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Uptake of two-subject combinations of the most popular A levels in 2011, by candidate and school characteristics

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Introduction

This report looks at the uptake of two-subject combinations of the most popular A levels in 2011. The number of candidates taking each of the 20 most popular A level subjects are presented, along with the percentage combining this with each of the other subjects. For example, the following table section, taken from Table 6 in this report, shows that in 2011 67,686 candidates took mathematics A level, and 29.7% of these candidates also took A level biology. Similarly 50,988 candidates took A level biology, of which 20.2% also took A level psychology and 9.2% also took A level history.

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>English Literature</i>
Mathematics	67,686		29.7	7.8	8.8	5.6
Biology	50,988	39.5		20.2	9.2	7.9

The tables are not symmetrical and should be read from left to right, not top to bottom. It cannot be said, for instance, reading down the 'Mathematics' column that 39.5% of candidates taking mathematics also took biology (the correct figure is 29.7%, taken from the top row of the table). Furthermore, the percentages across a row do not add up to 100%, for two reasons; firstly, most candidates take more than two A levels and may, therefore, appear in more than two columns of the table; secondly, the table only contains combinations amongst the top 20 subjects.

The data for these analyses were taken from the National Pupil Database (NPD), maintained by the Department for Education. The Key Stage 5 (KS5) database, which was used in compiling this report, records the results in all subjects for all students aged 16-18 who took at least one A-level or equivalent in 2011. For the purpose of this report, only students in year 13 in 2011 were considered.

The uptake of the combinations is presented by different candidate and school characteristics: gender, prior attainment, deprivation level, school type and school gender. In Tables 1-5 the numbers of candidates in each of the classifications are presented. For the purposes of this report, only candidates taking at least one of the 20 most popular A levels were included in these tables.

Gender

Table 1: A level candidates by gender

Gender	Number of candidates	Percentage
Females	133,306	54.4
Males	111,806	45.6

Prior attainment

All candidates in the NPD taking A levels were classified by their attainment at GCSE. GCSE grades were converted into scores (A* = 8, A= 7, B= 6, etc) and a mean GCSE was calculated for each A level candidate, which was then used to divide the candidates up into three approximately equally sized attainment groups: low, medium and high.

Table 2 presents, for the subset of data used in this report, the number of candidates per group. The prior attainment groups are not the same size in this table because only candidates taking at least one of the top 20 most popular A levels were included.

Table 2: A level candidates by prior attainment

Prior attainment group	Number of candidates
High	83,575
Medium	80,765
Low	73,948

Deprivation level

The level of deprivation that a candidate experiences was measured by the Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI), which is available in the NPD. This is a measure of the proportion of children in a very small geographical area (Lower Layer Super Output Area or LSOA) who live in families that are income deprived. It varies between 0 and 1, with 0 representing minimum deprivation and 1 maximum deprivation.

It should be noted that there was a significant amount of missing data for this measure (42.3% of candidates in the KS5 database had no record). Candidates who did have a measure of deprivation were divided up into three equally sized groups, low, medium and high deprivation. Table 3 presents, for the subset of data used in this report, the number of candidates in each group. As before, the groups are not equally sized in the table because only those candidates taking at least one of the top 20 most popular A levels were included.

Table 3: A level candidates by deprivation level

Deprivation group	Number of candidates
High	45,964
Medium	46,888
Low	47,428

School type

There are several different types of school where candidates study for A levels. For this report these were classified into seven groups. Table 4 presents the number and percentage of A level candidates (taking at least one of the top 20 most popular A levels) attending each school type (schools denoted as 'other' or 'unidentified' are not included).

Table 4: A level candidates by school type

School type	Number of candidates	Percentage
Academy	30,993	12.9
Comprehensive school	88,509	36.9
FE/Tertiary college	20,402	8.5
Grammar school	13,014	5.4
Independent school	32,298	13.5
Secondary modern school	3,071	1.3
Sixth form college	51,821	21.6

School gender

The school gender variable was determined by the female ratio (number of females over the total number of candidates) in the school. If this ratio was greater than 0.95, the school was considered to be a “Girls” school. If the female ratio was less than 0.05, then the school was designated a “Boys” school. The rest of the schools were considered “Mixed” schools. Table 5 shows the numbers and percentages of candidates (taking at least one of the top 20 most popular A levels) attending the different types of schools.

Table 5: A level candidates by school gender

School gender	Number of candidates	Percentage
Boys school	9,560	3.9
Girls school	16,844	6.9
Mixed school	218,708	89.2

Results

Table 6 presents the combinations data for all candidates and Tables 7 to 24 present the combinations broken down into the classifications described above. In each table the subjects are ordered by overall uptake (highest first). Each table is split over two pages as it was not possible to fit 20 columns onto a single page.

**Table 6: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
Mathematics	67,686		29.7	7.8	8.8	5.6	17.3	36.4	32.3	7.8	1.5
Biology	50,988	39.5		20.2	9.2	7.9	20.2	52.0	11.1	11.6	3.0
Psychology	50,308	10.5	20.4		12.3	15.5	17.8	7.5	1.3	6.9	16.0
History	43,191	13.8	10.9	14.3		30.1	19.6	5.6	3.1	9.5	7.8
English Literature	42,469	8.8	9.5	18.4	30.7		17.1	3.8	1.5	7.4	8.8
General Studies	41,714	28.1	24.7	21.4	20.3	17.4		19.0	12.0	12.9	9.2
Chemistry	40,132	61.4	66.1	9.5	6.1	4.0	19.7		27.1	6.8	1.1
Physics	27,444	79.7	20.6	2.4	4.9	2.3	18.2	39.7		6.7	0.3
Geography	26,457	19.8	22.4	13.0	15.5	11.9	20.3	10.4	7.0		4.9
Sociology	25,871	4.0	5.9	31.0	12.9	14.4	14.9	1.7	0.3	5.0	
Business Studies	25,134	15.9	6.1	16.1	9.6	7.6	17.0	2.5	2.8	9.7	8.3
Media/Film/Tv Studies	23,323	2.9	2.0	12.5	7.8	15.3	11.0	0.5	0.6	3.6	10.7
English Language	21,750	5.7	6.3	22.5	15.5	14.2	21.3	1.9	0.9	6.6	13.0
Economics	19,362	48.8	9.4	8.7	17.5	8.5	15.7	8.8	10.9	13.1	3.1
Religious Studies	17,512	8.6	10.4	18.8	23.4	25.5	18.1	4.6	1.9	6.8	12.0
PE/Sports Studies	16,621	13.3	25.7	22.1	9.9	6.6	18.0	5.1	2.8	13.6	6.0
Engl Lang & Lit	15,101	5.7	7.8	23.6	18.8	0.0	14.7	2.4	1.2	6.0	14.3
Drama/Theatre Studies	14,198	5.4	4.9	15.1	13.8	30.2	12.9	1.6	1.2	3.5	6.8
Art & Design (Fine Art)	14,020	13.0	8.0	13.0	10.1	19.0	12.9	3.5	3.9	6.9	4.6
Government & Politics	12,398	11.2	5.0	9.6	43.9	23.2	17.6	2.2	2.0	8.4	8.9

**Table 6 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Government & Politics</i>
Mathematics	67,686	5.9	1.0	1.8	14.0	2.2	3.3	1.3	1.1	2.7	2.0
Biology	50,988	3.0	0.9	2.7	3.6	3.6	8.4	2.3	1.4	2.2	1.2
Psychology	50,308	8.1	5.8	9.7	3.3	6.5	7.3	7.1	4.3	3.6	2.4
History	43,191	5.6	4.2	7.8	7.8	9.5	3.8	6.6	4.5	3.3	12.6
English Literature	42,469	4.5	8.4	7.3	3.9	10.5	2.6	0.0	10.1	6.3	6.8
General Studies	41,714	10.3	6.1	11.1	7.3	7.6	7.2	5.3	4.4	4.3	5.2
Chemistry	40,132	1.5	0.3	1.0	4.3	2.0	2.1	0.9	0.6	1.2	0.7
Physics	27,444	2.6	0.5	0.7	7.7	1.2	1.7	0.7	0.6	2.0	0.9
Geography	26,457	9.2	3.1	5.4	9.6	4.5	8.5	3.4	1.9	3.7	4.0
Sociology	25,871	8.1	9.7	10.9	2.3	8.1	3.8	8.4	3.7	2.5	4.3
Business Studies	25,134		8.4	7.0	10.5	3.8	9.0	4.2	2.3	2.9	3.7
Media/Film/Tv Studies	23,323	9.0		13.3	1.5	3.3	3.5	9.8	8.8	5.4	1.7
English Language	21,750	8.0	14.3		2.3	6.0	4.5	0.0	6.3	4.3	3.6
Economics	19,362	13.6	1.8	2.6		3.7	3.6	2.1	1.0	1.5	9.8
Religious Studies	17,512	5.4	4.4	7.5	4.1		3.2	6.0	5.9	4.0	6.7
PE/Sports Studies	16,621	13.6	4.9	5.9	4.2	3.3		3.2	2.3	1.9	1.5
Engl Lang & Lit	15,101	6.9	15.1	0.0	2.7	7.0	3.5		8.3	5.7	4.1
Drama/Theatre Studies	14,198	4.1	14.4	9.6	1.4	7.3	2.7	8.8		4.5	3.0
Art & Design (Fine Art)	14,020	5.3	9.0	6.7	2.1	5.0	2.2	6.2	4.5		1.5
Government & Politics	12,398	7.5	3.2	6.3	15.3	9.5	2.0	5.0	3.4	1.7	

**Table 7: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (females)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
Mathematics	27,388		39.2	13.4	9.4	8.8	17.3	38.8	15.8	7.8	2.6
Biology	29,014	37.0		26.2	9.0	10.8	20.0	50.4	5.9	11.2	4.1
Psychology	36,943	9.9	20.6		11.2	17.9	17.4	7.2	0.6	6.5	17.9
History	22,218	11.6	11.8	18.7		38.8	19.3	5.3	1.1	6.9	9.5
English Literature	30,783	7.8	10.2	21.4	28.0		17.0	3.8	0.8	7.0	10.1
General Studies	21,992	21.6	26.4	29.3	19.5	23.7		16.9	4.3	11.4	12.7
Chemistry	18,924	56.1	77.3	14.1	6.2	6.2	19.6		13.6	7.0	1.6
Physics	5,640	76.7	30.1	4.0	4.3	4.4	16.8	45.6		6.7	0.4
Geography	12,308	17.5	26.5	19.4	12.5	17.4	20.4	10.8	3.1		7.0
Sociology	19,454	3.7	6.1	34.0	10.9	16.0	14.4	1.5	0.1	4.4	
Business Studies	10,174	13.5	6.3	24.0	7.1	11.4	16.2	2.3	0.7	7.7	12.6
Media/Film/Tv Studies	13,225	2.2	1.8	15.7	6.5	19.3	10.7	0.5	0.1	2.7	14.1
English Language	14,632	4.5	6.3	27.0	12.6	15.8	20.9	1.5	0.2	5.5	15.8
Economics	5,986	49.1	10.5	14.1	15.7	12.6	13.2	8.6	5.1	12.3	4.7
Religious Studies	11,918	7.1	10.7	22.3	20.4	28.2	18.3	4.2	1.0	6.1	14.4
PE/Sports Studies	5,855	11.6	31.5	30.8	7.0	9.5	16.9	5.7	1.0	12.2	7.8
Engl Lang & Lit	10,703	4.3	7.7	27.6	15.9	0.0	13.3	2.2	0.4	5.4	16.8
Drama/Theatre Studies	9,665	4.4	5.0	17.6	13.3	33.6	13.1	1.3	0.6	3.4	7.8
Art & Design (Fine Art)	10,298	11.0	8.4	15.6	10.3	21.6	12.9	3.2	2.0	6.4	5.5
Government & Politics	5,338	10.3	5.6	13.0	39.9	30.8	16.1	2.1	0.8	7.2	11.7

