	3	14	21	15	23	20
Staffordshire County	2,619	17.4	9	12	21	13	16	24
Warwickshire	1,212	18.1	8	12	20	13	18	26
West Midlands Met County	5,246	17.0	11	13	20	13	13	25
Birmingham	2,186	18.7	10	12	16	12	13	32
Coventry	821	16.3	10	12	23	16	17	19
Dudley	170	19.6	11	9	15	15	14	34
Sandwell	264	11.7	18	19	24	11	11	9
Solihull	313	15.0	7	16	19	21	15	14
Walsall	850	16.8	11	14	21	12	13	25
Wolverhampton	642	14.8	13	15	24	13	11	18

TABLE 14: *continued*

LEA	Number of candidates	Average point score	Percentage of candidates with a mean score of:					
			1–4	5–9	10–14	15–19	20–24	25 plus
EAST OF ENGLAND GOR	15,429	17.2	8	13	21	15	17	23
Luton UA	54	10.1	17	20	37	7	9	2
Bedfordshire County	1,603	16.6	9	14	22	15	16	21
Peterborough	659	17.2	9	16	18	15	15	24
Cambridgeshire	823	16.3	8	15	24	12	18	19
Southend	583	21.5	4	9	17	13	17	39
Thurrock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Essex	3,126	18.4	8	13	19	14	16	27
Hertfordshire	4,412	17.2	7	12	21	15	19	22
Norfolk	1,912	16.5	9	13	21	15	17	20
Suffolk	2,257	15.8	8	15	24	17	16	17
LONDON GOR	14,418	15.7	9	14	22	14	17	18
Inner London Boroughs	3,012	14.8	10	15	22	15	16	15
Camden	739	16.6	6	13	22	19	20	18
Hackney	87	12.3	10	24	20	15	21	3
Hammersmith & Fulham	264	19.9	4	8	18	17	20	30
Haringey	280	12.9	15	16	23	11	16	11
Islington	75	8.3	24	21	21	11	5	3
Kensington & Chelsea	127	19.4	2	9	22	18	24	24
Lambeth	64	11.4	20	19	31	6	13	6
Lewisham	321	13.0	13	16	18	13	14	13
Newham	125	14.2	8	17	30	17	14	11
Southwark	54	11.3	7	24	28	9	9	9
Tower Hamlets	220	9.9	17	23	21	11	11	3
Wandsworth	366	15.3	10	12	23	16	16	17
Westminster, City of	290	14.1	10	14	24	14	13	17
Outer London Boroughs	11,406	15.9	9	14	22	14	17	19
Barking & Dagenham	354	12.6	13	18	26	14	13	9
Barnet	1,168	17.9	7	11	20	15	21	23
Bexley	727	16.5	10	12	22	16	14	23
Brent	594	14.2	8	20	23	14	17	13
Bromley	1,236	17.4	7	11	21	15	18	23
Croydon	371	13.0	14	20	18	11	14	14
Ealing	496	14.2	9	19	24	15	18	11
Enfield	1,010	15.3	11	15	24	12	16	17
Greenwich	379	11.8	15	14	27	13	12	7
Harrow	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Havering	401	20.8	5	9	18	15	18	34
Hillingdon	813	14.5	11	14	25	15	16	14
Hounslow	791	14.2	11	16	24	14	18	12
Kingston upon Thames	584	16.6	8	14	18	13	20	23
Merton	189	17.0	8	11	13	19	17	25
Redbridge	1,256	15.6	9	14	24	12	17	18
Richmond upon Thames	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sutton	868	19.4	7	11	20	12	17	31
Waltham Forest	169	12.5	10	24	23	15	11	9

TABLE 14: *continued*

LEA	Number of candidates	Average point score	Percentage of candidates with a mean score of:					
			1–4	5–9	10–14	15–19	20–24	25 plus
SOUTH EAST GOR	20,166	17.1	8	12	22	15	18	22
Bracknell Forest	352	14.2	11	11	28	18	13	13
Reading	328	19.1	11	9	14	10	13	37
Slough	411	17.9	6	12	25	17	14	25
West Berkshire	713	17.6	7	12	22	15	22	21
Windsor & Maidenhead	570	16.4	8	14	21	16	18	20
Wokingham	736	17.7	4	10	26	19	17	23
Milton Keynes UA	644	15.3	11	14	26	13	15	17
Buckinghamshire County	2,519	19.8	5	8	19	14	22	30
Brighton and Hove UA	243	14.8	11	15	23	14	19	14
East Sussex County	804	14.5	9	17	26	13	13	16
Portsmouth UA	26	14.0	8	23	27	12	12	15
Southampton UA	60	17.7	10	15	20	13	15	23
Hampshire County	659	17.5	10	12	20	17	15	24
Isle of Wight	434	16.5	9	10	25	18	18	18
Kent	5,151	17.7	7	11	20	15	18	24
Medway	897	16.5	9	15	22	15	16	21
Oxfordshire	1,800	15.8	9	13	22	16	16	18
Surrey	2,201	17.0	8	12	22	15	19	21
West Sussex	1,618	15.8	8	15	23	16	16	19
SOUTH WEST GOR	12,137	17.6	8	12	20	16	16	25
Bath & NE Somerset UA	682	15.5	9	17	24	15	16	17
Bristol UA	428	13.3	16	17	19	14	14	13
North Somerset UA	636	16.7	11	11	20	15	18	21
South Gloucestershire UA	823	16.8	9	13	22	15	15	21
Cornwall	840	16.4	9	15	20	16	15	21
Isles of Scilly	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Plymouth	906	17.2	8	13	19	14	16	24
Torbay	479	21.8	5	6	14	12	18	42
Devon	1,252	16.8	9	14	20	16	17	21
Bournemouth UA	474	21.3	3	7	15	18	19	36
Poole UA	548	19.7	7	11	18	13	17	33
Dorset County	1,113	17.1	9	13	21	15	14	24
Gloucestershire	1,868	19.7	5	10	18	16	18	30
Somerset	633	17.0	9	11	19	19	17	22
Swindon UA	149	16.1	5	13	30	25	12	13
Wiltshire County	1,306	17.5	7	12	22	16	16	24
England Average	113,387	17.3	8	13	21	14	17	24

(1) Including both GCE A level and AS examination passes with each AS pass counted as half of an A level pass and AGNVQ as 2 passes — total passes are rounded down to the nearest whole number.

