

A-level results

School	Pupil	Exam entries	A*	A	B
Cardiff Sixth Form, Mixed, Sel, Cardiff	158	559	57.8	92.3	
Queen Elizabeth's Sch, Boys, Sel, State, Barnet	142	490	59.6	98.4	
Queen Ethelburga's Col, Mixed, Ind, North Yorks	96	276	33.6	98.2	
Brighton Col, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Brighton and Hove	182	583	36.0	98.1	
Westminster Sch, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Westminster City	194	756	51.2	97.9	
Guildford HS, Girls, Sel, Ind, Surrey	77	236	34.1	97.9	
City of London Sch For Girls, Girls, Sel, Ind	85	283	34.6	97.9	
Manchester HS For Girls, Girls, Sel, Ind, Manchester	97	322	30.1	97.8	
North London Collegiate Sch, Girls, Sel, Ind, Harrow	118	413	47.9	97.3	
Faculty of Queen Ethelburga's, Mixed, Ind, W Yorks	65	97	24.7	96.9	
St John's Col, Mixed, Ind, Cardiff	46	154	35.1	96.8	
Royal GS Guildford, Boys, Sel, Ind, Surrey	145	475	40.6	96.2	
Concord Col, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Shropshire	162	573	35.4	95.1	
The Persh Sch, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Cambridgeshire	171	561	36.9	94.8	
Pale's GS, Mixed, Sel, State, Gloucestershire	207	734	34.3	94.8	
St Albans HS For Girls, Girls, Sel, Ind, Hertfordshire	75	227	35.7	94.7	
Osford HS GDST, Girls, Sel, Ind, Oxon	69	220	38.2	94.1	
Hampton Sch, Boys, Sel, Ind, Richmond-U-Thames	174	568	33.5	93.8	
The Heretrta Barnett Sch, Girls, Sel, State, Barnet	124	388	36.9	93.8	
Reading Sch, Boys, Sel, Ind, Reading	152	577	33.3	93.8	
Wilson's Sch, Boys, Sel, State, Sutton	135	469	27.7	93.6	
St Olave's & Saviour's GS, Mixed, Sel, S. Domesday	177	596	34.1	93.5	
The Hiffe Girls' Sch, Sel, State, Kingston-U-Thames	140	521	30.3	93.3	
Wellington Col, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Bradwell Forest	246	774	28.2	93.0	
Whitington Girls' Sch, Girls, Sel, Ind, Manchester	77	243	37.0	93.0	
St Helen and St Katharine, Girls, Sel, Ind, Oxon	84	252	38.1	92.9	
King's Col Sch, Boys, Sel, Ind, Merton	126	417	47.2	92.5	
Putney HS GDST, Girls, Sel, Ind, Wandsworth	59	193	25.0	92.1	
Bancroft's Sch, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Redbridge	132	404	33.9	91.8	
South Hampstead HS GDST, Girls, Sel, Ind, Camden	75	237	30.0	91.6	
Altrincham GS For Girls, Girls, Sel, State, Trafford	165	508	25.4	91.1	
Colchester County HS For Girls, Sel, State, Essex	110	372	21.5	90.6	
St Albans Sch, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Hertfordshire	102	323	28.5	90.5	
The Abbey Sch Reading, Girls, Sel, Ind, Reading	68	214	25.7	89.7	
Colchester Royal GS, Mixed, Sel, State, Essex	173	680	26.6	89.6	
King Edward VI GS, Chelmsford, Mixed, Sel, State	159	636	23.3	89.3	
St Michael's Catholic GS, Girls, Sel, State, Barnet	123	376	17.3	89.1	
Gresham Sch, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Somers	109	383	25.4	88.7	
King Edward VI Camp Hill Boys, Sel, State, Bham	130	430	38.3	88.6	
King Edward's Sch, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Bath	104	344	24.7	88.1	
Wimborne HS GDST, Girls, Sel, Ind, Merton	72	227	26.4	87.7	
Norwich HS GDST, Girls, Sel, Ind, Norfolk	49	154	29.9	87.7	
Durham HS For Girls, Girls, Sel, Ind, Durham	38	119	21.0	87.4	
Notting Hill and Calverly HS GDST, Girls, Sel, Ind	78	257	24.0	87.1	
Stratford Girls' GS, Girls, Sel, State, Warwickshire	98	292	17.8	87.3	
Dr Challoner's GS, Boys, Sel, State, Bucks	201	685	23.5	87.3	
Cardinal Vaughan Mem, Boys, Comp, State, London	164	520	16.5	87.1	
Hicknell Anglo-Euro Col, Mixed, Comp, Ind, Herts	130	392	22.4	87.0	
The Rochester GS, Mixed, Sel, State, Midway	167	520	12.1	86.9	
Bromley HS GDST, Girls, Sel, Ind, Bromley	64	195	21.5	86.7	
Wallington County GS, Mixed, Sel, State, Sutton	164	523	23.1	86.2	
Tiffin Sch, Boys, Sel, State, Kingston Upon Thames	185	587	23.2	86.2	
Kendrick Sch, Girls, Sel, State, Reading	110	348	25.6	85.9	
The King's Sch, Chester, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Cheshire	159	533	25.4	85.8	
The Leysmer Sch, Mixed, Sel, State, Enfield	230	718	24.8	85.2	
Sir William Perkins's Sch, Girls, Sel, Ind, Surrey	59	185	17.8	85.4	
Westcliff HS For Girls, Mixed, Sel, State, Southend	159	478	12.3	84.9	
Chigwell Sch, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Essex	74	249	26.1	84.7	