**Table 7 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (females)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Government & Politics</i>
Mathematics	27,388	5.0	1.1	2.4	10.7	3.1	2.5	1.7	1.6	4.1	2.0
Biology	29,014	2.2	0.8	3.2	2.2	4.4	6.4	2.8	1.7	3.0	1.0
Psychology	36,943	6.6	5.6	10.7	2.3	7.2	4.9	8.0	4.6	4.3	1.9
History	22,218	3.2	3.9	8.3	4.2	10.9	1.8	7.6	5.8	4.8	9.6
English Literature	30,783	3.8	8.3	7.5	2.5	10.9	1.8	0.0	10.6	7.2	5.3
General Studies	21,992	7.5	6.4	13.9	3.6	9.9	4.5	6.5	5.8	6.0	3.9
Chemistry	18,924	1.2	0.3	1.2	2.7	2.7	1.8	1.3	0.7	1.7	0.6
Physics	5,640	1.3	0.3	0.6	5.4	2.2	1.1	0.7	1.1	3.7	0.8
Geography	12,308	6.4	2.9	6.5	6.0	5.9	5.8	4.7	2.7	5.4	3.1
Sociology	19,454	6.6	9.6	11.9	1.4	8.8	2.3	9.2	3.9	2.9	3.2
Business Studies	10,174		8.3	9.3	6.2	5.3	4.0	6.2	3.2	5.0	2.3
Media/Film/Tv Studies	13,225	6.4		15.3	0.7	3.8	1.8	12.0	9.7	6.9	1.1
English Language	14,632	6.5	13.8		1.3	6.8	2.8	0.0	6.7	5.3	2.6
Economics	5,986	10.5	1.5	3.2		4.6	1.4	2.9	1.5	2.8	8.6
Religious Studies	11,918	4.5	4.3	8.3	2.3		2.1	6.9	6.2	4.8	5.1
PE/Sports Studies	5,855	7.0	4.0	6.9	1.4	4.3		4.0	3.5	3.3	0.8
Engl Lang & Lit	10,703	5.9	14.9	0.0	1.6	7.6	2.2		8.6	6.9	3.2
Drama/Theatre Studies	9,665	3.4	13.3	10.1	0.9	7.7	2.1	9.5		5.2	2.3
Art & Design (Fine Art)	10,298	4.9	8.8	7.5	1.6	5.5	1.9	7.2	4.9		1.4
Government & Politics	5,338	4.5	2.7	7.2	9.6	11.4	0.9	6.5	4.1	2.7	

**Table 8: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (males)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
Mathematics	40,298		23.3	4.0	8.5	3.4	17.3	34.8	43.6	7.7	0.8
Biology	21,974	42.7		12.2	9.4	4.2	20.5	54.2	17.9	12.1	1.6
Psychology	13,365	12.2	20.0		15.1	9.1	18.6	8.4	3.3	7.9	10.5
History	20,973	16.2	9.9	9.6		21.0	20.0	6.0	5.3	12.2	5.9
English Literature	11,686	11.6	7.8	10.4	37.7		17.4	3.6	3.4	8.7	5.1
General Studies	19,722	35.4	22.8	12.6	21.3	10.3		21.3	20.5	14.5	5.4
Chemistry	21,208	66.1	56.1	5.3	5.9	2.0	19.8		39.2	6.7	0.7
Physics	21,804	80.5	18.1	2.0	5.1	1.8	18.6	38.1		6.8	0.3
Geography	14,149	21.9	18.8	7.5	18.1	7.2	20.3	10.0	10.4		3.2
Sociology	6,417	4.9	5.5	21.9	19.2	9.3	16.5	2.2	1.0	7.0	
Business Studies	14,960	17.6	5.9	10.8	11.3	4.9	17.6	2.6	4.3	11.0	5.4
Media/Film/Tv Studies	10,098	3.9	2.1	8.2	9.5	10.0	11.4	0.6	1.1	4.6	6.3
English Language	7,118	8.1	6.3	13.2	21.6	10.9	22.2	2.8	2.3	8.9	7.1
Economics	13,376	48.7	9.0	6.3	18.3	6.6	16.9	8.9	13.6	13.5	2.3
Religious Studies	5,594	12.0	9.9	11.4	29.8	20.0	17.6	5.4	3.7	8.4	7.0
PE/Sports Studies	10,766	14.2	22.5	17.4	11.5	5.0	18.7	4.8	3.8	14.3	5.0
Engl Lang & Lit	4,398	9.0	8.0	14.0	25.9	0.0	18.1	2.9	3.2	7.5	8.4
Drama/Theatre Studies	4,533	7.3	4.5	9.7	14.8	22.9	12.5	2.3	2.5	3.8	4.7
Art & Design (Fine Art)	3,722	18.6	6.7	5.9	9.7	11.8	12.9	4.4	9.1	8.4	2.1
Government & Politics	7,060	11.8	4.6	7.1	47.0	17.4	18.7	2.2	2.8	9.4	6.8

**Table 8 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (males)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Government & Politics</i>
Mathematics	40,298	6.5	1.0	1.4	16.2	1.7	3.8	1.0	0.8	1.7	2.1
Biology	21,974	4.0	1.0	2.0	5.5	2.5	11.0	1.6	0.9	1.1	1.5
Psychology	13,365	12.1	6.2	7.0	6.3	4.8	14.0	4.6	3.3	1.7	3.7
History	20,973	8.1	4.6	7.3	11.7	8.0	5.9	5.4	3.2	1.7	15.8
English Literature	11,686	6.3	8.6	6.6	7.6	9.6	4.6	0.0	8.9	3.8	10.5
General Studies	19,722	13.4	5.8	8.0	11.4	5.0	10.2	4.0	2.9	2.4	6.7
Chemistry	21,208	1.8	0.3	0.9	5.6	1.4	2.4	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.7
Physics	21,804	2.9	0.5	0.8	8.3	0.9	1.9	0.6	0.5	1.6	0.9
Geography	14,149	11.6	3.3	4.5	12.8	3.3	10.9	2.3	1.2	2.2	4.7
Sociology	6,417	12.6	9.9	7.9	4.9	6.1	8.4	5.8	3.3	1.2	7.5
Business Studies	14,960		8.5	5.4	13.4	2.8	12.3	2.8	1.7	1.6	4.6
Media/Film/Tv Studies	10,098	12.5		10.8	2.6	2.6	5.8	6.8	7.6	3.6	2.5
English Language	7,118	11.3	15.4		4.4	4.6	8.2	0.0	5.5	2.4	5.5
Economics	13,376	15.0	1.9	2.4		3.3	4.6	1.7	0.8	1.0	10.3
Religious Studies	5,594	7.4	4.7	5.8	7.8		5.3	4.2	5.2	2.3	10.1
PE/Sports Studies	10,766	17.1	5.4	5.4	5.7	2.8		2.8	1.7	1.1	1.8
Engl Lang & Lit	4,398	9.4	15.7	0.0	5.3	5.3	6.8		7.5	2.8	6.4
Drama/Theatre Studies	4,533	5.7	16.9	8.6	2.4	6.5	4.1	7.2		3.0	4.6
Art & Design (Fine Art)	3,722	6.3	9.6	4.6	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.4	3.7		1.7
Government & Politics	7,060	9.8	3.6	5.5	19.5	8.0	2.8	4.0	3.0	0.9	

**Table 9: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Academies)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
Mathematics	9,105		31.5	8.2	9.3	6.6	22.7	37.2	33.8	9.5	1.5
Biology	7,124	40.3		19.9	9.8	9.5	25.1	51.9	11.3	13.3	2.7
Psychology	6,334	11.7	22.4		14.1	18.9	22.2	7.4	1.6	7.7	14.2
History	5,897	14.4	11.8	15.1		34.0	27.1	6.1	3.6	10.2	7.2
English Literature	6,223	9.6	10.9	19.2	32.3		21.8	4.0	1.7	8.2	8.8
General Studies	6,752	30.6	26.5	20.8	23.7	20.1		19.5	13.5	14.9	9.2
Chemistry	5,488	61.7	67.3	8.6	6.6	4.6	23.9		27.3	8.4	1.0
Physics	3,889	79.0	20.8	2.5	5.5	2.7	23.4	38.5		8.6	0.3
Geography	3,843	22.6	24.7	12.8	15.6	13.3	26.2	12.0	8.7		5.8
Sociology	3,106	4.3	6.1	28.9	13.7	17.7	19.9	1.7	0.3	7.2	
Business Studies	2,784	16.8	7.4	18.9	10.2	10.1	20.9	3.1	3.3	10.6	9.6
Media/Film/Tv Studies	2,758	3.1	2.4	13.1	10.1	19.8	13.3	0.6	0.6	4.1	10.3
English Language	2,318	6.0	7.8	22.3	18.1	15.7	30.0	2.0	0.9	7.5	13.3
Economics	2,360	50.3	10.6	9.3	18.5	11.9	21.5	8.6	12.5	13.3	3.4
Religious Studies	2,514	9.8	11.1	19.5	23.2	28.2	25.8	5.2	2.2	7.6	12.0
PE/Sports Studies	2,162	14.2	26.6	22.7	11.4	7.6	21.0	5.9	2.7	13.5	7.0
Engl Lang & Lit	1,559	5.9	9.2	21.6	22.8	0.0	19.9	2.4	1.2	8.3	12.4
Drama/Theatre Studies	2,088	5.4	5.3	15.9	14.6	32.3	17.1	1.4	1.6	4.0	8.4
Art & Design (Fine Art)	1,715	14.7	10.0	14.2	11.1	22.6	19.0	3.3	5.4	7.9	4.7
Government & Politics	1,595	11.5	5.0	11.2	47.0	28.3	28.2	2.5	1.4	9.8	9.3

**Table 9 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Academies)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Government & Politics</i>
Mathematics	9,105	5.1	0.9	1.5	13.0	2.7	3.4	1.0	1.2	2.8	2.0
Biology	7,124	2.9	0.9	2.5	3.5	3.9	8.1	2.0	1.5	2.4	1.1
Psychology	6,334	8.3	5.7	8.2	3.5	7.7	7.8	5.3	5.2	3.8	2.8
History	5,897	4.8	4.7	7.1	7.4	9.9	4.2	6.0	5.2	3.2	12.7
English Literature	6,223	4.5	8.8	5.8	4.5	11.4	2.6	0.0	10.8	6.2	7.2
General Studies	6,752	8.6	5.4	10.3	7.5	9.6	6.7	4.6	5.3	4.8	6.7
Chemistry	5,488	1.5	0.3	0.8	3.7	2.4	2.3	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.7
Physics	3,889	2.3	0.4	0.6	7.6	1.4	1.5	0.5	0.8	2.4	0.6
Geography	3,843	7.7	3.0	4.5	8.2	4.9	7.6	3.4	2.2	3.5	4.1
Sociology	3,106	8.6	9.2	9.9	2.6	9.7	4.9	6.2	5.7	2.6	4.8
Business Studies	2,784		6.9	6.1	11.5	4.4	8.8	3.7	3.1	3.1	3.4
Media/Film/Tv Studies	2,758	7.0		10.5	1.9	4.1	3.7	6.7	12.1	5.9	1.9
English Language	2,318	7.3	12.5		2.4	7.8	5.7	0.0	8.7	4.7	4.4
Economics	2,360	13.5	2.2	2.4		3.6	4.3	1.9	1.0	1.4	9.0
Religious Studies	2,514	4.9	4.5	7.2	3.4		2.4	6.4	6.7	3.7	8.0
PE/Sports Studies	2,162	11.3	4.7	6.1	4.7	2.8		2.5	2.6	1.8	1.3
Engl Lang & Lit	1,559	6.5	11.8	0.0	2.9	10.3	3.5		10.4	5.0	3.8
Drama/Theatre Studies	2,088	4.1	16.0	9.6	1.1	8.1	2.7	7.8		4.1	2.5
Art & Design (Fine Art)	1,715	5.1	9.5	6.4	1.9	5.4	2.2	4.5	5.0		1.5
Government & Politics	1,595	6.0	3.3	6.3	13.3	12.5	1.8	3.8	3.3	1.6	

