

Provisional Headline KS4 GCSE Results 2018 for Southampton Schools

Key Stage 4 GCSE results were released to schools on 23/08/2018. The short briefing note below, based on early provisional data, provides an overview of Southampton's performance. The KS4 accountability of Attainment 8 and Progress 8 was introduced in 2016. In 2017, new, reformed English and Maths GCSEs were first examined and a new grading of 9-1 was introduced, with 9 being the highest grade. In 2018, reformed Ebacc GCSEs and a number of other key subjects were first examined using the 9-1 grading. Remaining unreformed GCSEs were graded A*-G and converted to a scale of 9-1 to ensure compatibility with reformed subjects when calculating Attainment 8 and Progress 8 scores. Consequently, any comparisons made between 2018, 2017 and 2016 results for the key headline performance measures must be treated with caution.

National and Local Authority data will be published by the DfE in October 2018. Following this release, a further briefing note will be issued outlining Southampton's performance compared to Statistical Neighbours, Core Cities and National.

In 2018, the focus is on accountability measures outlined by the DfE in the Performance Tables Statement of Intent.

- Progress 8 (not available until mid-September)
- Attainment 8
- The percentage of pupils achieving a 5 or above (strong pass) in English and Maths
- Ebacc Average Points Score (new for 2018)
- The percentage of pupils entering the English Baccalaureate
- The percentage of students staying in education or employment after key stage 4 (destinations)

In addition to the headline indicators above, the DfE will also be reporting on the following measures in 2018:

- The proportion of pupils achieving a standard pass in English and Maths – grade 4 or above
- The proportion of pupils achieving a grade 5 or above in all EBacc subject areas (C and above in unreformed qualifications)
- The proportion of pupils achieving a grade 4 or above in all EBacc subject areas (C and above in unreformed qualifications)

The Progress 8 indicator relies on National calculations completed by the DfE and is currently unavailable at either School or Local Authority level. Provisional Progress 8 figures will be first published in mid-September.

Headlines

- **In 2018, Southampton pupils achieved an Attainment 8 score of 44.0 where in 2017, the Southampton Attainment 8 score was 44.2, a decrease of 0.2. The 2017 National average for Attainment 8 was 46.4.**

- In 2018, 37% of Southampton pupils achieved a 9-5 in English and Maths GCSE, which was 3% higher than the 34% of Southampton pupils who achieved a 9-5 in English and Maths GCSE in 2017. The 2017 National average for percentage achieving 9-5 in English and Maths was 43%.
- In 2018, 58% of Southampton pupils achieved a 9-4 in English and Maths GCSE, which was in line with the 58% of Southampton pupils who achieved a 9-4 in English and Maths GCSE in 2017. The 2017 National average for percentage achieving 9-4 in English and Maths was 64%.
- The Ebacc Average Points Score is a new headline indicator in 2018 and Southampton pupils achieved a score of 3.7.
- In 2018, 53% of Southampton pupils achieved a 9-5 in English GCSE, which was 1% higher than the 52% of Southampton pupils who achieved a 9-5 in English GCSE in 2017. The 2017 National average for percentage achieving 9-5 in English was 61%.
- In 2018, 43% of Southampton pupils achieved a 9-5 in Maths GCSE, which was 3% higher than the 40% of Southampton pupils who achieved a 9-5 in Maths GCSE in 2017. The 2017 National average for percentage achieving 9-5 in Maths was 49%.
- In 2018, 13% of Southampton pupils achieved the Ebacc at grades 5/C or above. In 2017, 17% of Southampton pupils achieved the Ebacc at grades 5/C or above while the 2017 National average was 21%. 2018 was the first year in which the reformed Ebacc qualifications were examined.
- In 2018, 21% of Southampton pupils achieved the Ebacc at grades 4/C or above. In 2017, 20% of Southampton pupils achieved the Ebacc at grades 4/C or above while the 2017 National average was 24%. 2018 was the first year in which the reformed Ebacc qualifications were examined.
- In 2018, 34% of Southampton pupils entered the Ebacc which was in line with the proportion of Southampton pupils entering the Ebacc in 2017 (34%). The 2017 National average for pupils entering the Ebacc was 38%.

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