



Uptake of two-subject combinations of the most popular A levels in 2010, by candidate and school characteristics

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Please note that this is a revised report, which restricts the analysis to students at the end of year 13. This should now better reflect the uptake of combinations of A levels amongst one cohort of students.

Introduction

This report looks at the uptake of two-subject combinations of the most popular A levels in 2010. 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 2010 65,661 candidates took mathematics A level, and 7.6% of these candidates also took A level psychology. Similarly 52,270 candidates took A level psychology, of which 19.3% also took A level biology and 15.9% also took A level English literature.

| Subject | n | Mathematics | Psychology | Biology | General Studies | English Literature |
|-------------|--------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Mathematics | 65,661 | 100.0 | 7.6 | 28.8 | 18.4 | 5.7 |
| Psychology | 52,270 | 9.6 | 100.0 | 19.3 | 19.6 | 15.9 |

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 9.8% of candidates taking mathematics also took psychology (the correct figure is 7.6%, 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 at the end of KS5 in schools and colleges in England.

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. Please note that, 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 | 138,287 | 54.2 |
| Males | 116,987 | 45.8 |

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, for the purposes of this report, 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 | 84,415 |
| Medium | 85,892 |
| Low | 77,163 |

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 in the analyses.

Table 3: A level candidates by deprivation level

| Deprivation group | Number of candidates |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| High | 46,610 |
| Medium | 47,493 |
| Low | 47,881 |

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 | 30,981 | 12.3 |
| Comprehensive school | 91,602 | 36.3 |
| FE/Tertiary college | 23,495 | 9.3 |
| Grammar school | 13,396 | 5.3 |
| Independent school | 33,874 | 13.4 |
| Secondary modern school | 3,085 | 1.2 |
| Sixth form college | 54,187 | 21.5 |

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 | 10,177 | 4.0 |
| Girls school | 18,179 | 7.1 |
| Mixed school | 226,918 | 88.9 |

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
2010

| Subject | n | Mathematics | Psychology | Biology | General Studies | English Literature | History | Chemistry | Business Studies | Geography | Physics |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Mathematics | 65,661 | | 7.6 | 28.8 | 18.4 | 5.7 | 9.1 | 34.8 | 6.6 | 8.0 | 32.1 |
| Psychology | 52,270 | 9.6 | | 19.3 | 19.6 | 15.9 | 12.0 | 7.1 | 8.7 | 6.6 | 1.3 |
| Biology | 51,130 | 37.0 | 19.8 | | 21.6 | 7.9 | 9.6 | 50.1 | 3.5 | 12.2 | 11.5 |
| General Studies | 47,510 | 25.4 | 21.6 | 23.2 | | 17.2 | 19.6 | 17.4 | 10.5 | 13.1 | 11.2 |
| English Literature | 44,472 | 8.4 | 18.6 | 9.1 | 18.3 | | 29.7 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 7.7 | 1.6 |
| History | 44,007 | 13.6 | 14.3 | 11.2 | 21.1 | 30.0 | | 5.6 | 6.3 | 9.9 | 3.3 |
| Chemistry | 38,878 | 58.7 | 9.5 | 65.9 | 21.2 | 4.3 | 6.3 | | 1.8 | 7.3 | 27.2 |
| Business Studies | 28,519 | 15.1 | 15.9 | 6.3 | 17.4 | 7.4 | 9.7 | 2.5 | | 10.1 | 2.5 |
| Geography | 28,481 | 18.5 | 12.2 | 22.0 | 21.9 | 12.0 | 15.3 | 10.0 | 10.1 | | 7.1 |
| Physics | 27,295 | 77.2 | 2.6 | 21.5 | 19.4 | 2.6 | 5.3 | 38.7 | 2.7 | 7.4 | |
| Sociology | 26,740 | 3.9 | 30.6 | 5.9 | 15.7 | 14.9 | 12.4 | 1.6 | 8.9 | 5.4 | 0.4 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 24,575 | 2.7 | 13.4 | 1.9 | 13.0 | 15.5 | 7.7 | 0.5 | 9.6 | 3.8 | 0.6 |
| English Language | 22,673 | 5.7 | 22.3 | 6.6 | 23.5 | 14.0 | 15.0 | 2.0 | 8.4 | 6.8 | 1.1 |
| Economics | 19,615 | 48.5 | 8.7 | 9.5 | 16.4 | 8.4 | 17.3 | 8.1 | 14.3 | 13.5 | 11.1 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 18,990 | 11.9 | 21.8 | 25.4 | 19.9 | 6.2 | 10.0 | 5.1 | 15.1 | 12.9 | 2.8 |
| Religious Studies | 17,711 | 8.2 | 19.6 | 9.9 | 19.8 | 25.3 | 22.1 | 4.6 | 6.2 | 7.2 | 1.8 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 16,051 | 5.8 | 22.7 | 7.5 | 17.7 | 0.1 | 18.7 | 2.5 | 7.0 | 6.4 | 1.3 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 15,503 | 12.8 | 12.2 | 7.7 | 13.9 | 18.8 | 10.1 | 3.2 | 5.3 | 6.6 | 4.1 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 15,372 | 5.0 | 14.6 | 5.3 | 14.6 | 30.2 | 13.4 | 1.9 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 1.3 |
| Law | 14,005 | 7.9 | 28.7 | 5.3 | 22.1 | 12.5 | 16.8 | 2.1 | 14.3 | 5.1 | 1.0 |