**Table 10: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Comprehensive schools)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
Mathematics	22,259		29.3	8.6	9.7	6.3	13.8	34.6	32.8	8.1	1.9
Biology	17,696	36.9		21.5	10.1	8.6	15.9	46.7	11.2	11.7	3.5
Psychology	19,172	9.9	19.9		13.6	17.5	14.6	6.6	1.5	7.8	15.6
History	16,411	13.2	10.9	15.9		30.7	18.3	5.3	3.4	9.6	9.3
English Literature	16,637	8.4	9.1	20.1	30.2		14.4	3.3	1.4	7.5	10.2
General Studies	12,936	23.8	21.7	21.6	23.2	18.5		15.0	11.1	14.8	10.5
Chemistry	12,919	59.6	64.0	9.8	6.7	4.3	15.0		28.5	6.8	1.3
Physics	9,498	76.9	20.9	3.0	5.9	2.4	15.1	38.8		7.1	0.4
Geography	9,927	18.2	20.9	15.0	15.9	12.6	19.2	8.9	6.8		6.0
Sociology	10,196	4.2	6.0	29.4	14.9	16.6	13.4	1.7	0.4	5.8	
Business Studies	8,007	15.8	6.9	16.2	11.0	8.9	16.5	2.7	3.4	9.7	8.7
Media/Film/Tv Studies	9,474	3.0	2.1	12.5	8.6	17.9	9.0	0.5	0.7	4.4	10.4
English Language	8,008	6.4	6.8	21.9	17.2	15.7	16.8	2.0	1.2	7.8	11.5
Economics	4,932	43.2	9.8	11.3	18.3	8.5	15.0	7.2	9.3	11.7	4.7
Religious Studies	7,527	7.5	9.3	21.0	23.1	25.2	15.9	3.9	1.7	5.8	14.6
PE/Sports Studies	6,796	13.4	25.6	21.9	10.4	7.0	15.9	4.5	2.9	12.9	6.6
Engl Lang & Lit	5,187	6.8	8.2	24.1	21.4	0.0	14.4	2.0	1.7	8.0	12.3
Drama/Theatre Studies	5,935	5.0	5.0	15.3	13.2	29.0	11.1	1.6	1.1	3.1	7.5
Art & Design (Fine Art)	5,061	10.6	6.8	13.0	10.3	18.9	11.3	2.9	2.6	6.6	5.3
Government & Politics	3,561	10.9	5.2	11.0	44.6	24.1	14.6	2.1	2.3	7.2	11.7

**Table 10 (Cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Comprehensive schools)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Government & Politics</i>
Mathematics	22,259	5.7	1.3	2.3	9.6	2.5	4.1	1.6	1.3	2.4	1.7
Biology	17,696	3.1	1.1	3.1	2.7	4.0	9.8	2.4	1.7	1.9	1.0
Psychology	19,172	6.8	6.2	9.1	2.9	8.3	7.8	6.5	4.8	3.4	2.0
History	16,411	5.4	5.0	8.4	5.5	10.6	4.3	6.8	4.8	3.2	9.7
English Literature	16,637	4.3	10.2	7.6	2.5	11.4	2.9	0.0	10.3	5.8	5.2
General Studies	12,936	10.2	6.6	10.4	5.7	9.3	8.3	5.8	5.1	4.4	4.0
Chemistry	12,919	1.7	0.4	1.2	2.8	2.3	2.4	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.6
Physics	9,498	2.8	0.7	1.0	4.8	1.3	2.1	0.9	0.7	1.4	0.9
Geography	9,927	7.8	4.2	6.3	5.8	4.4	8.8	4.2	1.9	3.4	2.6
Sociology	10,196	6.9	9.7	9.0	2.3	10.7	4.4	6.3	4.4	2.6	4.1
Business Studies	8,007		9.3	6.9	9.1	5.1	9.2	3.7	2.3	2.3	3.4
Media/Film/Tv Studies	9,474	7.8		10.9	1.2	4.4	3.9	8.1	10.3	5.8	1.5
English Language	8,008	6.9	12.9		1.9	7.8	4.9	0.0	7.4	4.5	2.9
Economics	4,932	14.8	2.3	3.1		3.1	4.6	2.7	0.8	1.1	8.8
Religious Studies	7,527	5.4	5.5	8.3	2.0		3.3	6.4	5.8	3.7	4.6
PE/Sports Studies	6,796	10.9	5.4	5.8	3.3	3.7		3.3	2.7	1.5	1.0
Engl Lang & Lit	5,187	5.7	14.8	0.0	2.6	9.3	4.3		9.8	6.5	3.4
Drama/Theatre Studies	5,935	3.1	16.5	10.0	0.7	7.3	3.0	8.6		3.9	2.3
Art & Design (Fine Art)	5,061	3.6	10.8	7.1	1.0	5.6	2.1	6.7	4.5		0.9
Government & Politics	3,561	7.7	4.0	6.5	12.2	9.8	1.9	4.9	3.8	1.3	

**Table 11: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (FE/Tertiary Colleges)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
Mathematics	3,937		26.2	12.3	5.2	3.6	3.1	29.7	26.9	5.2	3.0
Biology	3,151	32.7		30.3	6.2	5.1	3.6	45.5	8.3	7.9	6.2
Psychology	5,580	8.7	17.1		10.0	11.4	3.2	5.6	0.7	3.5	25.8
History	2,722	7.5	7.2	20.4		20.8	4.2	3.3	1.5	6.4	13.3
English Literature	2,556	5.5	6.3	24.8	22.2		3.1	2.2	0.9	4.3	15.8
General Studies	658	18.8	17.3	27.1	17.5	11.9		10.2	5.3	12.0	8.8
Chemistry	2,077	56.4	69.0	15.1	4.3	2.7	3.2		22.2	5.1	2.4
Physics	1,335	79.3	19.7	2.9	3.1	1.8	2.6	34.5		6.1	0.6
Geography	1,378	14.9	18.1	14.4	12.6	8.0	5.7	7.6	5.9		7.7
Sociology	3,635	3.2	5.4	39.5	9.9	11.1	1.6	1.4	0.2	2.9	
Business Studies	3,087	14.4	4.0	19.0	5.7	4.0	3.0	1.6	1.5	5.5	11.7
Media/Film/Tv Studies	2,782	2.1	1.6	13.0	6.0	10.7	2.2	0.5	0.2	2.0	13.1
English Language	2,577	3.9	4.3	25.5	12.3	15.3	2.9	1.1	0.6	5.0	18.0
Economics	999	37.6	5.5	10.5	9.2	3.5	4.3	5.1	5.5	5.2	6.4
Religious Studies	460	5.0	5.4	24.8	12.2	15.9	3.3	2.4	0.9	3.0	22.2
PE/Sports Studies	858	10.0	26.1	28.8	8.2	2.9	3.4	3.3	1.6	10.5	7.9
Engl Lang & Lit	2,804	4.0	6.6	27.7	15.2	0.0	3.1	2.0	0.5	3.2	19.6
Drama/Theatre Studies	819	3.8	2.8	18.2	10.0	22.8	3.2	0.7	0.6	1.7	7.8
Art & Design (Fine Art)	1,119	8.2	6.6	15.8	7.0	13.6	3.2	2.1	2.5	4.1	6.1
Government & Politics	801	5.9	4.0	12.6	38.1	14.4	3.0	0.6	1.0	4.2	16.6

**Table 11 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (FE/Tertiary Colleges)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Government & Politics</i>
Mathematics	3,937	11.3	1.5	2.6	9.6	0.6	2.2	2.8	0.8	2.3	1.2
Biology	3,151	3.9	1.4	3.6	1.7	0.8	7.1	5.9	0.7	2.3	1.0
Psychology	5,580	10.5	6.5	11.8	1.9	2.0	4.4	13.9	2.7	3.2	1.8
History	2,722	6.5	6.2	11.6	3.4	2.1	2.6	15.6	3.0	2.9	11.2
English Literature	2,556	4.8	11.7	15.5	1.4	2.9	1.0	0.0	7.3	5.9	4.5
General Studies	658	14.0	9.1	11.4	6.5	2.3	4.4	13.1	4.0	5.5	3.6
Chemistry	2,077	2.3	0.6	1.3	2.5	0.5	1.3	2.6	0.3	1.1	0.2
Physics	1,335	3.5	0.4	1.1	4.1	0.3	1.0	1.1	0.4	2.1	0.6
Geography	1,378	12.3	4.1	9.3	3.8	1.0	6.5	6.6	1.0	3.3	2.5
Sociology	3,635	10.0	10.0	12.8	1.8	2.8	1.9	15.1	1.8	1.9	3.7
Business Studies	3,087		9.9	8.6	9.7	0.6	5.4	7.3	1.0	2.0	2.3
Media/Film/Tv Studies	2,782	11.0		17.0	1.4	1.0	1.8	19.2	5.9	4.2	1.6
English Language	2,577	10.2	18.4		1.5	1.7	2.4	0.0	3.8	4.1	2.5
Economics	999	29.9	4.0	3.9		1.7	1.5	4.9	0.1	0.6	8.4
Religious Studies	460	3.9	6.1	9.3	3.7		2.0	14.3	3.3	2.6	5.7
PE/Sports Studies	858	19.3	5.7	7.3	1.7	1.0		6.2	1.2	1.4	0.8
Engl Lang & Lit	2,804	8.0	19.0	0.0	1.7	2.4	1.9		5.5	4.5	3.8
Drama/Theatre Studies	819	3.7	19.9	11.8	0.1	1.8	1.2	18.8		4.5	1.2
Art & Design (Fine Art)	1,119	5.5	10.5	9.4	0.5	1.1	1.1	11.2	3.3		0.8
Government & Politics	801	8.9	5.6	8.0	10.5	3.2	0.9	13.2	1.2	1.1	

**Table 12: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Grammar schools)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
Mathematics	5,154		37.1	6.7	9.9	7.2	38.5	45.9	36.4	9.7	1.1
Biology	4,272	44.8		17.4	10.7	9.5	41.4	62.1	14.8	12.1	1.8
Psychology	2,421	14.3	30.7		15.3	20.9	39.5	13.8	2.2	9.0	9.7
History	2,832	18.0	16.1	13.1		36.2	37.7	9.0	4.5	10.2	6.0
English Literature	2,775	13.4	14.6	18.2	37.0		37.9	7.1	3.2	9.3	6.2
General Studies	5,097	39.0	34.7	18.8	21.0	20.6		31.9	19.1	14.2	5.9
Chemistry	3,754	63.1	70.6	8.9	6.8	5.3	43.3		29.4	7.9	0.6
Physics	2,353	79.8	26.9	2.3	5.4	3.7	41.5	47.0		7.6	0.4
Geography	1,755	28.4	29.3	12.4	16.5	14.6	41.1	16.9	10.3		3.5
Sociology	799	7.3	9.4	29.5	21.4	21.4	37.7	3.0	1.3	7.8	
Business Studies	1,023	22.2	9.3	20.9	16.3	12.1	38.9	3.8	3.6	11.3	10.1
Media/Film/Tv Studies	586	6.3	4.4	18.4	13.5	27.1	24.1	0.9	2.6	7.5	13.7
English Language	696	5.2	10.8	25.7	23.3	20.8	49.1	4.5	1.6	8.2	10.9
Economics	1,383	54.0	12.1	7.8	21.3	12.9	36.7	11.7	15.3	16.9	2.3
Religious Studies	1,129	12.2	17.4	20.1	27.6	29.7	38.9	9.0	3.5	8.1	7.6
PE/Sports Studies	865	18.2	36.9	22.3	13.1	8.4	38.5	10.4	4.9	16.2	5.7
Engl Lang & Lit	452	8.2	12.2	18.6	29.9	0.2	34.5	4.0	2.0	7.5	11.5
Drama/Theatre Studies	565	8.5	10.3	21.1	20.2	44.4	32.4	5.0	3.2	6.2	5.5
Art & Design (Fine Art)	643	21.0	15.7	15.9	16.0	28.3	36.1	9.3	9.0	9.3	3.3
Government & Politics	921	13.2	7.8	11.2	51.4	31.3	31.1	3.7	3.0	9.6	5.3