(2) Excluding special schools.

(3) Including attempts and passes by these students in previous academic years (possibly at other institutions).

TABLE 15

Success rates (1) of GCE A level and AS examination candidates of all ages in selected subjects in all schools and colleges in 1998/99 (2)

	Males				Females			
	All age groups		Aged 16-18 (3)		All age groups		Aged 16-18 (3)	
	Candidates	Success rate	Candidates	Success rate	Candidates	Success rate	Candidates	Success rate
Any Subject								
A Level	122,426	90.9	110,237	93.1	144,449	91.5	125,779	94.0
AS Examination	31,052	68.0	28,514	68.6	32,235	72.8	29,165	73.4
English								
A Level	24,778	91.0	23,084	92.3	58,952	92.2	54,526	93.4
AS Examination	779	82.3	646	82.2	1,608	85.0	1,380	86.4
Mathematics								
A Level	36,931	87.0	35,491	87.7	21,227	89.9	20,465	90.7
AS Examination	8,069	59.2	7,391	59.7	4,840	65.7	4,431	66.7
Physics								
A Level	23,502	89.1	22,773	89.6	6,926	90.7	6,707	91.2
AS Examination	1,631	53.2	1,538	53.3	502	63.5	462	63.6
Chemistry								
A Level	19,830	89.1	18,949	89.8	17,639	91.0	16,872	91.6
AS Examination	888	50.6	812	51.0	671	52.9	618	53.1
Biology								
A Level	19,619	85.9	18,535	86.9	30,537	87.9	28,648	89.1
AS Examination	1,492	51.1	1,323	51.9	2,292	56.5	1,918	57.0
Technology								
A Level	9,199	89.6	9,144	89.7	3,134	92.9	3,127	93.0
AS Examination	218	75.2	208	75.5	83	85.5	72	83.3
Geography								
A Level	20,396	91.6	20,127	91.8	17,104	93.2	16,927	93.3
AS Examination	567	69.3	547	69.7	494	68.8	481	68.8
History								
A Level	15,876	87.6	15,187	88.7	18,979	87.0	18,219	88.1
AS Examination	205	54.6	182	53.8	329	56.2	305	57.7
Music								
A Level	2,672	92.4	2,546	92.7	3,507	94.5	3,420	94.6
AS Examination	509	86.2	472	86.4	537	90.3	475	90.1
French								
A Level	5,636	91.9	5,268	92.2	13,026	91.8	12,506	92.1
AS Examination	782	83.4	622	83.9	1,202	76.4	996	77.0
Business Studies								
A Level	17,953	85.7	16,714	87.8	15,130	85.6	13,909	87.8
AS Examination	1,239	73.9	1,184	74.1	1,060	75.8	1,008	76.5
General Studies								
A Level	40,783	85.1	40,261	85.3	44,403	82.6	43,926	82.7
AS Examination	5,691	68.7	5,599	68.7	6,184	71.0	6,100	71.1

(1) The total number of grade A-E passes as a percentage of the total number of attempts.

(2) GCE A /AS level attempts and passes in the 1998/99 academic year only.

(3) Age at the start of the 1998/99 academic year, ie. 31 August 1998.

TABLE 16

Successful (1) 17 year old GCE A level and AS examination candidates in selected subjects in schools and colleges by the end of 1998/99 (2)

	Successful candidates in all establishments						Successful candidates in schools (3)	
	Overall		Males		Females		Number	Percentage
	Number	Percentage (4)	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage		
Any Subject								
A Level	188,086	30.6	86,306	27.4	101,780	34.0	132,308	21.5
AS Examination	28,058	4.6	13,492	4.3	14,566	4.9	17,821	2.9
English								
A Level	65,763	10.7	19,179	6.1	46,584	15.6	46,087	7.5
AS Examination	1,122	0.2	406	0.1	716	0.2	668	0.1
Mathematics								
A Level	44,054	7.2	27,593	8.8	16,461	5.5	34,157	5.6
AS Examination	5,964	1.0	3,528	1.1	2,436	0.8	4,361	0.7
Physics								
A Level	23,770	3.9	18,374	5.8	5,396	1.8	18,991	3.1
AS Examination	702	0.1	514	0.2	188	0.1	441	0.1
Chemistry								
A Level	28,335	4.6	14,919	4.7	13,416	4.5	22,419	3.7
AS Examination	542	0.1	297	0.1	245	0.1	336	0.1
Biology								
A Level	36,607	6.0	13,993	4.4	22,614	7.6	27,969	4.6
AS Examination	1,165	0.2	439	0.1	726	0.2	650	0.1
Technology								
A Level	10,374	1.7	7,602	2.4	2,772	0.9	8,634	1.4
AS Examination	132	0.0	98	0.0	34	0.0	101	0.0
Geography								
A Level	31,999	5.2	17,092	5.4	14,907	5.0	25,749	4.2
AS Examination	365	0.1	188	0.1	177	0.1	189	0.0
History								
A Level	27,436	4.5	12,437	4.0	14,999	5.0	21,639	3.5
AS Examination	215	0.0	76	0.0	139	0.0	125	0.0
Music								
A Level	5,045	0.8	2,104	0.7	2,941	1.0	3,812	0.6
AS Examination	748	0.1	356	0.1	392	0.1	538	0.1
French								
A Level	15,049	2.5	4,390	1.4	10,659	3.6	12,178	2.0
AS Examination	1,149	0.2	481	0.2	668	0.2	862	0.1
Business Studies								
A Level	23,824	3.9	12,762	4.1	11,062	3.7	15,910	2.6
AS Examination	1,049	0.2	549	0.2	500	0.2	571	0.1
General Studies								
A Level	66,045	10.8	31,768	10.1	34,277	11.5	47,795	7.8
AS Examination	6,178	1.0	2,815	0.9	3,363	1.1	4,266	0.7