Headington Sch, Girls, Sel, Ind, Oxon	129	413	20.7	84.7	
Norwich Sch, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Norfolk	141	483	24.4	84.7	
Bromsrove Sch, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Worcestershire	200	688	26.6	84.6	
Brighton And Hove HS GDST, Girls, Sel, Ind	26	71	16.9	84.5	
Calyton GS, Mixed, Sel, State, Devon	110	419	20.3	84.5	
Yarnwell Col, Mixed, Comp, State, Hertfordshire	79	234	17.1	84.2	
Altrincham GS For Boys, Boys, Sel, State, Trafford	146	461	25.4	83.7	
Surrenden HS, Girls, Sel, Ind, Kingston Upon Thames	128	409	15.9	83.6	
Marist Senior, Girls, Sel, Ind, Windsor & Maidenhead	28	91	16.5	83.5	
King Edward VI Camp Hill Girls, Sel, State, Bham	142	436	22.5	83.3	
Channing Sch, Girls, Sel, Ind, Haringey	60	190	13.2	83.2	
King Edward VI Sch, Mixed, Sel, State, Warwickshire	125	419	16.7	83.1	
Royal GS, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Newcastle upon Tyne	167	519	25.4	83.0	
Bristol GS, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Bristol City	138	427	17.8	82.9	
Tunbridge Wells Girls' GS, Girls, Sel, State, Kent	134	402	16.4	82.9	
The Judd Sch, Mixed, Sel, State, Kent	159	579	20.6	82.7	
The Blue Coat Sch, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Liverpool	179	559	22.7	82.6	
Sutton GS, Boys, Sel, State, Sutton	125	417	19.2	82.5	
Sutton HS GDST, Girls, Sel, Ind, Sutton	32	98	14.3	81.6	
St Peter's Sch, Mixed, Sel, Ind, York	122	381	24.1	81.6	
Wycombe HS, Girls, Sel, State, Buckinghamshire	187	585	17.3	81.2	
Bishop Vesey's GS, Mixed, Sel, State, Birmingham	179	557	15.8	81.1	
St Thomas Rich's Sch, Mixed, Sel, State, Glos	159	493	16.4	81.1	
Twyross House Sch, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Leicestershire	27	84	19.0	81.0	
Oldensford County HS For Girls, Girls, Sel, State	114	382	18.1	80.9	
Dame Alice Owen's Sch, Mixed, Comp, State, Herts	205	636	22.8	80.7	
Mayfield Sch, Girls, Sel, Ind, East Sussex	46	139	24.5	80.6	
Saint Martin's Sch, Girls, Sel, Ind, Solihull	36	41	4.9	80.5	
Roanoke HS, Boys, Comp, State, Barnet	114	311	22.8	80.4	
Red Maids' Sch, Girls, Sel, Ind, Bristol City	62	183	17.5	80.3	
Essex Col, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Surrey	160	495	17.4	80.0	
Walhampton Hall, Girls, Sel, Ind, Kent	41	125	16.8	80.0	
The King's Sch, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Cheshire	127	384	17.4	79.9	
Norwich HS For Girls, Girls, Sel, State, Sutton	145	447	21.5	79.8	
New Hall Sch, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Essex	114	325	14.2	79.7	
Sutton Coldfield GS For Girls, Sel, State, Bham	111	339	12.1	79.6	
The Mount Sch, Girls, Sel, Ind, York	38	132	15.2	79.5	
Watford GS For Boys, Sel, State, Hertfordshire	169	551	21.8	79.5	
King Edward VI Handsworth, Girls, Sel, State, Bham	126	380	14.7	79.2	
South Wills GS For Girls, Girls, Sel, State, Wiltshire	195	591	19.0	79.2	
Howell's Sch Landoff, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Cardiff	110	336	22.9	79.2	
Loughborough HS, Girls, Sel, Ind, Leicestershire	87	238	10.5	79.1	
Torquay Boys' GS, Boys, Sel, State, Torbay	159	599	19.5	79.0	
Raynham Endowed Sch, Mixed, Sel, State	94	259	9.7	78.8	
Bolton Sch Boys' Division, Boys, Sel, Ind, Bolton	115	348	22.4	78.8	
Bolton Sch Girls' Division, Girls, Sel, Ind, Bolton	102	320	20.0	78.4	
The King David HS, Mixed, Comp, State, Manchester	87	241	17.4	78.4	
Brampston Col, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Barnet	142	385	10.1	78.2	
Durham Johnston Comp Sch, Mixed, Comp, State	157	480	17.9	78.1	
Puttsmouth HS GDST, Girls, Sel, Ind, Portsmouth	36	114	10.5	78.1	
Besley GS, Mixed, Sel, State, Bexley	220	805	20.1	77.8	
Hymers Col, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Kingston Upon Hull	111	365	15.1	77.7	
Dr Challoner's HS, Girls, Sel, State, Bucks	157	478	16.1	77.6	
Bury GS Girls, Girls, Sel, Ind, Bury	59	187	20.9	77.5	
Rugby HS, Girls, Sel, State, Warwickshire	142	436	15.4	77.5	
Wycombe Royal GS, Boys, Sel, State, Bucks	189	631	23.0	77.5	
Nottingham Girls' HS GDST, Sel, Ind, Notts	94	282	13.8	77.5	
JFS Sch, Mixed, Comp, State, Brent	256	774	18.0	77.3	
Waltham HS For Girls, Girls, Sel, Ind, Sutton	180	553	12.8	77.0	