**Table 12 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Grammar schools)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Government & Politics</i>
Mathematics	5,154	4.4	0.7	0.7	14.5	2.7	3.0	0.7	0.9	2.6	2.4
Biology	4,272	2.2	0.6	1.8	3.9	4.6	7.5	1.3	1.4	2.4	1.7
Psychology	2,421	8.8	4.5	7.4	4.5	9.4	8.0	3.5	4.9	4.2	4.3
History	2,832	5.9	2.8	5.7	10.4	11.0	4.0	4.8	4.0	3.6	16.7
English Literature	2,775	4.5	5.7	5.2	6.5	12.1	2.6	0.0	9.0	6.6	10.4
General Studies	5,097	7.8	2.8	6.7	10.0	8.6	6.5	3.1	3.6	4.6	5.6
Chemistry	3,754	1.0	0.1	0.8	4.3	2.7	2.4	0.5	0.7	1.6	0.9
Physics	2,353	1.6	0.6	0.5	9.0	1.7	1.8	0.4	0.8	2.5	1.2
Geography	1,755	6.6	2.5	3.2	13.3	5.2	8.0	1.9	2.0	3.4	5.0
Sociology	799	12.9	10.0	9.5	4.0	10.8	6.1	6.5	3.9	2.6	6.1
Business Studies	1,023		6.8	5.8	13.6	5.0	10.0	5.1	1.2	3.0	5.8
Media/Film/Tv Studies	586	11.9		11.6	2.0	3.6	7.0	4.4	8.7	6.0	3.8
English Language	696	8.5	9.8		2.9	11.6	6.5	0.0	6.2	5.7	5.7
Economics	1,383	10.1	0.9	1.4		3.7	3.8	2.0	0.7	1.9	10.3
Religious Studies	1,129	4.5	1.9	7.2	4.5		3.5	5.0	6.6	4.4	8.6
PE/Sports Studies	865	11.8	4.7	5.2	6.1	4.6		4.2	0.9	1.2	1.8
Engl Lang & Lit	452	11.5	5.8	0.0	6.0	12.4	8.0		8.0	5.5	6.0
Drama/Theatre Studies	565	2.1	9.0	7.6	1.8	13.1	1.4	6.4		3.4	5.0
Art & Design (Fine Art)	643	4.8	5.4	6.2	4.0	7.8	1.6	3.9	3.0		3.6
Government & Politics	921	6.4	2.4	4.3	15.4	10.5	1.7	2.9	3.0	2.5	

**Table 13: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Independent schools)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
Mathematics	13,104		28.1	3.6	9.8	5.5	5.1	39.2	35.0	8.5	0.2
Biology	8,195	45.0		9.2	9.5	7.9	7.9	59.7	13.5	15.5	0.3
Psychology	3,180	14.7	23.8		13.1	18.1	9.4	9.9	1.8	13.7	1.7
History	6,874	18.8	11.4	6.0		34.5	7.0	6.6	3.3	12.9	0.4
English Literature	6,496	11.1	10.0	8.9	36.5		6.9	4.4	1.9	10.3	0.9
General Studies	2,054	32.4	31.5	14.6	23.4	21.7		26.1	15.6	18.5	1.2
Chemistry	7,653	67.1	64.0	4.1	5.9	3.7	7.0		31.1	7.7	0.2
Physics	5,456	84.0	20.2	1.1	4.2	2.3	5.9	43.7		5.9	0.0
Geography	5,204	21.3	24.4	8.4	17.0	12.9	7.3	11.4	6.2		0.5
Sociology	318	9.4	7.5	17.3	9.4	18.6	7.9	4.1	0.3	8.8	
Business Studies	3,413	17.3	7.3	12.1	12.2	10.0	7.5	2.5	3.5	19.9	1.9
Media/Film/Tv Studies	589	4.8	1.5	8.0	7.8	18.8	1.9	0.7	0.3	5.1	3.4
English Language	926	7.1	8.0	16.7	20.6	12.3	13.4	3.0	1.3	13.9	2.3
Economics	5,746	56.9	10.1	4.8	20.0	9.0	5.2	10.9	13.8	18.2	0.4
Religious Studies	3,337	11.8	13.0	10.4	29.1	31.3	5.2	5.4	2.2	10.4	1.2
PE/Sports Studies	2,112	10.2	25.5	14.8	10.4	9.6	7.2	5.4	2.7	23.7	0.6
Engl Lang & Lit	368	12.5	12.2	15.2	16.8	0.0	7.6	8.4	2.2	9.2	2.2
Drama/Theatre Studies	1,963	7.0	6.2	10.5	19.3	41.1	4.5	1.8	1.4	6.9	1.0
Art & Design (Fine Art)	2,274	20.7	10.2	9.7	12.7	23.2	3.9	5.4	7.1	11.9	0.7
Government & Politics	2,625	14.7	6.1	5.0	43.8	23.9	7.2	2.1	1.9	13.3	0.8

**Table 13 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Independent schools)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Government & Politics</i>
Mathematics	13,104	4.5	0.2	0.5	24.9	3.0	1.6	0.4	1.1	3.6	2.9
Biology	8,195	3.1	0.1	0.9	7.1	5.3	6.6	0.5	1.5	2.8	2.0
Psychology	3,180	13.0	1.5	4.9	8.7	10.9	9.8	1.8	6.5	6.9	4.1
History	6,874	6.1	0.7	2.8	16.7	14.1	3.2	0.9	5.5	4.2	16.7
English Literature	6,496	5.2	1.7	1.8	8.0	16.1	3.1	0.0	12.4	8.1	9.7
General Studies	2,054	12.5	0.5	6.0	14.7	8.5	7.4	1.4	4.3	4.3	9.2
Chemistry	7,653	1.1	0.1	0.4	8.2	2.4	1.5	0.4	0.5	1.6	0.7
Physics	5,456	2.2	0.0	0.2	14.6	1.4	1.0	0.1	0.5	3.0	0.9
Geography	5,204	13.0	0.6	2.5	20.0	6.7	9.6	0.7	2.6	5.2	6.7
Sociology	318	20.1	6.3	6.6	7.5	12.3	4.1	2.5	6.0	5.3	6.6
Business Studies	3,413		3.3	4.2	10.8	6.8	14.2	1.3	5.4	6.1	6.4
Media/Film/Tv Studies	589	19.2		4.9	3.1	6.3	6.8	0.8	15.3	7.8	3.1
English Language	926	15.7	3.1		7.3	10.7	6.5	0.0	9.9	5.8	5.7
Economics	5,746	6.4	0.3	1.2		6.1	3.2	0.6	1.5	2.3	10.9
Religious Studies	3,337	7.0	1.1	3.0	10.5		4.0	1.3	7.6	5.5	11.0
PE/Sports Studies	2,112	22.9	1.9	2.8	8.7	6.3		0.9	3.6	3.8	4.1
Engl Lang & Lit	368	12.2	1.4	0.0	9.5	12.2	5.2		11.1	11.4	9.2
Drama/Theatre Studies	1,963	9.4	4.6	4.7	4.4	12.8	3.9	2.1		7.8	6.4
Art & Design (Fine Art)	2,274	9.1	2.0	2.4	5.8	8.0	3.5	1.8	6.7		3.4
Government & Politics	2,625	8.3	0.7	2.0	23.9	14.0	3.3	1.3	4.8	3.0	

**Table 14: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Secondary Modern schools)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
Mathematics	586		30.7	9.9	8.2	6.8	5.8	32.3	29.2	7.2	4.6
Biology	475	37.9		23.2	8.6	8.6	12.6	44.6	10.9	11.6	4.6
Psychology	687	8.4	16.0		14.3	17.0	10.2	5.2	1.3	6.0	16.7
History	526	9.1	7.8	18.6		30.4	13.7	4.2	2.3	8.6	9.9
English Literature	643	6.2	6.4	18.2	24.9		6.7	1.7	0.9	5.6	8.6
General Studies	269	12.6	22.3	26.0	26.8	16.0		12.3	7.4	17.1	10.4
Chemistry	316	59.8	67.1	11.4	7.0	3.5	10.4		26.9	6.0	1.6
Physics	218	78.4	23.9	4.1	5.5	2.8	9.2	39.0		8.7	0.9
Geography	318	13.2	17.3	12.9	14.2	11.3	14.5	6.0	6.0		8.2
Sociology	421	6.4	5.2	27.3	12.4	13.1	6.7	1.2	0.5	6.2	
Business Studies	246	15.4	5.7	22.0	11.0	5.3	11.4	0.8	3.7	6.1	12.2
Media/Film/Tv Studies	541	3.0	0.4	11.1	9.2	20.9	3.5	0.0	0.4	4.1	10.7
English Language	212	5.7	6.6	20.8	22.2	13.2	12.7	3.8	0.9	4.7	17.0
Economics	52	55.8	15.4	13.5	15.4	5.8	7.7	11.5	11.5	9.6	5.8
Religious Studies	265	5.3	9.8	20.0	18.1	26.0	15.8	3.4	1.1	6.4	14.0
PE/Sports Studies	233	10.7	16.7	22.7	11.6	8.6	15.5	1.7	3.0	16.3	6.0
Engl Lang & Lit	222	3.2	6.3	24.3	18.5	0.0	16.2	2.3	1.4	8.6	14.4
Drama/Theatre Studies	171	4.1	1.8	15.8	8.2	31.6	3.5	0.6	0.6	2.9	8.8
Art & Design (Fine Art)	156	8.3	3.8	11.5	9.0	14.1	4.5	3.2	0.6	3.8	10.3
Government & Politics	99	5.1	4.0	9.1	48.5	30.3	18.2	1.0	2.0	13.1	11.1

**Table 14 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Secondary Modern schools)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Government & Politics</i>
Mathematics	586	6.5	2.7	2.0	4.9	2.4	4.3	1.2	1.2	2.2	0.9
Biology	475	2.9	0.4	2.9	1.7	5.5	8.2	2.9	0.6	1.3	0.8
Psychology	687	7.9	8.7	6.4	1.0	7.7	7.7	7.9	3.9	2.6	1.3
History	526	5.1	9.5	8.9	1.5	9.1	5.1	7.8	2.7	2.7	9.1
English Literature	643	2.0	17.6	4.4	0.5	10.7	3.1	0.0	8.4	3.4	4.7
General Studies	269	10.4	7.1	10.0	1.5	15.6	13.4	13.4	2.2	2.6	6.7
Chemistry	316	0.6	0.0	2.5	1.9	2.8	1.3	1.6	0.3	1.6	0.3
Physics	218	4.1	0.9	0.9	2.8	1.4	3.2	1.4	0.5	0.5	0.9
Geography	318	4.7	6.9	3.1	1.6	5.3	11.9	6.0	1.6	1.9	4.1
Sociology	421	7.1	13.8	8.6	0.7	8.8	3.3	7.6	3.6	3.8	2.6
Business Studies	246		12.2	2.8	2.0	2.8	8.1	2.4	0.8	2.0	1.6
Media/Film/Tv Studies	541	5.5		3.9	0.4	3.7	2.6	11.1	6.5	5.7	1.8
English Language	212	3.3	9.9		2.4	5.2	5.2	0.0	5.2	4.2	6.6
Economics	52	9.6	3.8	9.6		1.9	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8
Religious Studies	265	2.6	7.5	4.2	0.4		4.5	10.9	4.2	2.3	4.9
PE/Sports Studies	233	8.6	6.0	4.7	1.3	5.2		3.4	2.6	0.9	0.4
Engl Lang & Lit	222	2.7	27.0	0.0	0.0	13.1	3.6		6.3	3.6	1.4
Drama/Theatre Studies	171	1.2	20.5	6.4	0.0	6.4	3.5	8.2		2.9	2.3
Art & Design (Fine Art)	156	3.2	19.9	5.8	0.0	3.8	1.3	5.1	3.2		0.0
Government & Politics	99	4.0	10.1	14.1	2.0	13.1	1.0	3.0	4.0	0.0	