Table 6 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels
2010

| Subject | n | Sociology | Media/Film/Tv Studies | English Language | Economics | PE/Sports Studies | Religious Studies | Engl Lang & Lit | Art & Design (Fine Art) | Drama/Theatre Studies | Law |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Mathematics | 65,661 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 14.5 | 3.4 | 2.2 | 1.4 | 3.0 | 1.2 | 1.7 |
| Psychology | 52,270 | 15.7 | 6.3 | 9.7 | 3.3 | 7.9 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 7.7 |
| Biology | 51,130 | 3.1 | 0.9 | 2.9 | 3.6 | 9.4 | 3.4 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 1.4 |
| General Studies | 47,510 | 8.8 | 6.7 | 11.2 | 6.8 | 8.0 | 7.4 | 6.0 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 6.5 |
| English Literature | 44,472 | 9.0 | 8.5 | 7.1 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 10.1 | 0.0 | 6.6 | 10.4 | 3.9 |
| History | 44,007 | 7.5 | 4.3 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 4.3 | 8.9 | 6.8 | 3.6 | 4.7 | 5.3 |
| Chemistry | 38,878 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 4.1 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Business Studies | 28,519 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 6.7 | 9.8 | 10.0 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 2.9 | 2.2 | 7.0 |
| Geography | 28,481 | 5.1 | 3.3 | 5.4 | 9.3 | 8.6 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 2.1 | 2.5 |
| Physics | 27,295 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 8.0 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 2.3 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| Sociology | 26,740 | | 10.2 | 10.3 | 2.4 | 3.8 | 7.6 | 8.4 | 2.8 | 3.7 | 8.7 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 24,575 | 11.1 | | 13.4 | 1.2 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 9.9 | 5.5 | 8.8 | 2.9 |
| English Language | 22,673 | 12.2 | 14.5 | | 2.4 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 0.0 | 4.6 | 6.3 | 7.4 |
| Economics | 19,615 | 3.3 | 1.5 | 2.8 | | 4.2 | 3.7 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 3.7 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 18,990 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 6.2 | 4.3 | | 3.5 | 3.0 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.8 |
| Religious Studies | 17,711 | 11.5 | 4.8 | 7.6 | 4.0 | 3.7 | | 6.0 | 4.4 | 5.9 | 3.1 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 16,051 | 14.1 | 15.1 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 3.6 | 6.6 | | 5.8 | 9.2 | 8.2 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 15,503 | 4.8 | 8.7 | 6.7 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 5.0 | 6.0 | | 4.6 | 1.1 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 15,372 | 6.5 | 14.1 | 9.3 | 1.6 | 3.0 | 6.8 | 9.6 | 4.7 | | 2.0 |
| Law | 14,005 | 16.7 | 5.0 | 11.9 | 5.1 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 9.4 | 1.2 | 2.2 | |