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Triumph for boys who thrive on competition

Nicola Woolcock
Education Correspondent

A boys' state school with no catchment area is the top secondary school in this year's A-level results table in *The Times*.

Queen Elizabeth's School in Barnet, north London, is the highest performing school — beaten only by an independent further education college, Cardiff Sixth Form College — in our results published today.

Almost 40 per cent of the A levels taken by Queen Elizabeth's School pupils were graded A* and 98.4 per cent of exam results were A* to B grades.

The top girls' schools were the independent City of London School for Girls and North London Collegiate School, but there was a rise in the successes of independent mixed schools, with Brighton College and Westminster School in third and fourth places respectively.

Neil Enright, head teacher at

Queen Elizabeth's School, described the stellar A-level results as a seven-year project.

There is intense competition to get a place at the highly selective school, which sets entrance tests in only English and maths and does not release past papers.

Mr Enright said: "The boys are selected wholly on merit and come from all walks of life. We have no catchment area so our intake reflects the national average in terms of deprivation."

"We have highly able young men with enormous amounts of potential. We don't run an exam factory, we get them to discover things that get them fired up."

"You then have to be able to nurture that and enable them to explore their passions and interests. If you get that right then the exams will take care of themselves, although there has to be top-notch teaching."

"Particularly with boys, you have to make sure they discover

their self-confidence and motivation for themselves."

Mr Enright said that he tried to instil a healthy sense of competition, adding: "Boys thrive on that. They love learning activities that have a competitive element and lessons with a good variety of different activities. They admire each other for succeeding and are spurred on by it."

While tutoring for entrance tests to top grammars is endemic across the country, Mr Enright said that the school tried to avoid this by the policy of not releasing past papers and by not using verbal reasoning and non-verbal reasoning tests.

"We test in English and maths as that is what every pupil is exposed to in the primary school curriculum," he said.

Of the top 20 schools, 15 are independent and five are state schools. Eight are girls' schools, four are boys' schools and the rest are mixed.