**Table 15: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Sixth Form Colleges)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
Mathematics	12,821		29.5	9.8	6.9	3.7	29.2	35.4	28.4	5.4	1.7
Biology	9,640	39.2		25.2	7.5	6.0	32.0	54.1	7.8	8.1	4.2
Psychology	12,158	10.4	20.0		9.9	11.3	26.1	8.6	1.0	4.6	18.0
History	7,554	11.7	9.6	15.9		23.6	27.9	5.0	2.3	6.8	10.2
English Literature	6,604	7.1	8.7	20.9	26.9		27.7	3.6	0.9	4.6	11.2
General Studies	13,509	27.7	22.8	23.5	15.6	13.5		17.6	9.5	9.0	10.5
Chemistry	7,666	59.2	68.1	13.6	5.0	3.1	31.1		21.0	4.9	1.6
Physics	4,490	81.2	16.8	2.7	3.8	1.4	28.6	35.8		5.1	0.3
Geography	3,820	18.1	20.4	14.7	13.4	8.0	31.9	9.9	5.9		6.8
Sociology	6,871	3.2	5.8	31.8	11.2	10.8	20.7	1.7	0.2	3.8	
Business Studies	6,103	15.3	4.6	15.4	7.3	4.7	25.9	2.3	2.1	6.1	8.9
Media/Film/Tv Studies	5,986	2.9	1.9	12.8	6.3	10.0	18.2	0.6	0.3	2.4	11.4
English Language	6,599	5.4	5.4	23.3	12.8	11.2	29.9	1.8	0.6	4.6	14.8
Economics	3,736	44.0	7.4	10.6	13.2	5.4	25.1	7.9	7.4	8.3	4.0
Religious Studies	2,153	6.0	7.2	21.9	17.2	15.7	29.9	3.5	1.3	4.5	20.3
PE/Sports Studies	3,355	14.8	24.1	25.9	7.8	3.8	27.4	5.3	2.8	9.0	7.5
Engl Lang & Lit	4,185	4.7	7.1	23.2	16.3	0.0	20.0	2.7	0.9	4.2	16.1
Drama/Theatre Studies	2,402	5.0	3.3	15.9	11.4	24.2	21.1	1.6	1.0	1.7	8.7
Art & Design (Fine Art)	2,788	11.2	6.3	13.9	7.8	15.0	19.3	2.7	2.6	4.1	5.9
Government & Politics	2,703	9.4	3.4	10.0	40.6	17.9	25.1	2.1	1.8	5.4	11.7

**Table 15 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Sixth Form Colleges)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Government & Politics</i>
Mathematics	12,821	7.3	1.3	2.8	12.8	1.0	3.9	1.5	0.9	2.4	2.0
Biology	9,640	2.9	1.2	3.7	2.9	1.6	8.4	3.1	0.8	1.8	0.9
Psychology	12,158	7.7	6.3	12.7	3.2	3.9	7.1	8.0	3.1	3.2	2.2
History	7,554	5.9	5.0	11.2	6.5	4.9	3.5	9.0	3.6	2.9	14.5
English Literature	6,604	4.3	9.1	11.2	3.0	5.1	1.9	0.0	8.8	6.3	7.3
General Studies	13,509	11.7	8.1	14.6	6.9	4.8	6.8	6.2	3.8	4.0	5.0
Chemistry	7,666	1.8	0.4	1.6	3.9	1.0	2.3	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.7
Physics	4,490	2.9	0.4	0.8	6.2	0.6	2.1	0.8	0.5	1.6	1.1
Geography	3,820	9.8	3.8	7.9	8.1	2.5	7.9	4.6	1.1	3.0	3.8
Sociology	6,871	7.9	9.9	14.2	2.2	6.4	3.6	9.8	3.0	2.4	4.6
Business Studies	6,103		10.5	8.7	12.0	1.9	8.0	4.9	1.3	2.7	3.2
Media/Film/Tv Studies	5,986	10.7		19.5	1.8	2.2	3.4	11.3	6.4	5.3	1.7
English Language	6,599	8.0	17.7		2.4	4.1	4.2	0.0	4.8	4.0	4.1
Economics	3,736	19.7	2.8	4.2		1.4	3.0	3.0	1.0	1.2	10.3
Religious Studies	2,153	5.2	6.1	12.5	2.5		2.1	9.7	3.4	3.3	5.5
PE/Sports Studies	3,355	14.6	6.1	8.3	3.3	1.4		4.1	1.4	1.9	1.1
Engl Lang & Lit	4,185	7.2	16.1	0.0	2.7	5.0	3.3		7.7	5.7	5.2
Drama/Theatre Studies	2,402	3.4	16.1	13.1	1.6	3.0	2.0	13.4		4.5	2.8
Art & Design (Fine Art)	2,788	5.8	11.4	9.4	1.6	2.6	2.3	8.5	3.8		0.9
Government & Politics	2,703	7.3	3.7	10.0	14.2	4.4	1.4	8.1	2.5	0.9	

**Table 16: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (high prior attainment)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
Mathematics	39,369		35.5	6.6	11.1	7.2	20.9	43.5	34.3	9.0	0.9
Biology	28,637	48.8		15.6	10.0	9.0	23.1	62.1	12.5	12.5	1.6
Psychology	13,002	20.1	34.4		16.3	19.5	24.4	15.1	2.3	9.8	7.5
History	18,624	23.4	15.4	11.4		37.5	22.5	9.6	4.8	10.4	3.3
English Literature	17,337	16.4	14.8	14.6	40.2		21.2	7.1	2.7	9.7	3.8
General Studies	18,442	44.5	35.8	17.2	22.7	20.0		32.0	18.5	14.2	3.9
Chemistry	25,905	66.1	68.7	7.6	6.9	4.7	22.7		28.0	7.8	0.6
Physics	15,987	84.6	22.3	1.9	5.6	3.0	21.4	45.3		7.3	0.2
Geography	11,314	31.2	31.6	11.2	17.1	14.9	23.1	17.9	10.4		2.4
Sociology	2,935	11.6	15.5	33.2	21.1	22.2	24.5	5.6	1.0	9.4	
Business Studies	3,965	31.4	12.3	15.9	12.8	10.4	25.7	6.3	6.4	14.6	4.2
Media/Film/Tv Studies	1,730	11.6	5.5	17.7	14.0	26.9	21.5	1.8	2.4	7.1	6.7
English Language	4,778	14.2	13.2	23.9	23.7	20.3	31.7	5.5	2.2	9.9	6.8
Economics	9,251	59.9	12.1	6.0	22.3	11.1	17.8	12.1	14.3	15.9	1.2
Religious Studies	5,965	17.5	17.7	14.8	31.0	33.2	22.1	9.1	3.6	9.1	4.3
PE/Sports Studies	3,487	28.5	47.9	20.3	11.0	7.7	23.3	13.3	5.6	16.4	2.3
Engl Lang & Lit	3,232	15.2	16.2	24.8	27.3	0.0	22.6	6.2	2.8	8.7	6.6
Drama/Theatre Studies	3,426	12.7	9.6	15.9	23.4	46.7	19.5	3.8	2.8	5.7	3.0
Art & Design (Fine Art)	4,263	26.9	15.3	12.7	16.2	27.5	18.4	7.7	8.8	10.8	2.5
Government & Politics	5,141	18.3	7.0	7.0	50.4	29.4	19.6	3.5	2.8	10.3	3.4

**Table 16 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (high prior attainment)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Government & Politics</i>
Mathematics	39,369	3.2	0.5	1.7	14.1	2.6	2.5	1.2	1.1	2.9	2.4
Biology	28,637	1.7	0.3	2.2	3.9	3.7	5.8	1.8	1.1	2.3	1.3
Psychology	13,002	4.9	2.4	8.8	4.2	6.8	5.4	6.2	4.2	4.2	2.8
History	18,624	2.7	1.3	6.1	11.1	9.9	2.1	4.7	4.3	3.7	13.9
English Literature	17,337	2.4	2.7	5.6	5.9	11.4	1.6	0.0	9.2	6.8	8.7
General Studies	18,442	5.5	2.0	8.2	8.9	7.1	4.4	4.0	3.6	4.3	5.5
Chemistry	25,905	1.0	0.1	1.0	4.3	2.1	1.8	0.8	0.5	1.3	0.7
Physics	15,987	1.6	0.3	0.7	8.3	1.3	1.2	0.6	0.6	2.3	0.9
Geography	11,314	5.1	1.1	4.2	13.0	4.8	5.0	2.5	1.7	4.1	4.7
Sociology	2,935	5.7	4.0	11.1	3.9	8.7	2.7	7.2	3.5	3.6	6.0
Business Studies	3,965		3.1	7.2	12.0	3.7	6.9	4.1	2.3	3.7	4.2
Media/Film/Tv Studies	1,730	7.1		18.6	2.7	3.1	2.1	14.2	10.9	7.4	2.5
English Language	4,778	6.0	6.7		3.9	6.3	3.5	0.0	6.6	5.1	5.0
Economics	9,251	5.1	0.5	2.0		4.3	2.4	1.7	1.0	1.7	11.1
Religious Studies	5,965	2.5	0.9	5.0	6.6		1.8	4.9	5.3	4.0	8.7
PE/Sports Studies	3,487	7.9	1.1	4.8	6.3	3.1		2.7	1.4	1.8	1.5
Engl Lang & Lit	3,232	5.0	7.6	0.0	4.8	9.1	2.9		8.3	6.7	5.6
Drama/Theatre Studies	3,426	2.7	5.5	9.2	2.7	9.3	1.4	7.8		5.1	4.8
Art & Design (Fine Art)	4,263	3.4	3.0	5.7	3.6	5.6	1.5	5.1	4.1		2.4
Government & Politics	5,141	3.2	0.8	4.6	19.9	10.1	1.0	3.5	3.2	2.0	

**Table 17: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (medium prior attainment)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
Mathematics	18,013		24.6	10.5	6.8	3.8	15.9	27.1	30.1	7.2	2.4
Biology	16,193	27.4		26.6	8.9	7.4	18.5	38.9	8.8	11.4	4.4
Psychology	20,822	9.1	20.7		12.3	15.8	18.7	6.6	1.2	7.0	15.1
History	14,418	8.6	10.0	17.7		27.6	20.3	3.6	2.5	9.7	9.0
English Literature	14,300	4.8	8.3	22.9	27.9		16.9	2.1	1.0	7.1	10.0
General Studies	14,714	19.4	20.3	26.5	19.9	16.4		11.4	8.8	13.2	10.9
Chemistry	9,805	49.8	64.2	14.1	5.3	3.1	17.2		23.4	5.9	1.9
Physics	7,581	71.6	18.8	3.4	4.7	1.8	17.0	30.2		7.2	0.4
Geography	9,523	13.7	19.3	15.3	14.7	10.6	20.5	6.1	5.8		6.1
Sociology	8,901	4.9	8.0	35.3	14.5	16.1	18.1	2.1	0.4	6.5	
Business Studies	10,154	16.2	7.3	19.0	10.8	8.4	19.3	2.6	2.9	10.9	7.5
Media/Film/Tv Studies	7,001	4.2	3.5	17.2	9.7	20.0	15.5	0.8	0.8	4.6	10.5
English Language	8,392	5.2	6.7	26.2	16.2	13.7	23.9	1.4	0.9	7.4	13.3
Economics	5,853	37.3	9.0	11.3	15.7	7.4	17.5	5.9	7.5	13.2	4.0
Religious Studies	6,067	5.6	9.3	24.1	23.1	24.7	19.8	3.1	1.4	7.3	12.2
PE/Sports Studies	7,285	12.7	28.0	26.1	10.3	6.8	19.7	4.2	2.7	15.2	5.6
Engl Lang & Lit	5,761	4.5	8.5	27.6	20.2	0.0	16.4	2.3	1.1	7.0	14.5
Drama/Theatre Studies	5,067	4.9	5.5	18.9	14.0	32.0	14.0	1.6	1.3	4.0	7.5
Art & Design (Fine Art)	4,797	9.6	7.6	17.5	9.9	20.5	14.3	2.4	2.6	7.6	5.1
Government & Politics	4,123	7.0	4.9	11.9	43.7	22.2	19.2	1.8	1.7	8.4	9.4

