

## 2016 Provisional Headline A-Level results for Southampton Colleges.

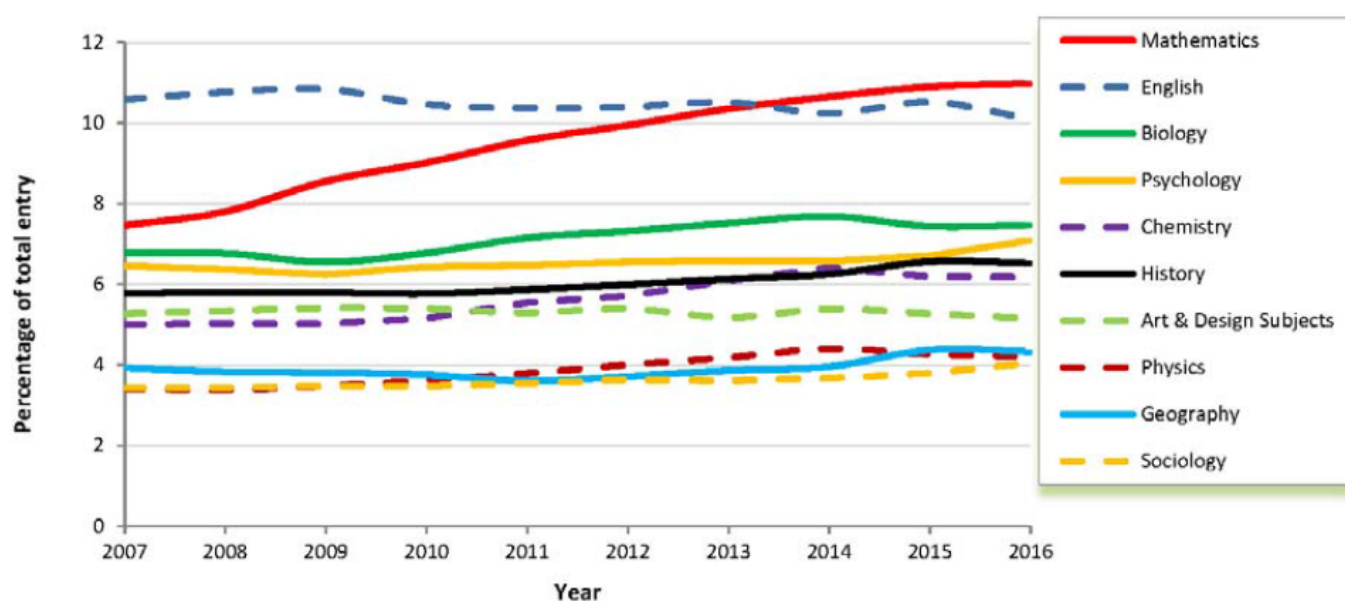
A Level results were released to colleges and students on the 18th August. Southampton Colleges and Sixth Forms have agreed to inform the LA of their results so that citywide performance can be calculated. The short briefing note below summarises National contextual performance before commenting on Southampton performance. Comparative performance for Statistical Neighbours and Core Cities will not be available until the DfE release provisional data usually available in late October.

### National Context

- Nationally the pass rate (A\*-E) remained static at 98.1% between 2015 and 2016, returning to the level achieved in 2013. The decrease by 0.1% in 2014 was the 1<sup>st</sup> time in 32 years that the National pass rate has not increased.
- A\*-A grades achieved a National pass rate of 25.8%, a decrease of 0.1% from 25.9% in 2015. There has therefore been a 0.5% decrease from the 2013 achievement of 26.3%. This is the fifth successive year a decrease in A\*-A grade passes has been recorded.
- The A\* pass rate decreased by 0.1% to 8.1% after remaining at 8.2% in 2015 and 2014. The 2016 performance of 8.1% remains above the 2013 A\* pass rate of 7.6%. This new grade was introduced in 2010 to provide more challenge and help universities identify the top performing students.

	2016 A Level grades	2015 A-level grades	2014 A-level grades	2013 A-level grades
Grade A*	8.1%	8.2%	8.2%	7.6%
Grade A*-A	25.8%	25.9%	26.0%	26.3%
Grade A*-B	52.8%	52.8%	52.4%	52.9%
Grade A*-E	98.1%	98.1%	98.0%	98.1%

### Top ten A-level subjects as a percentage of the total entry over the period 2007 to 2016



**Southampton Provisional Results** – Additional level 3 qualifications are still to be received by further education providers.

- In 2016, 97.3% of Southampton A Level entries achieved an A\*-E grade at College or Sixth Form. This is broadly in line with National performance that saw 98.1% of A level results achieve an A\*-E grade.
- 61.6% of A Level entries within Southampton’s Colleges or Sixth Forms achieved a grade C or above. The National performance for A\*-C was 77.5%
- Out of over 1900 A-level entries within Southampton, 32.9% achieved an A\*-B grade. Nationally a pass rate of 52.8% was achieved.
- 12.1% of Southampton entries achieved an A-Level A\* or A grade in 2016. A challenge still remains to meet National performance as A-Level A\*-A grades achieved nationally were more than double the level recorded for Southampton (25.8%).

Southampton College and Sixth Form A Level results 2016											
	Number of A Levels completed in 2016	A Level A*-A		A Level A*-B		A Level A*-C		A Level A*-E		Average Points Score per A Level entry	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Number of a level entries at the end of Key Stage 5 (16-18 only)	APS
Southampton	1949	236	12.1%	641	32.9%	1200	61.6%	1897	97.3%	1309	199.5
National			25.8%		52.8%		77.5%		98.1%		NA

All data is provisional and subject to change

Richard Taunton Sixth Form College will be submitting a number of appeals which currently accounts for the slight dip between this years performance and previous years.

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

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