(1) Those with at least one grade A-E pass in the subject(s) concerned.

(2) Including attempts and passes by these students in previous academic years.

(3) All maintained and independent schools, including special schools and City Technology Colleges.

(4) The percentage of the total 17 year old population at the end of August 1998 (as estimated by the GAD), who are successful.

TABLE 17

GCE A level and AS examination results of 17 year old students in schools and colleges analysed by subject and grade – by the end of 1998/99 (1)

	Grades obtained								Total Entries
	A	B	C	D	E	N	U	X	
A Levels									
Biological sciences	7,469	8,045	8,122	7,337	5,635	2,888	1,516	108	41,125
Chemistry	7,852	6,856	5,864	4,576	3,187	1,693	942	68	31,039
Physics	6,613	5,375	4,913	3,949	2,920	1,566	887	50	26,277
Other Science	706	988	1,269	1,212	847	380	205	50	5,657
Mathematics	15,926	10,447	9,099	7,478	5,795	3,004	2,223	138	54,111
Computer Studies	1,220	1,788	2,601	2,866	2,207	1,175	893	73	12,825
Design and Technology	1,622	1,738	2,889	2,675	1,606	705	319	51	11,607
Home Economics	185	240	331	313	257	140	114	1	1,581
Business Studies	2,524	5,581	6,834	5,475	3,410	1,673	873	105	26,479
Geography	5,943	7,672	8,074	6,469	3,841	1,689	692	28	34,411
History	5,393	6,243	6,780	5,555	3,465	1,872	1,345	108	30,763
Economics	3,242	3,039	3,256	2,841	2,084	1,020	682	48	16,212
Social Studies	7,436	10,038	10,412	8,542	6,151	3,170	2,532	272	48,564
Physical Education	1,474	1,802	3,066	3,244	2,273	893	241	37	13,030
Vocational Studies	244	385	399	398	327	170	298	54	2,275
Art and Design	6,972	5,994	6,833	4,894	2,443	817	200	317	28,471
English	11,474	14,489	17,673	14,976	8,873	3,134	915	211	71,747
Communication Studies	2,661	4,349	6,465	5,306	2,873	1,144	648	165	23,611
French	3,789	3,379	3,294	2,706	1,881	772	447	51	16,322
German	2,008	1,571	1,490	1,234	935	348	223	18	7,828
Spanish	992	999	885	684	372	136	125	11	4,204
Other Modern Languages	929	641	375	248	116	32	41	35	2,421
Classical Studies	1,310	1,108	956	587	330	145	85	14	4,536
Music	1,215	1,100	1,395	1,037	543	222	85	20	5,621
Religious Studies	917	877	1,028	814	523	298	204	5	4,666
General Studies	10,053	13,468	15,206	15,364	11,954	6,672	4,060	653	77,439
Total	110,174	118,219	129,517	110,790	74,856	35,760	20,795	2,691	602,862
AS Examinations									
Biological sciences	50	74	103	222	716	483	485	48	2,182
Chemistry	14	27	71	167	263	265	237	28	1,072
Physics	46	70	94	170	322	282	272	17	1,273
Other Science	172	206	249	294	299	174	193	34	1,621
Mathematics	811	822	947	1326	2143	1320	2058	178	9,606
Computer Studies	75	153	316	434	475	309	343	11	2,116
Design and Technology	19	25	26	33	30	20	18	8	179
Home Economics	5	6	6	8	10	13	12	1	61
Business Studies	87	143	224	307	288	172	151	34	1,407
Geography	25	45	51	76	168	82	75	10	532
History	20	33	41	62	59	52	69	20	356
Economics	47	53	76	85	107	84	76	20	548
Social Studies	348	632	842	1081	1549	753	1211	182	6,607
Physical Education	60	56	56	52	38	28	17	10	317
Vocational Studies	39	62	102	126	126	101	115	18	690
Art and Design	128	209	283	271	201	95	43	51	1,281
English	109	232	334	309	183	99	43	21	1,330
Communication Studies	20	92	162	164	97	41	25	21	622
French	106	211	224	252	356	139	137	18	1,443
German	63	93	93	109	174	68	36	7	644
Spanish	38	45	39	37	73	29	26	6	293
Other Modern Languages	40	36	21	25	9	2	2	6	143
Classical Studies	85	76	64	52	46	41	25	7	396
Music	140	133	199	162	99	37	29	13	817
Religious Studies	122	76	137	142	135	107	112	16	847
General Studies	676	921	1,298	1,616	1,667	1,008	1,087	137	8,410
Total	3,351	4,537	6,063	7,586	9,637	5,809	6,900	923	44,827