**Table 17 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (medium prior attainment)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Government & Politics</i>
Mathematics	18,013	9.1	1.6	2.4	12.1	1.9	5.2	1.4	1.4	2.6	1.6
Biology	16,193	4.6	1.5	3.5	3.3	3.5	12.6	3.0	1.7	2.3	1.2
Psychology	20,822	9.3	5.8	10.6	3.2	7.0	9.1	7.6	4.6	4.0	2.4
History	14,418	7.6	4.7	9.4	6.4	9.7	5.2	8.1	4.9	3.3	12.5
English Literature	14,300	6.0	9.8	8.0	3.0	10.5	3.5	0.0	11.3	6.9	6.4
General Studies	14,714	13.3	7.4	13.6	7.0	8.2	9.7	6.4	4.8	4.7	5.4
Chemistry	9,805	2.7	0.6	1.2	3.5	1.9	3.1	1.4	0.8	1.2	0.7
Physics	7,581	3.9	0.8	1.0	5.8	1.1	2.6	0.8	0.8	1.6	0.9
Geography	9,523	11.7	3.4	6.5	8.1	4.7	11.6	4.3	2.1	3.8	3.6
Sociology	8,901	8.5	8.2	12.5	2.6	8.3	4.6	9.4	4.3	2.7	4.3
Business Studies	10,154		6.9	7.5	11.0	4.0	10.5	4.5	2.6	3.5	3.7
Media/Film/Tv Studies	7,001	10.0		16.1	1.9	3.7	4.2	11.1	9.5	6.1	2.1
English Language	8,392	9.1	13.5		2.5	6.4	5.2	0.0	6.3	4.7	3.8
Economics	5,853	19.1	2.3	3.6		3.5	5.7	2.6	1.2	1.5	9.3
Religious Studies	6,067	6.6	4.3	8.9	3.3		4.4	6.6	6.6	4.5	6.7
PE/Sports Studies	7,285	14.7	4.0	6.0	4.6	3.7		3.5	2.4	2.1	1.5
Engl Lang & Lit	5,761	7.9	13.5	0.0	2.6	6.9	4.4		8.5	6.0	4.1
Drama/Theatre Studies	5,067	5.1	13.1	10.5	1.4	7.9	3.4	9.7		4.6	3.3
Art & Design (Fine Art)	4,797	7.3	9.0	8.2	1.9	5.8	3.2	7.3	4.9		1.6
Government & Politics	4,123	9.2	3.6	7.8	13.3	9.8	2.7	5.7	4.0	1.9	

**Table 18: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (low prior attainment)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
Mathematics	6,092		14.0	9.5	4.0	2.5	8.6	18.6	22.3	4.0	3.5
Biology	4,846	17.6		27.9	6.9	5.1	12.3	31.4	7.2	9.0	7.3
Psychology	15,696	3.7	8.6		9.2	12.1	11.5	2.4	0.7	4.3	24.1
History	9,494	2.5	3.5	15.2		19.8	13.7	1.1	0.9	7.3	14.8
English Literature	10,196	1.5	2.4	18.6	18.5		10.8	0.5	0.2	4.2	15.5
General Studies	8,199	6.4	7.3	22.1	15.9	13.4		3.2	2.8	9.7	18.2
Chemistry	2,654	42.7	57.3	14.0	3.8	1.7	9.8		22.0	3.8	3.1
Physics	2,210	61.5	15.8	4.8	3.8	1.0	10.5	26.4		5.0	0.9
Geography	5,197	4.7	8.4	13.1	13.4	8.2	15.2	2.0	2.1		8.4
Sociology	13,650	1.6	2.6	27.7	10.3	11.6	10.9	0.6	0.1	3.2	
Business Studies	10,233	7.3	2.6	13.7	7.5	5.8	12.4	0.9	1.2	6.5	10.9
Media/Film/Tv Studies	14,320	1.2	0.8	9.5	6.2	11.5	7.6	0.2	0.2	2.6	11.3
English Language	8,377	1.3	2.0	17.9	10.3	11.1	13.0	0.4	0.2	4.0	16.2
Economics	2,826	21.8	3.9	12.6	10.0	4.6	11.7	2.5	3.3	6.5	7.4
Religious Studies	5,255	1.8	3.4	17.5	15.0	17.6	12.1	1.2	0.5	3.9	20.8
PE/Sports Studies	5,675	4.5	9.1	18.4	8.7	5.5	13.0	1.3	1.2	9.6	8.8
Engl Lang & Lit	5,925	1.3	2.4	19.2	13.0	0.0	9.1	0.4	0.3	3.5	18.4
Drama/Theatre Studies	5,482	1.1	1.4	11.3	7.6	18.4	8.0	0.2	0.2	1.8	8.6
Art & Design (Fine Art)	4,611	2.4	1.6	9.0	4.9	10.0	6.9	0.5	0.7	2.9	6.2
Government & Politics	2,807	2.4	1.7	11.3	33.6	13.9	12.7	0.3	0.4	5.5	18.2

**Table 18 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (low prior attainment)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Government & Politics</i>
Mathematics	6,092	12.3	2.7	1.8	10.1	1.6	4.2	1.2	1.0	1.8	1.1
Biology	4,846	5.5	2.2	3.4	2.2	3.7	10.6	3.0	1.6	1.5	1.0
Psychology	15,696	9.0	8.6	9.6	2.3	5.8	6.6	7.3	3.9	2.6	2.0
History	9,494	8.1	9.3	9.1	3.0	8.3	5.2	8.1	4.4	2.4	9.9
English Literature	10,196	5.9	16.2	9.2	1.3	9.1	3.1	0.0	9.9	4.5	3.8
General Studies	8,199	15.4	13.3	13.3	4.0	7.8	9.0	6.6	5.4	3.9	4.3
Chemistry	2,654	3.4	1.1	1.4	2.7	2.4	2.8	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.3
Physics	2,210	5.7	1.4	0.8	4.2	1.2	3.0	0.9	0.6	1.4	0.5
Geography	5,197	12.9	7.2	6.4	3.6	3.9	10.4	4.0	1.9	2.6	3.0
Sociology	13,650	8.2	11.9	10.0	1.5	8.0	3.6	8.0	3.5	2.1	3.8
Business Studies	10,233		12.1	6.7	8.2	3.8	8.6	4.1	2.1	2.0	3.4
Media/Film/Tv Studies	14,320	8.7		11.5	1.1	3.2	3.4	8.6	8.1	4.9	1.4
English Language	8,377	8.1	19.6		1.2	5.5	4.5	0.0	6.0	3.5	2.5
Economics	2,826	29.8	5.7	3.5		3.1	4.7	2.8	0.9	0.9	7.9
Religious Studies	5,255	7.3	8.6	8.8	1.7		3.3	6.6	5.7	3.3	4.3
PE/Sports Studies	5,675	15.6	8.5	6.6	2.3	3.0		3.2	2.9	1.5	1.4
Engl Lang & Lit	5,925	7.1	20.9	0.0	1.4	5.9	3.1		8.1	5.0	3.3
Drama/Theatre Studies	5,482	3.8	21.2	9.1	0.5	5.5	3.0	8.8		3.9	1.7
Art & Design (Fine Art)	4,611	4.5	15.1	6.4	0.6	3.7	1.9	6.4	4.6		0.4
Government & Politics	2,807	12.5	7.0	7.6	7.9	8.1	2.8	7.0	3.3	0.7	

**Table 19: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (high deprivation)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
Mathematics	12,038		33.1	9.4	7.9	6.2	13.1	38.5	28.7	6.0	2.7
Biology	9,586	41.6		21.2	8.5	8.7	15.6	56.5	11.3	7.7	4.2
Psychology	10,086	11.2	20.2		12.5	18.2	12.8	8.8	1.4	5.2	18.6
History	7,800	12.2	10.4	16.2		32.7	16.0	5.0	2.9	7.7	11.2
English Literature	9,067	8.2	9.2	20.3	28.1		11.8	4.1	1.2	5.8	12.2
General Studies	5,817	27.0	25.8	22.2	21.4	18.4		19.9	11.3	11.2	11.3
Chemistry	7,713	60.1	70.2	11.5	5.1	4.8	15.0		23.7	4.9	1.9
Physics	4,460	77.6	24.2	3.2	5.0	2.5	14.7	41.0		5.8	0.5
Geography	3,618	19.9	20.3	14.4	16.6	14.6	18.0	10.4	7.2		6.7
Sociology	6,320	5.1	6.3	29.6	13.8	17.6	10.4	2.3	0.3	3.8	
Business Studies	3,894	17.5	6.6	17.5	10.0	9.9	14.5	3.2	2.9	6.1	10.4
Media/Film/Tv Studies	5,251	2.8	1.8	12.2	8.1	19.1	6.6	0.6	0.6	3.1	12.7
English Language	3,040	5.9	6.8	21.3	17.5	15.0	18.4	2.7	1.2	5.3	13.5
Economics	2,914	49.1	10.1	12.0	15.3	10.0	11.6	9.9	9.4	8.3	6.2
Religious Studies	4,143	7.4	9.6	19.8	20.7	24.9	14.1	5.1	1.3	4.8	17.1
PE/Sports Studies	2,416	13.5	23.6	21.2	11.0	9.6	16.2	5.3	2.5	9.6	7.9
Engl Lang & Lit	2,557	6.5	8.6	24.6	20.3	0.0	12.2	2.4	1.4	5.7	14.8
Drama/Theatre Studies	2,841	4.2	4.8	15.5	12.2	29.5	9.3	1.4	0.9	2.3	8.8
Art & Design (Fine Art)	2,326	10.4	6.3	11.9	9.8	19.2	8.7	3.3	2.5	4.8	5.2
Government & Politics	2,142	10.5	5.2	12.7	42.4	27.2	14.0	2.5	1.6	4.9	14.9

**Table 19 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (high deprivation)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Government & Politics</i>
Mathematics	12,038	5.7	1.2	1.5	11.9	2.6	2.7	1.4	1.0	2.0	1.9
Biology	9,586	2.7	1.0	2.2	3.1	4.1	5.9	2.3	1.4	1.5	1.2
Psychology	10,086	6.7	6.3	6.4	3.5	8.1	5.1	6.2	4.4	2.7	2.7
History	7,800	5.0	5.4	6.8	5.7	11.0	3.4	6.7	4.4	2.9	11.6
English Literature	9,067	4.3	11.1	5.0	3.2	11.4	2.6	0.0	9.2	4.9	6.4
General Studies	5,817	9.7	5.9	9.6	5.8	10.0	6.7	5.3	4.5	3.5	5.1
Chemistry	7,713	1.6	0.4	1.1	3.7	2.8	1.6	0.8	0.5	1.0	0.7
Physics	4,460	2.5	0.7	0.8	6.1	1.2	1.4	0.8	0.6	1.3	0.8
Geography	3,618	6.6	4.5	4.4	6.7	5.5	6.4	4.0	1.8	3.1	2.9
Sociology	6,320	6.4	10.6	6.5	2.9	11.2	3.0	6.0	4.0	1.9	5.1
Business Studies	3,894		9.6	4.8	9.5	6.2	6.1	3.7	2.2	1.7	4.1
Media/Film/Tv Studies	5,251	7.1		7.5	1.5	4.4	2.7	7.3	9.5	4.9	1.9
English Language	3,040	6.2	12.9		1.9	9.3	3.7	0.0	6.1	3.7	3.5
Economics	2,914	12.7	2.8	2.0		3.4	2.6	2.2	0.7	0.9	8.2
Religious Studies	4,143	5.8	5.6	6.8	2.4		2.5	5.9	4.9	2.8	5.5
PE/Sports Studies	2,416	9.8	5.9	4.6	3.2	4.3		3.2	2.9	1.5	1.0
Engl Lang & Lit	2,557	5.7	15.0	0.0	2.5	9.5	3.0		8.1	5.4	3.7
Drama/Theatre Studies	2,841	3.0	17.6	6.5	0.7	7.1	2.4	7.3		3.1	2.3
Art & Design (Fine Art)	2,326	2.9	11.0	4.9	1.1	5.0	1.6	6.0	3.8		1.5
Government & Politics	2,142	7.4	4.6	4.9	11.1	10.6	1.1	4.4	3.1	1.6	

