



The Matthew Arnold School

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The Matthew Arnold School is justifiably proud of its academic achievements this year. Despite starting the academic year in special measures, the school went on to achieve its best ever GCSE results in August 2016. The number of students achieving A*-C in English and mathematics rose from **44%** last year to **64%** this year, an unprecedented increase. Of particular mention are English language, mathematics and history:

- The number of students gaining A*-C in **English language** rose to **81%**, more than 20% above the national average
- The number of students gaining A*-C in **mathematics** rose to **70%** this year from 49% last year
- Half of the 80 students taking **history** gained an A or A* grade

The GCSE headlines are as follows:

		A*-C English and maths		Progress 8*		EBacc**
Students	Cohort	Result %	National %	incl iGCSE maths	excl iGCSE maths	Result %
All	189	64	59	+0.20	+0.08	24
Boys	105	64		+0.13	+0.02	20
Girls	84	63		+0.30	+0.17	31
PP	39	36		-0.10	-0.31	8
Non-PP	150	71		+0.28	+0.19	29
SEN	48	29		-0.17	-0.40	2
EAL	28	61		+0.84	+0.82	25
Non-EAL	161	64		+0.12	-0.01	25
Non-SEN	141	75		+0.34	+0.26	33
High ability	41	100		+0.20	+0.20	66
Middle ability	106	64		+0.20	+0.09	17
Low ability	34	24		+0.22	-0.09	6

*The school took the decision to enter selected students for iGCSE mathematics to give them a better chance of success. While this qualification counts as a GCSE for the students, it does not count towards the P8 measure.

** 32% of the cohort were eligible for the EBacc, an achievement measure which includes English, mathematics, science, a humanities subject and a modern foreign language. In 2017 70% of the cohort will be eligible, following a decision to make languages a core subject.

Individual subject analysis

Departments A*-C	Cohort	School's results %	National average %
Art	39	59	76
Biology	28	100	91
Business	66	44	64
Catering	55	66	57
Chemistry	28	100	90
Computing	25	76	60
Dance	10	50	68
Drama	30	80	73
ECDL	88	100	
English language	189	81	60
English literature*	189	62	75
French	40	93	70
Geography	79	60	66
German	34	79	73
History	80	90	66
ICT	59	46	69
Mathematics	189	70	61
Media	46	39	64
Music	14	43	75
PE*	162	44	68
Physics	28	100	91
Portuguese	1	100	89
RE	164	57	72
Resistant materials	37	43	53
Science (core)	157	57	53
Science (double)	143	58	60
Textiles	9	56	53
Travel and tourism	28	100	

* In many schools, English literature and PE are option subjects. At The Matthew Arnold School these are core subjects taken by all students.

Levels of progress

	Progress in English		Progress in mathematics	
	3+ levels %	4+ levels %	3+ levels %	4+ levels %
All	87	43	68	31
Boys	84	37	66	26
Girls	90	51	70	39
PP	76	34	50	11
Non-PP	90	46	73	36
SEN	75	26	40	9
Non-SEN	91	50	77	39
EAL	100	52	83	39
Non-EAL	85	42	66	30
High ability	90	63	85	66
Middle ability	87	35	69	24
Low ability	82	47	41	12

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