(1) Including attempts and passes by these students in previous academic years

TABLE 17A

Advanced GNVQ results of 17 year old students in all schools and FE sector colleges, analysed by subject by the end of 1998/99

	Qualifications obtained				
	Advanced GNVQ				Total Entries
	Distinction	Merit	Pass only	No result	
Art & Design	672	1,064	483	299	2,518
Business	2,299	3,339	1,384	1,218	8,240
Health & Social Care	888	1,330	527	404	3,149
Leisure & Tourism	942	1,801	996	513	4,252
Manufacturing	21	9	15	3	48
Construction	62	106	44	58	270
Hospitality & Catering	93	182	160	118	553
Science	110	198	154	145	607
Engineering	80	183	140	106	509
Information Technology	297	651	447	239	1,634
Media: Communication & Production	208	276	81	141	706
Retail & Distribution	9	24	12	5	50
Performing Arts	53	53	15	32	153
Other	7	13	9	4	33
Total	5,741	9,229	4,467	3,285	22,722

TABLE 18**GCE A-level/AS & AGNVQ achievements(1) of candidates (2) in all Schools and Colleges - 1996/97 to 1998/99 (2)**

	1996/1997			1997/1998			1998/1999		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Schools									
Pupils with 1 or more GCE A-level (or AS/AGNVQ equivalent) passes	65.4	69.2	134.6	71.0	77.0	148.0	71.8	77.6	149.4
— as % of those attempting A/AS/AGNVQ exams	95.6	96.7	96.2	96.2	97.3	96.9	96.2	97.0	96.6
— as % of the 17 year old age group(4)	21.1	23.7	22.4	22.3	25.5	23.8	22.8	26.0	24.3
Pupils with 2 or more GCE A-level (or AS/AGNVQ equivalent) passes	58.2	62.3	120.5	64.7	71.0	135.7	65.4	71.9	137.3
— as % of those attempting A/AS/AGNVQ exams	85.1	87.1	86.1	87.7	89.8	88.8	87.6	90.0	88.8
— as % of the 17 year old age group(4)	18.8	21.3	20.0	20.3	23.5	21.9	20.8	24.1	22.4
Pupils with 3 or more GCE A-level (or AS/AGNVQ equivalent) passes	47.4	50.5	97.9	50.2	55.3	105.5	50.8	56.5	107.3
— as % of those attempting A/AS/AGNVQ exams	69.3	70.6	70.0	68.0	69.9	69.0	68.1	70.6	69.4
— as % of the 17 year old age group(4)	15.3	17.3	16.3	15.8	18.3	17.0	16.1	18.9	17.5
FE Sector Colleges									
Students with 1 or more GCE A-level (or AS/AGNVQ equivalent) pass	29.2	39.4	68.6	38.0	49.4	87.4	36.7	47.2	83.9
— as % of those attempting A/AS/AGNVQ exams	89.0	90.9	90.1	86.8	89.6	88.4	88.1	90.2	89.3
— as % of the 17 year old age group(4)	9.4	13.5	11.4	11.9	16.3	14.1	11.7	15.8	13.7
Students with 2 or more GCE A-level (or AS/AGNVQ equivalent) pass	23.3	31.9	55.2	33.1	43.4	76.5	31.8	41.2	73.1
— as % of those attempting A/AS/AGNVQ exams	70.9	73.8	72.5	75.6	78.7	77.3	76.5	78.8	77.8
— as % of the 17 year old age group(4)	7.5	10.9	9.2	10.4	14.3	12.3	10.1	13.8	11.9
Students with 3 or more GCE A-level (or AS/AGNVQ equivalent) passes	17.2	24.0	41.3	18.6	26.3	44.9	18.4	25.7	44.1
— as % of those attempting A/AS/AGNVQ exams	52.5	55.5	54.2	42.5	47.7	45.4	44.1	49.2	46.9
— as % of the 17 year old age group(4)	5.6	8.2	6.9	5.8	8.7	7.2	5.8	8.6	7.2
Schools and FE Sector Colleges									
Candidates with 1 or more GCE A-level (or AS/AGNVQ equivalent) pass	94.6	108.6	203.1	109.0	126.4	235.3	108.4	124.8	233.2
— as % of those attempting A/AS/AGNVQ exams	93.5	94.5	94.0	92.7	94.2	93.5	93.3	94.3	93.8
— as % of the 17 year old age group(4)	30.6	37.1	33.8	34.2	41.8	37.9	34.5	41.8	38.0
Candidates with 2 or more GCE A-level (or AS/AGNVQ equivalent) pass	81.5	94.2	175.7	97.7	114.5	212.2	97.2	113.2	210.4
— as % of those attempting A/AS/AGNVQ exams	80.5	82.1	81.3	83.1	85.3	84.3	83.6	85.6	84.7
— as % of the 17 year old age group(4)	26.3	32.2	29.2	30.7	37.9	34.2	30.9	37.9	34.3
Candidates with 3 or more GCE A-level (or AS/AGNVQ equivalent) passes	64.6	74.6	139.2	68.9	81.6	150.4	69.2	82.2	151.4
— as % of those attempting A/AS/AGNVQ exams	63.8	64.9	64.4	58.6	60.8	59.7	59.5	62.1	60.9
— as % of the 17 year old age group(4)	20.9	25.5	23.1	21.6	27.0	24.2	22.0	27.5	24.7

(1) Each GCE AS attempt or pass counts as half of a GCE A-level and each AGNVQ as 2 attempts or 2 passes

(2) Figures are derived from the number of candidates aged 18 or under who achieved the stated result for the first time, in the relevant year, in all Schools and Further Education Sector Colleges.