**Table 7: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (females)
2010**

| Subject | n | Mathematics | Psychology | Biology | General Studies | English Literature | History | Chemistry | Business Studies | Geography | Physics |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Mathematics | 26,691 | | 13.0 | 38.0 | 18.7 | 8.8 | 9.7 | 37.3 | 5.5 | 8.1 | 16.0 |
| Psychology | 38,190 | 9.1 | | 19.6 | 19.6 | 18.2 | 11.0 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 6.3 | 0.6 |
| Biology | 28,720 | 35.3 | 26.1 | | 21.6 | 10.4 | 9.0 | 49.1 | 2.7 | 11.9 | 6.3 |
| General Studies | 25,448 | 19.6 | 29.5 | 24.4 | | 23.1 | 18.6 | 15.7 | 7.4 | 11.3 | 4.4 |
| English Literature | 31,850 | 7.4 | 21.9 | 9.4 | 18.5 | | 26.9 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 7.0 | 0.9 |
| History | 22,325 | 11.6 | 18.9 | 11.6 | 21.2 | 38.4 | | 5.4 | 3.7 | 7.4 | 1.4 |
| Chemistry | 18,458 | 54.0 | 14.0 | 76.4 | 21.6 | 6.2 | 6.5 | | 1.5 | 7.6 | 14.4 |
| Business Studies | 11,465 | 12.9 | 23.5 | 6.7 | 16.4 | 11.5 | 7.2 | 2.3 | | 7.7 | 0.6 |
| Geography | 12,966 | 16.7 | 18.5 | 26.3 | 22.2 | 17.1 | 12.7 | 10.9 | 6.8 | | 3.0 |
| Physics | 5,718 | 74.8 | 4.2 | 31.6 | 19.7 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 46.6 | 1.3 | 6.9 | |
| Sociology | 20,186 | 3.7 | 33.6 | 6.1 | 15.4 | 16.6 | 10.4 | 1.5 | 7.3 | 4.5 | 0.2 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 13,775 | 2.0 | 16.6 | 1.7 | 12.9 | 19.3 | 6.1 | 0.4 | 7.2 | 2.9 | 0.1 |
| English Language | 15,011 | 4.8 | 26.9 | 6.5 | 23.4 | 15.6 | 12.3 | 1.6 | 6.8 | 5.6 | 0.3 |
| Economics | 6,092 | 49.5 | 13.4 | 10.3 | 14.5 | 13.1 | 15.0 | 8.2 | 10.8 | 12.7 | 5.9 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 6,486 | 11.1 | 30.1 | 31.5 | 21.0 | 9.0 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 8.1 | 10.6 | 1.0 |
| Religious Studies | 11,866 | 6.6 | 23.8 | 10.0 | 20.2 | 28.2 | 19.0 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 6.5 | 0.8 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 11,262 | 4.6 | 26.3 | 7.8 | 16.4 | 0.1 | 15.8 | 2.4 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 0.5 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 11,250 | 11.0 | 14.7 | 8.1 | 14.2 | 21.5 | 10.4 | 3.1 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 2.1 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 10,361 | 4.2 | 17.2 | 5.2 | 15.0 | 33.8 | 12.3 | 1.5 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 0.5 |
| Law | 8,320 | 6.5 | 35.9 | 5.1 | 21.6 | 15.4 | 13.2 | 1.7 | 10.4 | 4.3 | 0.3 |