**Table 20: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (medium deprivation)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
Mathematics	12,342		29.5	8.1	10.3	6.7	20.6	35.2	35.1	9.4	1.5
Biology	9,983	36.5		21.1	10.5	9.1	22.7	46.9	12.5	13.3	3.0
Psychology	9,865	10.1	21.4		14.4	18.0	19.7	6.7	1.5	8.6	13.9
History	9,100	13.9	11.5	15.6		31.9	23.7	6.0	3.5	9.8	7.9
English Literature	9,080	9.1	10.0	19.6	31.9		20.1	3.7	1.9	8.6	8.5
General Studies	9,173	27.7	24.7	21.1	23.5	19.9		18.5	13.7	15.2	9.1
Chemistry	7,220	60.1	64.8	9.1	7.6	4.7	23.5		30.4	8.2	0.8
Physics	5,642	76.9	22.1	2.7	5.7	3.0	22.4	38.9		8.4	0.3
Geography	5,980	19.3	22.3	14.2	14.9	13.0	23.4	9.9	7.9		5.6
Sociology	4,614	4.0	6.4	29.6	15.6	16.7	18.2	1.3	0.4	7.2	
Business Studies	4,166	16.3	7.1	17.6	12.2	8.7	20.5	2.4	3.8	10.6	8.9
Media/Film/Tv Studies	4,662	3.2	2.5	12.7	9.6	18.0	11.2	0.5	0.8	5.1	8.9
English Language	4,131	6.3	7.5	22.9	16.8	15.3	20.4	2.1	1.1	8.0	11.4
Economics	2,631	47.5	9.8	9.2	20.2	10.5	20.1	7.5	12.6	13.8	2.9
Religious Studies	3,829	8.1	10.7	21.7	24.3	26.4	22.9	4.1	2.0	6.9	11.6
PE/Sports Studies	3,775	12.5	26.1	22.0	11.4	7.0	19.2	4.5	2.9	14.4	5.8
Engl Lang & Lit	2,817	6.7	8.3	22.5	21.6	0.0	16.6	1.8	1.3	8.4	12.1
Drama/Theatre Studies	3,180	5.3	5.4	16.3	13.5	30.4	14.6	1.5	1.2	3.5	7.0
Art & Design (Fine Art)	2,789	11.9	8.6	13.7	10.8	20.5	16.2	3.0	4.1	7.9	6.0
Government & Politics	2,022	10.8	5.4	10.5	46.2	25.3	23.3	2.5	2.5	10.1	8.0

**Table 20 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (medium deprivation)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Government & Politics</i>
Mathematics	12,342	5.5	1.2	2.1	10.1	2.5	3.8	1.5	1.4	2.7	1.8
Biology	9,983	3.0	1.2	3.1	2.6	4.1	9.9	2.3	1.7	2.4	1.1
Psychology	9,865	7.5	6.0	9.6	2.5	8.4	8.4	6.4	5.3	3.9	2.1
History	9,100	5.6	4.9	7.6	5.8	10.2	4.7	6.7	4.7	3.3	10.3
English Literature	9,080	4.0	9.2	7.0	3.0	11.1	2.9	0.0	10.7	6.3	5.6
General Studies	9,173	9.3	5.7	9.2	5.8	9.6	7.9	5.1	5.0	4.9	5.1
Chemistry	7,220	1.4	0.3	1.2	2.7	2.2	2.4	0.7	0.7	1.2	0.7
Physics	5,642	2.8	0.7	0.8	5.9	1.4	1.9	0.7	0.7	2.0	0.9
Geography	5,980	7.4	4.0	5.5	6.1	4.4	9.1	4.0	1.8	3.7	3.4
Sociology	4,614	8.0	9.0	10.2	1.6	9.6	4.7	7.4	4.8	3.6	3.5
Business Studies	4,166		8.7	7.5	9.2	4.3	10.3	4.2	2.1	2.4	3.3
Media/Film/Tv Studies	4,662	7.8		11.7	1.1	4.2	4.2	8.3	10.4	5.8	1.7
English Language	4,131	7.5	13.2		1.7	7.4	5.5	0.0	7.5	4.5	3.2
Economics	2,631	14.5	1.9	2.7		3.0	4.7	2.5	0.9	1.5	9.8
Religious Studies	3,829	4.6	5.2	8.0	2.1		3.4	7.2	7.2	4.1	5.9
PE/Sports Studies	3,775	11.4	5.2	6.0	3.3	3.4		3.7	2.6	1.5	1.4
Engl Lang & Lit	2,817	6.1	13.7	0.0	2.4	9.7	5.0		10.6	6.7	3.8
Drama/Theatre Studies	3,180	2.7	15.3	9.8	0.8	8.6	3.1	9.4		4.5	2.2
Art & Design (Fine Art)	2,789	3.5	9.7	6.6	1.4	5.6	2.0	6.7	5.1		1.2
Government & Politics	2,022	6.7	3.9	6.6	12.8	11.1	2.5	5.3	3.5	1.7	

**Table 21: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (low deprivation)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
Mathematics	13,651		30.1	7.4	10.4	6.4	23.0	36.3	35.8	10.3	1.2
Biology	10,696	38.4		19.2	11.0	8.8	25.7	47.3	11.5	15.0	2.2
Psychology	9,536	10.5	21.6		14.3	17.4	22.1	6.4	1.7	9.8	11.8
History	9,343	15.2	12.5	14.6		31.3	25.8	6.4	4.1	11.2	6.5
English Literature	8,802	9.9	10.7	18.8	33.3		22.8	3.7	1.8	9.1	7.3
General Studies	10,509	29.9	26.2	20.1	22.9	19.1		20.1	14.0	16.2	8.0
Chemistry	8,060	61.5	62.8	7.6	7.4	4.1	26.2		30.7	9.0	0.8
Physics	6,204	78.8	19.8	2.6	6.1	2.6	23.8	39.9		8.2	0.4
Geography	6,665	21.1	24.0	14.0	15.8	12.0	25.6	10.9	7.6		5.1
Sociology	4,072	3.9	5.8	27.5	15.0	15.7	20.5	1.5	0.5	8.4	
Business Studies	4,498	15.9	7.6	16.6	11.2	9.2	21.8	2.9	3.5	12.6	7.8
Media/Film/Tv Studies	4,043	3.4	2.3	12.8	9.3	17.8	13.1	0.5	0.9	5.2	9.2
English Language	4,436	6.3	7.3	21.4	18.8	16.7	23.4	1.8	1.3	9.3	11.0
Economics	3,356	44.5	10.9	9.2	20.4	9.8	26.9	7.7	11.4	16.1	3.0
Religious Studies	3,623	9.9	11.5	20.0	25.3	26.8	24.5	4.8	2.7	7.8	10.5
PE/Sports Studies	4,188	15.1	28.4	22.7	10.1	6.0	19.7	5.7	3.3	14.6	6.2
Engl Lang & Lit	2,418	6.7	8.6	23.0	22.9	0.0	20.9	2.6	1.9	9.6	10.2
Drama/Theatre Studies	3,029	6.0	5.4	15.5	15.1	31.4	16.0	2.1	1.8	4.4	6.9
Art & Design (Fine Art)	2,714	13.9	9.3	14.4	11.3	20.9	18.3	4.1	4.3	8.1	3.9
Government & Politics	2,147	12.0	5.6	10.0	49.7	26.7	24.0	2.3	2.3	9.8	7.7

**Table 21 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (low deprivation)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Government & Politics</i>
Mathematics	13,651	5.2	1.0	2.0	11.0	2.6	4.6	1.2	1.3	2.8	1.9
Biology	10,696	3.2	0.9	3.0	3.4	3.9	11.1	1.9	1.5	2.4	1.1
Psychology	9,536	7.8	5.4	9.9	3.3	7.6	10.0	5.8	4.9	4.1	2.2
History	9,343	5.4	4.0	8.9	7.3	9.8	4.5	5.9	4.9	3.3	11.4
English Literature	8,802	4.7	8.2	8.4	3.7	11.0	2.9	0.0	10.8	6.4	6.5
General Studies	10,509	9.3	5.0	9.9	8.6	8.4	7.9	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.9
Chemistry	8,060	1.6	0.2	1.0	3.2	2.2	3.0	0.8	0.8	1.4	0.6
Physics	6,204	2.5	0.6	0.9	6.2	1.6	2.2	0.8	0.9	1.9	0.8
Geography	6,665	8.5	3.2	6.2	8.1	4.2	9.2	3.5	2.0	3.3	3.2
Sociology	4,072	8.7	9.1	12.0	2.5	9.3	6.4	6.1	5.1	2.6	4.1
Business Studies	4,498		7.6	7.4	10.0	3.8	10.6	3.8	2.7	3.2	3.3
Media/Film/Tv Studies	4,043	8.5		13.0	1.4	3.8	4.9	7.8	11.2	6.8	1.5
English Language	4,436	7.5	11.8		2.6	7.2	5.9	0.0	8.3	5.1	3.4
Economics	3,356	13.5	1.7	3.4		3.4	5.7	2.4	0.9	1.4	9.1
Religious Studies	3,623	4.7	4.3	8.8	3.2		3.5	6.2	5.9	4.4	5.6
PE/Sports Studies	4,188	11.4	4.7	6.3	4.6	3.0		2.8	2.2	1.5	1.0
Engl Lang & Lit	2,418	7.1	13.1	0.1	3.4	9.3	4.8		9.9	6.2	3.1
Drama/Theatre Studies	3,029	4.0	14.9	12.1	1.0	7.0	3.0	7.9		3.9	2.9
Art & Design (Fine Art)	2,714	5.3	10.1	8.4	1.7	5.9	2.4	5.5	4.3		1.0
Government & Politics	2,147	7.0	2.8	7.1	14.2	9.5	2.0	3.5	4.1	1.2	

**Table 22: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (mixed schools)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
Mathematics	57,238		28.8	8.2	8.6	5.2	17.4	35.1	32.4	7.4	1.7
Biology	43,321	38.0		21.1	9.3	7.8	20.3	50.2	10.8	11.3	3.3
Psychology	46,129	10.1	19.8		12.1	15.3	17.7	7.2	1.3	6.5	16.5
History	37,614	13.0	10.7	14.9		29.1	19.9	5.4	3.1	9.3	8.4
English Literature	36,768	8.1	9.2	19.2	29.8		17.2	3.5	1.4	7.1	9.4
General Studies	37,187	26.8	23.6	22.0	20.2	17.0		17.8	11.4	12.6	10.0
Chemistry	33,272	60.4	65.3	10.0	6.1	3.9	19.9		27.2	6.6	1.2
Physics	23,463	79.1	20.0	2.5	5.0	2.2	18.1	38.5		6.7	0.3
Geography	22,747	18.7	21.4	13.2	15.4	11.4	20.5	9.6	6.9		5.3
Sociology	24,583	3.9	5.8	31.0	12.8	14.1	15.1	1.7	0.3	4.9	
Business Studies	23,323	15.8	6.0	16.0	9.4	7.2	16.9	2.4	2.9	9.3	8.5
Media/Film/Tv Studies	22,424	2.9	1.9	12.3	7.8	15.0	11.0	0.5	0.5	3.5	10.6
English Language	20,625	5.6	6.2	22.4	15.4	14.0	20.8	1.8	0.9	6.4	13.4
Economics	15,797	46.5	8.9	9.2	17.0	7.7	16.1	8.0	10.2	12.3	3.5
Religious Studies	14,556	7.8	9.6	19.3	23.0	24.6	18.8	4.0	1.8	6.5	13.0
PE/Sports Studies	15,481	13.0	25.3	22.1	9.8	6.2	18.0	5.0	2.8	13.1	6.2
Engl Lang & Lit	14,316	5.5	7.7	23.8	18.4	0.0	14.6	2.4	1.2	5.9	14.7
Art & Design (Fine Art)	12,784	5.1	4.7	14.9	13.1	29.0	13.0	1.5	1.2	3.2	7.2
Drama/Theatre Studies	12,439	11.8	7.7	13.1	9.6	18.5	12.3	3.3	3.5	6.4	4.9
Law	10,243	10.3	4.8	9.8	43.4	22.1	18.2	2.0	1.9	7.9	10.0