(3) Figures for 1998/1999 include the Advanced GNVQ which is equivalent to two GCE A levels.

(4) The GAD estimates of the population aged 17 at 31 August are:

1996/1997			1997/1998			1998/1999		
Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
309.4	292.4	601.8	318.5	302.5	621.0	314.7	298.7	613.5

TABLE 19

Update of data published in the Secondary School & School and College Performance Tables for the 16-18 age group in November 1999 – for each Local Education Authority

LEA	Percentage of 15 year old pupils (1) achieving at GCSE or or GNVQ equivalent:			Percentage achieving pre-16 Vocational		Average point score of 16–18 year old candidates (1)			AGNVQ	Percentage achieving post-16 Vocational Qualification (3)	
	5+ A*–C grades	5+ A*–G grades	No passes	Average GCSE point score	Qualification (2)	entered for fewer than 2 A/AS	entered for 2 or more A/AS	per entry		Qualification (3)	
										Advanced	Intermediate
NORTH EAST GOR											
Hartlepool UA	38.8	86.5	6.2	35.5	100.0	2.2	15.1	4.5	10.3	79.7	84.7
Middlesbrough UA	31.0	80.8	9.5	30.1	69.0	3.2	16.1	5.0	9.5	76.7	73.1
Redcar & Cleveland UA	44.6	87.9	6.0	36.0	62.0	1.9	16.8	4.6	8.8	42.8	9.6
Stockton on Tees UA	41.3	88.3	5.9	36.4	92.0	3.4	17.9	5.4	10.5	81.6	58.9
Darlington UA	42.9	87.8	5.7	36.0	83.3	2.7	19.9	5.6	9.5	96.5	80.9
Durham County	38.2	86.4	7.1	33.5	72.6	2.5	16.9	5.2	9.3	88.2	60.6
Northumberland	46.3	89.9	6.0	38.1	70.4	2.4	18.1	5.4	10.1	77.9	64.6
Tyne & Wear Met County											
Gateshead	40.8	85.8	7.9	36.5	52.8	2.8	16.8	5.4	12.1	52.4	71.3
Newcastle upon Tyne	33.6	81.5	12.2	30.5	75.3	3.2	15.0	4.9	9.0	88.9	64.9
North Tyneside	43.4	92.8	4.8	37.0	98.0	2.4	16.4	4.9	10.1	69.5	62.4
South Tyneside	39.9	89.8	5.8	34.8	54.3	3.1	13.2	4.7	8.2	76.1	60.7
Sunderland	34.6	87.8	5.4	33.5	59.9	2.7	15.1	4.6	8.5	85.9	82.0
NORTH WEST GOR											
Halton	37.3	87.9	5.7	33.6	96.6	2.0	15.7	4.3	10.0	69.2	72.3
Warrington	49.7	93.6	3.2	39.9	85.4	2.3	17.5	4.9	10.4	86.6	61.9
Cheshire	54.5	93.1	3.4	40.6	62.6	2.8	20.3	5.5	10.3	84.1	70.3
Cumbria	47.6	90.6	5.0	38.6	84.4	2.3	18.6	5.2	10.3	81.8	68.0
Greater Manchester Met County											
Bolton	43.2	87.6	7.3	35.7	75.3	1.6	16.6	4.7	11.0	56.8	59.0
Bury	53.5	95.0	2.2	40.8	68.1	1.9	16.4	4.2	9.7	91.1	70.2
Manchester	30.2	79.1	10.1	28.3	—	2.8	15.7	4.8	10.6	43.8	57.2
Oldham	39.9	88.6	6.2	34.9	74.4	1.6	17.3	4.6	10.4	84.5	79.1
Rochdale	38.5	86.1	7.6	33.2	75.8	2.7	14.5	4.3	9.8	84.0	55.2
Salford	34.1	86.9	5.6	31.4	100.0	3.0	14.9	4.5	9.0	62.7	64.4
Stockport	50.1	91.6	5.0	38.1	87.6	2.8	17.5	5.0	10.6	81.1	70.9
Tameside	40.5	90.5	4.1	34.7	87.4	2.8	15.5	4.6	9.1	81.9	71.0
Trafford	53.7	92.1	3.9	41.1	63.6	2.2	22.3	5.8	8.7	75.8	67.8
Wigan	45.7	89.7	5.7	37.5	84.2	2.1	17.0	4.9	10.6	73.1	62.3
Blackburn with Darwen	35.9	87.4	7.1	33.7	92.6	3.5	17.2	5.1	9.0	84.5	64.2
Blackpool	36.5	84.7	7.3	31.5	91.7	2.8	16.7	5.2	8.3	75.2	66.1
Lancashire	48.0	90.9	4.6	38.5	67.9	2.7	20.3	5.5	10.7	81.6	75.7
MERSEYSIDE											
Knowsley	23.6	77.0	13.5	25.8	51.7	4.4	12.0	4.1	9.0	81.6	86.5
Liverpool	32.4	79.5	10.7	29.9	71.7	3.3	16.7	4.9	9.1	72.4	64.2
St Helens	43.4	88.2	6.6	35.0	74.7	2.3	19.4	5.1	9.4	96.3	73.6
Sefton	48.7	92.4	4.5	39.3	75.3	2.5	17.6	4.9	10.0	78.3	71.7
Wirral	46.9	87.7	6.9	37.6	58.6	2.3	19.1	5.3	9.0	60.8	58.7

