

Provisional Headline KS4 GCSE Results 2019 for Southampton

Key Stage 4 GCSE results were released to schools on 22/08/2019. 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. In 2019, further reformed GCSE qualifications were introduced on the 9-1 grade scale with remaining unreformed GCSEs being 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 2019, 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 2019. Following this release, a further briefing note will be issued outlining Southampton's performance compared to Statistical Neighbours, Core Cities and National.

In 2019, the focus is on accountability measures outlined by the DfE in the Performance Tables Statement of Intent (indicated in bold text within the commentary below):

- 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
- 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:

- 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 published for the first time in mid-September. The Southampton 2019 Key Stage 4 cohort is recorded as having a higher level of prior attainment at Key Stage 2 than that of Southampton's 2018 Key Stage 4 cohort.

Headlines

- **In 2019, Southampton pupils achieved an Attainment 8 score of 44.0 where as in 2018, the Southampton Attainment 8 score was 43.3, an increase of 0.7. The 2018 National average for Attainment 8 was 46.6. The increase of 0.7 between Southampton's 2018 Attainment 8 score (43.3) and 2019 Attainment 8 score (44.0) is broadly equivalent to 3 out of every 4 Southampton pupils, on average, achieving one higher GCSE grade in a subject than in 2018.**
- **In 2019, 36% of Southampton pupils achieved a 9-5 in English and Maths GCSE, which was equal to the 36% of Southampton pupils who achieved a 9-5 in English and Maths GCSE in 2018. The 2018 National average for percentage achieving 9-5 in English and Maths was 44%. To be in-line with the 2018 National average, of the 1962 pupils in the 2019 Key Stage 4 cohort, an additional 156 would have needed to achieve a 9-5 in English and Maths GCSE, an average of approximately 13 pupils per Secondary school.**
- In 2019, 58% of Southampton pupils achieved a 9-4 in English and Maths GCSE, which was 1% higher than the 57% of Southampton pupils who achieved a 9-4 in English and Maths GCSE in 2018. The 2018 National average for percentage achieving 9-4 in English and Maths was 64%.
- **The 2019 EBacc Average Points Score is 3.82, an increase of 0.13 from the 2018 EBacc Average Points Score of 3.69. The 2018 National average for EBacc Average Points Score is 4.05.**
- In 2019, 53% of Southampton pupils achieved a 9-5 in English GCSE, which was equal to the 53% of Southampton pupils who achieved a 9-5 in English GCSE in 2018. The 2018 National average for percentage achieving 9-5 in English was 61%.
- In 2019, 43% of Southampton pupils achieved a 9-5 in Maths GCSE, which was equal to the 43% of Southampton pupils who achieved a 9-5 in Maths GCSE in 2018. The 2018 National average for percentage achieving 9-5 in Maths was 50%.
- In 2019, 13% of Southampton pupils achieved the EBacc at grades 5/C or above. In 2018, 13% of Southampton pupils also achieved the EBacc at grades 5/C or above while the 2018 National average was 17%.
- **In 2019, 35% of Southampton pupils entered the EBacc which was an increase of 1% from the proportion of Southampton pupils entering the EBacc in 2018 (34%). The 2018 National average for pupils entering the EBacc was 39%.**
- Southampton's 2019 Attainment 8 score in the EBacc element was 12.8, which is an increase of 0.6 from the 2018 Attainment 8 score in the EBacc element (12.2). The National average for Attainment 8 EBacc in 2018 was

13.4. The improvement between Southampton's 2018 and 2019 Attainment 8 EBacc scores (2018 - 12.2; 2019 - 12.8) was broadly the equivalent of every pupil, on average, achieving half a GCSE grade higher across three EBacc subjects.

- Southampton's 2019 Attainment 8 outcomes in the English (2019 - 9.2; 2018 - 9.2), Maths (2019 - 8.4; 2018 - 8.3) and Open (2019 - 13.7; 2018 - 13.6) elements were broadly similar to those achieved by Southampton pupils in 2018. The 2018 National averages were 9.9 for Attainment 8 in English, 9.1 for Attainment 8 in Maths and 14.2 for Attainment 8 in the Open element.

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