**Table 22 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (mixed schools)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Government & Politics</i>
Mathematics	57,238	6.4	1.1	2.0	12.8	2.0	3.5	1.4	1.1	2.6	1.8
Biology	43,321	3.2	1.0	2.9	3.2	3.2	9.0	2.5	1.4	2.2	1.1
Psychology	46,129	8.1	6.0	10.0	3.2	6.1	7.4	7.4	4.1	3.5	2.2
History	37,614	5.9	4.6	8.4	7.1	8.9	4.1	7.0	4.5	3.2	11.8
English Literature	36,768	4.6	9.1	7.9	3.3	9.7	2.6	0.0	10.1	6.3	6.1
General Studies	37,187	10.6	6.6	11.6	6.9	7.4	7.5	5.6	4.5	4.1	5.0
Chemistry	33,272	1.7	0.3	1.1	3.8	1.8	2.3	1.0	0.6	1.2	0.6
Physics	23,463	2.9	0.5	0.8	6.9	1.1	1.9	0.7	0.6	1.8	0.8
Geography	22,747	9.5	3.5	5.8	8.5	4.2	8.9	3.7	1.8	3.5	3.6
Sociology	24,583	8.1	9.7	11.2	2.3	7.7	3.9	8.5	3.8	2.5	4.2
Business Studies	23,323		8.7	7.1	10.7	3.5	9.1	4.2	2.2	2.7	3.5
Media/Film/Tv Studies	22,424	9.0		13.6	1.5	3.2	3.5	9.9	8.7	5.4	1.7
English Language	20,625	8.0	14.8		2.2	5.6	4.5	0.0	6.1	4.3	3.4
Economics	15,797	15.7	2.1	2.8		3.2	3.9	2.3	1.0	1.4	9.5
Religious Studies	14,556	5.6	4.9	7.9	3.5		3.3	6.5	5.8	4.1	5.9
PE/Sports Studies	15,481	13.6	5.0	6.0	4.0	3.1		3.2	2.3	1.9	1.4
Engl Lang & Lit	14,316	6.8	15.5	0.0	2.6	6.6	3.5		8.1	5.7	3.9
Drama/Theatre Studies	12,784	4.0	15.3	9.8	1.2	6.6	2.8	9.1		4.4	2.7
Art & Design (Fine Art)	12,439	5.1	9.7	7.1	1.8	4.7	2.3	6.5	4.5		1.2
Government & Politics	10,243	7.9	3.6	6.9	14.6	8.4	2.1	5.4	3.4	1.4	

**Table 23: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (boys schools)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
Mathematics	4,806		27.6	2.0	11.0	6.4	18.9	40.4	43.5	10.1	0.2
Biology	2,463	53.8		5.8	8.9	6.6	23.3	64.5	20.2	13.2	0.3
Psychology	603	15.9	23.5		18.6	11.9	24.2	9.3	3.6	11.4	4.8
History	2,179	24.3	10.0	5.1		30.6	19.3	7.2	5.3	12.6	2.1
English Literature	1,556	19.7	10.5	4.6	42.9		19.8	5.7	4.0	11.2	1.0
General Studies	1,968	46.0	29.2	7.4	21.4	15.7		28.4	26.6	16.7	0.8
Chemistry	2,637	73.6	60.2	2.1	5.9	3.4	21.2		40.5	7.8	0.2
Physics	2,416	86.6	20.6	0.9	4.8	2.6	21.6	44.2		7.2	0.1
Geography	1,457	33.4	22.4	4.7	18.9	11.9	22.6	14.1	12.0		1.3
Sociology	155	7.7	4.5	18.7	29.0	10.3	10.3	2.6	1.9	12.3	
Business Studies	751	17.3	8.5	9.6	16.0	8.8	23.6	2.5	4.3	15.6	2.9
Media/Film/Tv Studies	262	5.7	3.4	8.4	10.7	15.3	18.3	0.0	1.9	5.3	3.4
English Language	279	11.1	9.3	11.1	22.9	15.4	38.0	5.7	3.9	11.8	1.4
Economics	1,973	60.9	12.6	2.6	21.6	11.0	17.2	12.5	18.6	17.2	0.4
Religious Studies	752	19.4	11.4	6.0	34.4	29.4	15.8	6.8	4.5	10.4	2.9
PE/Sports Studies	566	17.8	27.4	12.5	14.7	9.9	24.2	5.7	3.9	20.8	1.8
Engl Lang & Lit	263	11.8	11.0	10.6	35.4	0.0	35.0	5.3	2.3	7.2	3.8
Drama/Theatre Studies	269	14.1	5.9	10.0	24.2	41.3	13.8	2.6	3.3	5.9	0.7
Art & Design (Fine Art)	432	28.5	9.5	6.7	13.2	19.4	25.0	8.3	15.0	14.1	0.7
Government & Politics	957	18.8	5.0	4.3	53.9	24.2	18.2	1.9	3.6	11.0	1.6

**Table 23 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (boys schools)
2011**

<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Government & Politics</i>
Mathematics	4,806	2.7	0.3	0.6	25.0	3.0	2.1	0.6	0.8	2.6	3.7
Biology	2,463	2.6	0.4	1.1	10.1	3.5	6.3	1.2	0.6	1.7	1.9
Psychology	603	11.9	3.6	5.1	8.6	7.5	11.8	4.6	4.5	4.8	6.8
History	2,179	5.5	1.3	2.9	19.6	11.9	3.8	4.3	3.0	2.6	23.7
English Literature	1,556	4.2	2.6	2.8	13.9	14.2	3.6	0.0	7.1	5.4	14.9
General Studies	1,968	9.0	2.4	5.4	17.2	6.0	7.0	4.7	1.9	5.5	8.8
Chemistry	2,637	0.7	0.0	0.6	9.4	1.9	1.2	0.5	0.3	1.4	0.7
Physics	2,416	1.3	0.2	0.5	15.1	1.4	0.9	0.2	0.4	2.7	1.4
Geography	1,457	8.0	1.0	2.3	23.3	5.4	8.1	1.3	1.1	4.2	7.2
Sociology	155	14.2	5.8	2.6	4.5	14.2	6.5	6.5	1.3	1.9	9.7
Business Studies	751		4.9	5.1	10.0	6.3	12.8	4.5	2.3	4.8	10.5
Media/Film/Tv Studies	262	14.1		7.6	4.6	2.7	7.3	8.0	6.1	5.7	3.4
English Language	279	13.6	7.2		9.7	8.2	10.8	0.0	8.2	7.9	8.6
Economics	1,973	3.8	0.6	1.4		4.7	2.8	0.9	0.8	1.6	12.3
Religious Studies	752	6.3	0.9	3.1	12.2		3.7	3.3	4.0	2.0	16.9
PE/Sports Studies	566	17.0	3.4	5.3	9.9	4.9		4.2	1.6	1.2	3.9
Engl Lang & Lit	263	12.9	8.0	0.0	6.5	9.5	9.1		5.7	5.3	13.3
Drama/Theatre Studies	269	6.3	5.9	8.6	5.6	11.2	3.3	5.6		4.8	10.4
Art & Design (Fine Art)	432	8.3	3.5	5.1	7.2	3.5	1.6	3.2	3.0		4.6
Government & Politics	957	8.3	0.9	2.5	25.3	13.3	2.3	3.7	2.9	2.1	

**Table 24: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (girls schools)
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<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>General Studies</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
Mathematics	5,642		41.4	9.4	9.7	8.4	14.9	46.3	21.7	9.2	1.2
Biology	5,204	44.9		19.1	9.0	9.8	17.9	61.7	8.9	13.7	1.9
Psychology	3,576	14.9	27.8		13.2	19.6	16.9	11.7	1.5	10.6	10.3
History	3,398	16.1	13.8	13.9		41.2	16.4	7.3	2.0	9.4	4.4
English Literature	4,145	11.4	12.3	16.9	33.8		14.5	5.5	1.6	9.1	5.6
General Studies	2,559	32.9	36.3	23.7	21.8	23.5		29.4	9.2	15.0	4.9
Chemistry	4,223	61.8	76.1	9.9	5.8	5.4	17.8		18.3	8.2	0.7
Physics	1,565	78.3	29.5	3.5	4.3	4.3	15.0	49.5		6.3	0.2
Geography	2,253	22.9	31.7	16.8	14.1	16.7	17.0	15.3	4.3		3.3
Sociology	1,133	5.7	8.8	32.6	13.2	20.7	11.0	2.7	0.3	6.6	
Business Studies	1,060	18.2	7.4	24.7	9.0	14.5	16.3	3.3	0.9	13.7	8.0
Media/Film/Tv Studies	637	3.0	2.7	18.5	9.1	25.4	8.6	0.6	0.3	4.4	17.7
English Language	846	5.8	7.8	27.4	17.1	16.9	27.3	2.6	0.7	8.9	7.3
Economics	1,592	56.7	11.2	10.8	17.2	12.8	9.8	12.2	8.8	16.5	1.9
Religious Studies	2,204	10.4	15.3	19.9	21.9	30.7	14.2	7.7	1.5	7.7	8.6
PE/Sports Studies	574	15.2	35.5	31.4	7.1	12.2	13.8	8.5	2.1	17.8	3.8
Engl Lang & Lit	522	6.7	9.0	26.2	22.4	0.0	9.4	2.1	0.4	9.4	10.2
Drama/Theatre Studies	1,145	5.9	7.2	17.8	18.7	40.8	11.9	2.4	1.7	6.4	3.2
Art & Design (Fine Art)	1,149	20.1	10.6	14.0	13.8	24.0	14.8	4.3	4.7	10.5	2.7
Government & Politics	1,198	12.7	7.0	12.3	40.7	31.7	11.9	3.7	1.3	11.1	5.9

**Table 24 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (girls schools)
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<i>Subject</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>Business Studies</i>	<i>Media/Film/Tv Studies</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>	<i>PE/Sports Studies</i>	<i>Engl Lang & Lit</i>	<i>Drama/Theatre Studies</i>	<i>Art & Design (Fine Art)</i>	<i>Government & Politics</i>
Mathematics	5,642	3.4	0.3	0.9	16.0	4.1	1.5	0.6	1.2	4.1	2.7
Biology	5,204	1.5	0.3	1.3	3.4	6.5	3.9	0.9	1.6	2.3	1.6
Psychology	3,576	7.3	3.3	6.5	4.8	12.3	5.0	3.8	5.7	4.5	4.1
History	3,398	2.8	1.7	4.3	8.1	14.2	1.2	3.4	6.3	4.7	14.3
English Literature	4,145	3.7	3.9	3.4	4.9	16.3	1.7	0.0	11.3	6.7	9.2
General Studies	2,559	6.8	2.1	9.0	6.1	12.2	3.1	1.9	5.3	6.6	5.5
Chemistry	4,223	0.8	0.1	0.5	4.6	4.0	1.2	0.3	0.7	1.2	1.0
Physics	1,565	0.6	0.1	0.4	8.9	2.1	0.8	0.1	1.2	3.5	1.0
Geography	2,253	6.4	1.2	3.3	11.7	7.5	4.5	2.2	3.2	5.4	5.9
Sociology	1,133	7.5	10.0	5.5	2.7	16.8	1.9	4.7	3.3	2.7	6.3
Business Studies	1,060		4.4	5.8	6.6	8.3	4.3	3.7	4.7	6.2	3.5
Media/Film/Tv Studies	637	7.4		6.9	1.4	8.2	3.0	7.5	12.7	7.2	2.0
English Language	846	7.3	5.2		4.0	16.3	3.0	0.0	10.3	5.2	5.6
Economics	1,592	4.4	0.6	2.1		7.0	1.1	0.9	2.0	2.6	9.8
Religious Studies	2,204	4.0	2.4	6.3	5.0		2.0	3.8	7.4	4.2	8.3
PE/Sports Studies	574	8.0	3.3	4.4	3.1	7.7		1.9	3.8	2.8	1.7
Engl Lang & Lit	522	7.5	9.2	0.0	2.9	16.1	2.1		13.0	8.0	6.7
Drama/Theatre Studies	1,145	4.4	7.1	7.6	2.8	14.1	1.9	5.9		5.3	4.6
Art & Design (Fine Art)	1,149	5.7	4.0	3.8	3.7	8.0	1.4	3.7	5.3		3.4
Government & Politics	1,198	3.1	1.1	3.9	13.0	15.3	0.8	2.9	4.4	3.3	