TABLE 19: *continued*

LEA	Percentage of 15 year old pupils (1) achieving at GCSE or or GNVQ equivalent:			Percentage achieving pre-16 Vocational		Average point score of 16–18 year old candidates (1)			AGNVQ	Percentage achieving post-16 Vocational Qualification (3)	
	5+ A*–C grades	5+ A*–G grades	No passes	Average GCSE point score	Qualification (2)	entered for fewer than 2 A/AS	entered for 2 or more A/AS	per entry		AdvancedIntermediate	
YORKSHIRE & HUMBER GOR											
East Riding of Yorkshire	48.7	91.9	4.1	38.2	73.0	2.6	18.0	5.0	8.7	92.2	65.1
Kingston-upon-Hull UA	23.4	80.6	10.0	26.6	60.4	3.1	14.0	4.0	9.7	72.4	69.1
North East Lincolnshire UA	35.5	84.8	7.8	32.3	30.6	2.8	15.9	4.9	6.9	72.7	76.1
North Lincolnshire UA	41.6	91.8	3.7	36.1	50.0	2.6	18.7	5.0	10.6	78.8	62.9
York UA	51.5	91.3	5.0	39.8	64.4	3.3	20.3	5.7	9.3	79.6	62.4
North Yorkshire	56.8	92.6	3.4	41.9	76.4	3.0	20.7	5.6	11.3	88.4	78.8
South Yorkshire Met County											
Barnsley	32.4	83.0	8.6	30.6	92.5	2.4	17.2	4.8	9.9	90.6	69.6
Doncaster	36.2	85.9	8.3	32.6	48.9	2.2	15.7	4.4	7.3	84.6	59.5
Rotherham	40.4	88.2	6.4	34.9	90.7	2.6	17.2	4.8	9.2	100.0	74.6
Sheffield	37.6	85.9	9.0	33.8	72.9	3.4	18.4	5.4	9.9	69.9	70.2
West Yorkshire Met County											
Bradford	32.1	83.0	9.4	30.4	49.3	2.8	15.7	4.6	9.2	76.9	63.3
Calderdale	41.9	87.5	6.4	35.8	67.8	2.4	18.8	5.2	10.3	73.1	52.1
Kirklees	41.3	87.5	6.8	34.8	71.8	2.7	19.7	5.5	10.7	78.6	72.7
Leeds	39.4	85.3	8.6	33.6	67.4	3.0	18.5	5.1	10.0	71.3	72.8
Wakefield	41.7	89.4	4.9	35.0	100.0	3.1	16.1	4.8	8.3	80.2	64.2
EAST MIDLANDS GOR											
Derby UA	40.9	88.2	6.0	33.8	100.0	3.0	14.1	4.5	9.3	80.4	58.8
Derbyshire County	49.1	91.3	4.1	38.8	82.4	2.8	18.3	5.1	9.7	77.1	69.6
Leicester UA	37.1	83.1	8.0	32.0	85.0	2.3	14.4	4.8	9.3	100.0	71.3
Rutland UA	58.9	97.5	1.0	44.2	—	3.7	18.4	5.1	9.0	—	53.8
Leicestershire County	48.3	91.5	4.0	38.2	97.0	2.6	17.2	5.1	10.6	83.2	76.0
Lincolnshire	50.3	90.7	4.9	39.2	72.4	2.7	20.0	5.5	11.0	83.1	68.0
Northamptonshire	46.7	89.8	5.2	38.7	83.8	2.7	15.7	4.9	9.0	83.4	71.1
Nottingham City	28.7	79.8	10.4	28.5	66.7	2.9	16.1	5.0	10.1	83.5	61.2
Nottinghamshire	43.4	88.8	5.6	36.2	72.7	3.0	15.3	4.6	9.9	79.0	67.4
WEST MIDLANDS GOR											
Herefordshire UA	52.0	90.2	5.0	40.3	19.0	3.5	17.4	5.8	9.8	100.0	78.6
Worcestershire	47.9	88.7	5.6	37.9	67.1	2.2	17.2	5.1	9.9	79.3	69.8
The Wrekin	45.3	89.3	6.2	38.1	92.7	3.3	18.3	5.3	10.4	90.6	72.6
Shropshire	55.4	93.5	2.7	42.0	90.0	3.7	18.0	5.1	11.6	95.7	80.2
Stoke on Trent UA	35.8	86.7	5.9	32.0	85.9	2.3	17.1	4.7	7.7	76.7	54.0
Staffordshire County	48.1	91.5	4.6	38.3	80.9	2.2	16.7	4.8	10.8	71.8	62.8
Warwickshire	47.1	90.8	4.8	38.2	75.5	3.0	16.9	5.2	9.6	83.0	67.3
West Midlands Met County											
Birmingham	38.1	86.3	6.2	34.0	74.9	2.7	16.3	4.8	9.0	75.8	54.4
Coventry	39.1	86.2	7.1	33.7	93.0	3.4	15.9	4.9	10.6	86.3	72.7
Dudley	47.6	90.0	4.4	37.6	97.4	2.9	16.9	4.9	10.4	80.7	58.8
Sandwell	29.7	84.0	8.8	30.1	66.0	1.9	11.8	3.7	10.6	68.4	71.9
Solihull	52.3	91.6	3.3	40.5	79.8	3.0	16.2	5.2	9.9	100.0	88.6
Walsall	36.1	83.6	6.7	32.3	78.5	2.0	17.0	4.9	7.9	84.6	63.4
Wolverhampton	39.1	88.8	6.2	34.1	47.6	2.8	14.7	4.5	11.0	77.5	67.1