DEANOR BENTON

School	Pupil	Exam entries	A*	A	B
Queen Mary's HS, Girls, Sel, State, Waltham	78	235	10.6	77.8	
Queen's Gate, Girls, Sel, Ind, Kensington & Chelsea	44	134	12.7	76.9	
King Edward VI Five Ways, Mixed, Sel, State, Bham	189	596	17.3	76.8	
Parkstone GS, Girls, Sel, State, Poole	153	479	15.2	76.8	
Northwood Col For Girls GDST, Sel, Ind, Hillingdon	90	266	11.3	76.7	
Woodford County HS, Girls, Sel, State, Hertfordshire	131	413	17.3	76.7	
Farmer's Sch, Mixed, Sel, State, Bedfordshire	146	518	12.2	76.5	
Westcliff HS For Boys, Sel, State, Southend	175	563	17.1	76.5	
Mill Hill Sch Foundation, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Barnet	94	309	15.2	76.2	
Gordon's Sch, Mixed, Comp, State, Surrey	81	251	13.9	76.2	
Mora House Girls' Sch, Girls, Ind, East Sussex	38	126	19.8	76.6	
Sir Henry Floyd GS, Mixed, Sel, State, Bucks	173	578	15.2	76.4	
Wolverhampton Girls' HS, Girls, Sel, State	107	344	18.0	76.4	
Beaconsfield HS, Girls, Sel, State, Buckinghamshire	150	468	15.8	76.4	
Streatham and Capham HS, Girls, Sel, Ind, Lambeth	45	132	8.3	76.2	
Queen Mary's GS, Boys, Sel, State, Waltham	143	450	17.6	76.2	
Lancaster Girls' GS, Girls, Sel, State, Lancashire	139	481	16.5	76.2	
Stroud HS, Girls, Sel, State, Gloucestershire	112	339	13.6	76.0	
Adams' GS, Mixed, Sel, State, Telford and Wrekin	152	462	16.0	76.0	
Skipton Girls' HS, Girls, Sel, State, North Yorks	100	314	9.6	75.9	
Edgaston HS For Girls, Girls, Sel, Ind, Birmingham	50	176	18.8	73.9	
Wirral GS For Girls, Girls, Sel, State, Wirral	135	426	11.1	73.7	
Heston and Grantham Girls' Sch, Sel, State, Leics	146	467	12.5	73.7	
Loretto GS, Girls, Sel, State, Trafford	131	391	14.6	73.7	
Townley GS, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Bexley	173	516	10.0	73.6	
Yarm Sch, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Stockton on Tees	97	303	17.5	73.6	
Andrigny Col, Mixed, Sel, Ind, West Sussex	98	321	21.0	73.6	
Royal HS Both GDST, Girls, Sel, Ind, Bath	73	227	18.1	73.6	
Bradbridge Acad, Mixed, Sel, State, Southern	190	581	13.1	73.3	
Torquay Girls GS, Girls, Sel, State, Torbay	133	394	11.1	73.2	
Sydenham HS GDST, Girls, Sel, Ind, Lewisham	31	97	5.2	73.2	
King Edward VI Aston Sch, Boys, Sel, Ind, Bham	104	329	16.7	72.9	
Amford Sch, Mixed, Comp, Ind, Kent	95	297	19.2	72.7	
Newport Girls' HS, Sel, State, Telford and Wrekin	71	227	7.5	72.7	
Croydon HS GDST, Girls, Sel, Ind, Croydon	95	168	11.9	72.6	
Greenlode Collegiate, Girls, Sel, State, Devon	133	398	9.0	72.6	
Causton GS, Mixed, Sel, State, Lincolnshire	98	303	24.1	72.1	
Sherfield HS GDST, Girls, Sel, Ind, Sherfield	150	456	11.0	71.8	
Nottingham HS, Boys, Sel, Ind, Nottingham	95	305	22.1	71.8	
The John Lyon Sch, Boys, Sel, Ind, Harrow	66	269	11.5	71.7	
Lancaster Royal GS, Boys, Sel, State, Lancashire	153	500	17.8	71.4	
The King's Sch, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Peterborough	180	566	14.1	71.4	
Darford GS For Girls, Mixed, Sel, State, Kent	128	421	6.4	71.3	
Ermythly GS, Boys, Sel, State, North Yorks	101	305	17.0	71.3	
Ripon GS, Mixed, Sel, State, North Yorks	125	379	16.1	71.0	
Emmanuel Col, Mixed, Comp, State, Gateshead	117	305	9.8	70.5	
Bournemouth Sch For Girls, Sel, State	148	445	8.5	69.7	
The Becket Sch, Mixed, Comp, State, Notts	113	341	8.2	69.5	
Queen Elizabeth's GS, Mixed, Comp, State, Derbys	95	297	12.4	69.4	
Alton Convent Sch, Girls, Ind, Hampshire	31	91	7.7	69.2	
Theford GS, Mixed, Sel, Ind, Norfolk	24	71	8.5	69.0	
St Paul's Catholic Col, Mixed, Comp, State, Sussex	141	419	18.8	68.9	
Saffron Walden County HS, Mixed, Comp, State	275	813	14.6	68.9	
Hilary GS, Mixed, Comp, State, Bradford	158	456	11.0	68.4	
St George's, Girls, Sel, Ind, Windsor & Maidenhead	34	114	12.3	68.4	
Wicwica GS, Mixed, Sel, State, Kent	160	563	11.7	68.4	
Katherine Lady Berkeley's, Mixed, Comp, State, Glos	128	390	11.5	68.2	
Cliether Royal GS, Mixed, Sel, State, Lancashire	317	962	11.5	68.2	
Salsburgh Sch, Chertsey, Mixed, Comp, State, Surrey	138	361	10.5	68.1	
St Dominic's Sixth Form, Boys, Comp, State, Harrow	506	15			