TABLE 19: *continued*

LEA	Percentage of 15 year old pupils (1)			Percentage			Average point score of 16–18			Percentage	
	achieving at GCSE or			achieving pre-16			year old candidates (1)			achieving post-16	
	or GNVQ equivalent:			Vocational						Vocational	
	5+ A*–C grades	5+ A*–G grades	No passes	Average GCSE point score	Qualification (2)	entered for fewer than 2 A/AS	entered for 2 or more A/AS	per entry	AGNVQ	Qualification (3)	
										Advanced	Intermediate
EAST OF ENGLAND GOR											
Luton UA	35.8	92.0	3.2	35.5	84.6	2.5	13.4	4.4	9.0	89.9	68.0
Bedfordshire County	47.2	90.3	5.1	39.3	100.0	2.5	16.7	4.9	8.9	70.0	71.8
Peterborough	41.1	88.0	7.4	36.1	—	2.4	16.7	4.9	9.4	66.0	59.2
Cambridgeshire	52.7	89.4	5.8	40.3	86.7	2.8	19.8	5.8	9.9	90.9	60.2
Southend	54.1	88.2	5.9	41.2	43.6	3.0	22.1	6.0	9.7	95.9	85.9
Thurrock	35.9	84.6	7.8	33.3	76.5	4.1	13.8	4.8	9.7	89.1	72.8
Essex	49.3	91.6	4.3	39.7	76.7	2.3	17.8	5.2	9.9	79.8	67.9
Hertfordshire	54.9	91.6	4.2	41.0	55.0	2.6	16.9	5.4	9.2	84.5	71.8
Norfolk	47.7	89.7	5.1	37.9	74.8	2.9	16.3	5.2	9.8	80.6	72.4
Suffolk	53.8	93.5	3.3	42.0	86.1	2.4	16.0	5.1	9.3	81.1	71.6
LONDON GOR											
Inner London Boroughs											
Camden	47.1	87.1	6.9	37.2	64.6	3.8	15.4	5.5	12.1	88.7	67.0
Hackney	27.8	79.6	7.3	30.7	78.2	4.1	11.4	4.3	9.3	56.0	33.2
Hammersmith & Fulham	48.9	86.9	4.5	39.9	100.0	3.3	18.3	5.6	7.2	70.7	59.6
Haringey	30.3	79.6	7.4	28.6	33.3	2.6	13.3	4.6	9.8	54.5	44.6
Islington	27.4	80.8	9.1	28.4	58.6	3.4	12.0	4.4	11.3	70.6	70.2
Kensington & Chelsea	44.5	84.8	6.8	37.0	82.8	4.9	16.9	5.7	7.8	100.0	75.3
Lambeth	31.9	86.2	4.5	32.0	100.0	3.6	11.2	3.9	10.0	87.0	52.2
Lewisham	32.3	87.6	5.3	31.8	86.0	2.7	14.4	4.7	9.4	72.9	69.9
Newham	34.6	90.0	3.5	34.3	73.0	3.7	12.0	4.2	9.1	61.2	52.1
Southwark	29.5	82.7	5.3	30.3	74.6	4.2	9.1	3.8	11.5	90.6	78.4
Tower Hamlets	31.1	87.4	4.2	32.8	76.0	2.2	10.6	3.8	9.4	62.9	63.4
Wandsworth	35.6	84.6	5.0	33.7	73.5	3.9	14.4	5.1	9.7	80.8	68.9
Westminster, City of	35.0	80.7	8.4	32.0	78.6	2.5	12.7	4.5	9.8	85.1	61.1
Outer London Boroughs											
Barking & Dagenham	34.0	88.1	5.5	32.3	—	3.0	13.3	4.6	8.3	82.9	61.2
Barnet	56.9	89.4	6.9	42.1	50.4	3.5	17.1	5.8	8.7	82.3	68.8
Bexley	47.9	92.4	3.6	39.2	70.0	2.9	16.7	5.3	10.4	42.9	62.0
Brent	43.0	89.4	5.1	36.0	91.7	3.2	15.2	5.0	8.5	41.2	67.0
Bromley	56.5	93.1	4.1	42.5	73.3	2.5	16.4	5.2	11.1	71.6	65.3
Croydon	42.4	88.2	4.6	35.9	94.0	2.6	12.9	4.4	9.4	64.9	65.1
Ealing	45.6	90.0	4.4	38.0	92.2	3.5	14.2	4.8	8.4	64.7	56.6
Enfield	46.8	91.4	3.5	38.1	92.0	3.1	14.9	5.0	8.2	80.5	56.6
Greenwich	31.7	81.3	9.7	31.3	62.5	2.8	12.9	4.6	8.8	70.0	47.8
Harrow	55.1	91.3	4.3	41.3	69.0	2.0	13.0	4.3	10.9	87.8	76.3
Havering	54.2	93.8	2.6	42.3	70.8	2.6	17.3	4.8	9.6	78.8	62.6
Hillingdon	44.1	88.3	6.6	36.9	71.4	2.4	14.7	5.0	9.9	84.1	61.0
Hounslow	46.7	87.2	5.4	37.0	22.8	3.1	14.1	4.9	10.3	83.8	66.0
Kingston upon Thames	57.0	90.0	5.6	44.3	69.2	2.1	14.8	4.8	9.9	76.7	53.3
Merton	38.8	86.3	8.1	33.2	77.5	2.7	14.6	4.7	9.2	74.4	56.8
Redbridge	58.5	93.9	1.4	43.9	89.5	2.4	15.8	5.3	9.2	100.0	69.3
Richmond upon Thames	51.9	91.9	4.2	40.2	97.3	3.0	14.7	5.1	9.6	73.7	71.4
Sutton	60.1	93.9	3.2	45.4	55.6	3.3	20.3	6.0	9.4	82.4	63.1
Waltham Forest	36.6	87.3	6.7	33.7	—	3.1	12.3	4.2	8.1	59.6	66.7

TABLE 19: *continued*

LEA	Percentage of 15 year old pupils (1)			Percentage		Average point score of 16–18			AGNVQ	Percentage	
	achieving at GCSE or			achieving pre-16		year old candidates (1)				achieving post-16	
	or GNVQ equivalent:			Vocational						Vocational	
	5+ A*–C	5+ A*–G	No	Average	Qualification (2)	entered for	entered for	per		Qualification (3)	
	grades	grades	passes	GCSE		fewer than	2 or more	entry		Advanced	Intermediate
			point score			2 A/AS	A/AS				
SOUTH EAST GOR											
Bracknell Forest	45.4	91.7	4.2	37.0	57.5	2.8	14.3	4.7	9.9	77.4	70.5
Reading	42.9	82.5	11.3	38.0	—	2.4	18.2	5.9	9.5	77.2	55.6
Slough	48.1	91.9	3.3	38.8	65.5	2.4	16.1	4.8	9.9	81.1	60.2
West Berkshire	56.8	95.0	3.4	41.9	—	2.6	17.6	5.6	10.0	75.9	86.0
Windsor and Maidenhead	57.9	93.3	3.9	42.6	—	3.1	17.1	5.7	11.9	97.4	83.1
Wokingham	58.2	92.3	4.5	41.4	76.3	4.6	17.9	6.0	11.7	62.1	89.4
Milton Keynes UA	39.5	88.5	7.2	37.7	80.3	3.4	15.3	4.7	10.7	87.8	80.9
Buckinghamshire County	61.0	91.3	4.9	44.0	70.3	2.7	20.1	6.0	10.8	89.3	66.4
Brighton and Hove UA	42.1	87.6	5.9	36.4	87.5	2.8	18.2	5.3	10.2	79.6	76.3
East Sussex County	49.6	91.6	4.4	40.1	71.9	3.0	17.1	5.2	9.9	83.7	68.4
Portsmouth UA	32.2	83.5	10.5	31.2	45.5	3.3	15.1	4.7	7.4	71.4	49.1
Southampton UA	40.5	89.4	6.1	36.2	78.6	3.1	15.5	5.1	8.9	70.7	57.3
Hampshire County	53.1	93.4	3.5	41.3	90.2	2.8	18.3	5.4	10.4	81.9	74.3
Isle of Wight	44.6	88.1	6.0	37.1	54.5	3.2	16.5	5.2	11.7	96.4	78.0
Kent	50.9	90.7	5.0	39.1	86.6	2.7	17.8	5.5	10.1	80.5	66.5
Medway	45.4	91.3	5.2	37.8	27.8	2.7	15.6	4.9	9.9	81.4	69.8
Oxfordshire	47.9	89.0	5.4	38.8	86.1	3.1	15.6	5.3	10.3	82.0	68.2
Surrey	56.6	92.5	4.8	42.2	82.1	3.2	17.4	5.4	9.9	66.4	70.0
West Sussex	53.7	93.0	3.8	41.6	67.2	3.0	16.3	5.4	10.3	72.1	71.2
SOUTH WEST GOR											
Bath & NE Somerset UA	54.7	92.0	3.9	41.0	92.5	3.2	15.1	5.2	10.2	84.5	57.9
Bristol UA	31.0	80.5	10.7	29.8	72.0	2.5	13.8	4.4	8.8	63.3	51.7
North Somerset UA	51.7	91.0	3.3	40.0	100.0	2.6	16.9	5.0	10.8	83.2	72.4
South Gloucestershire UA	47.6	92.9	3.7	38.5	84.8	2.9	16.0	5.1	11.5	95.7	76.9
Cornwall	51.6	92.7	3.4	40.2	69.7	2.8	18.9	5.3	10.5	90.3	82.0
Isles of Scilly	61.3	93.5	0.0	46.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Plymouth	47.8	91.7	4.3	38.6	88.1	2.9	18.8	5.4	11.0	85.9	79.7
Torbay	47.4	90.0	5.5	38.8	73.4	3.4	19.7	5.7	11.7	77.5	63.2
Devon	48.4	91.0	4.0	38.7	85.3	3.6	17.3	5.5	10.7	90.0	68.3
Bournemouth UA	48.8	88.0	6.1	38.4	57.7	2.5	21.8	6.0	10.6	36.8	68.2
Poole UA	55.9	91.8	4.0	42.0	64.0	2.4	17.4	5.1	9.1	91.1	80.3
Dorset County	53.5	93.7	3.6	41.4	67.0	2.7	18.2	5.3	11.5	77.6	70.5
Gloucestershire	56.1	93.0	3.0	42.2	89.7	2.3	19.6	5.6	10.2	85.2	74.7
Somerset	52.7	93.7	3.1	41.0	93.1	3.0	16.6	5.3	11.8	87.0	72.9
Swindon UA	45.2	90.2	4.9	35.5	87.0	3.3	15.6	5.3	10.7	76.1	70.0
Wiltshire County	52.3	90.7	4.9	40.4	61.4	3.1	17.9	5.7	10.7	82.3	77.0
England Average (Secondary School Tables)	47.9	88.5	6.0	38.1	76.5						
England Average (School and College Performance Tables for the 16–18 age group).						3.0	18.2	5.5	9.9	79.5	67.3

(1) Age at the start of the 1998/99 academic year, ie. 31 August 1998.

(2) Candidates aged 15 studying for vocational qualifications or units awarded by C&G and RSA.

(3) Candidates aged 16–18 in the final year of study for BTEC National Certificate or Diploma or C&G National Diploma of Vocational Education.