Table 7 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (females)
2010

| Subject | n | Sociology | Media/Film/Tv Studies | English Language | Economics | PE/Sports Studies | Religious Studies | Engl Lang & Lit | Art & Design (Fine Art) | Drama/Theatre Studies | Law |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Mathematics | 26,691 | 2.8 | 1.0 | 2.7 | 11.3 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 1.9 | 4.6 | 1.6 | 2.0 |
| Psychology | 38,190 | 17.8 | 6.0 | 10.6 | 2.1 | 5.1 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 7.8 |
| Biology | 28,720 | 4.3 | 0.8 | 3.4 | 2.2 | 7.1 | 4.1 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 1.9 | 1.5 |
| General Studies | 25,448 | 12.2 | 7.0 | 13.8 | 3.5 | 5.3 | 9.4 | 7.3 | 6.3 | 6.1 | 7.1 |
| English Literature | 31,850 | 10.5 | 8.4 | 7.4 | 2.5 | 1.8 | 10.5 | 0.0 | 7.6 | 11.0 | 4.0 |
| History | 22,325 | 9.4 | 3.8 | 8.3 | 4.1 | 2.1 | 10.1 | 8.0 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 4.9 |
| Chemistry | 18,458 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Business Studies | 11,465 | 12.8 | 8.6 | 8.9 | 5.7 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 4.8 | 3.0 | 7.5 |
| Geography | 12,966 | 7.1 | 3.1 | 6.5 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 6.0 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 2.9 | 2.7 |
| Physics | 5,718 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 6.2 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 4.1 | 0.9 | 0.4 |
| Sociology | 20,186 | | 9.7 | 11.0 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 8.0 | 9.3 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 8.8 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 13,775 | 14.2 | | 15.1 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 4.0 | 12.2 | 6.9 | 9.8 | 3.0 |
| English Language | 15,011 | 14.8 | 13.8 | | 1.5 | 3.2 | 6.6 | 0.0 | 5.7 | 6.9 | 7.5 |
| Economics | 6,092 | 5.3 | 1.3 | 3.6 | | 1.6 | 4.8 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 1.7 | 3.7 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 6,486 | 7.5 | 3.5 | 7.4 | 1.5 | | 4.7 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 2.5 |
| Religious Studies | 11,866 | 13.6 | 4.6 | 8.4 | 2.5 | 2.6 | | 6.6 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 3.2 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 11,262 | 16.7 | 14.9 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 7.0 | | 7.0 | 9.6 | 8.6 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 11,250 | 5.8 | 8.4 | 7.6 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 5.5 | 7.0 | | 5.1 | 1.3 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 10,361 | 7.4 | 13.0 | 10.0 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 7.4 | 10.5 | 5.5 | | 2.0 |
| Law | 8,320 | 21.5 | 5.0 | 13.5 | 2.7 | 1.9 | 4.6 | 11.7 | 1.7 | 2.5 | |

**Table 8: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (males)
2010**

| Subject | n | Mathematics | Psychology | Biology | General Studies | English Literature | History | Chemistry | Business Studies | Geography | Physics |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Mathematics | 38,970 | | 4.0 | 22.5 | 18.2 | 3.5 | 8.7 | 33.0 | 7.3 | 8.0 | 43.1 |
| Psychology | 14,080 | 11.0 | | 18.5 | 19.7 | 9.4 | 14.7 | 7.8 | 13.0 | 7.7 | 3.3 |
| Biology | 22,410 | 39.2 | 11.6 | | 21.6 | 4.6 | 10.3 | 51.5 | 4.6 | 12.7 | 18.1 |
| General Studies | 22,062 | 32.2 | 12.6 | 21.9 | | 10.3 | 20.7 | 19.3 | 14.0 | 15.2 | 18.9 |
| English Literature | 12,622 | 10.9 | 10.5 | 8.3 | 18.0 | | 36.6 | 4.1 | 6.3 | 9.6 | 3.4 |
| History | 21,682 | 15.6 | 9.6 | 10.7 | 21.1 | 21.3 | | 5.7 | 8.9 | 12.5 | 5.2 |
| Chemistry | 20,420 | 63.0 | 5.4 | 56.5 | 20.9 | 2.6 | 6.1 | | 2.2 | 7.1 | 38.6 |
| Business Studies | 17,054 | 16.6 | 10.7 | 6.1 | 18.2 | 4.6 | 11.3 | 2.6 | | 11.7 | 3.8 |
| Geography | 15,515 | 20.1 | 6.9 | 18.4 | 21.7 | 7.8 | 17.5 | 9.3 | 12.9 | | 10.5 |
| Physics | 21,577 | 77.8 | 2.1 | 18.8 | 19.4 | 2.0 | 5.2 | 36.6 | 3.0 | 7.6 | |
| Sociology | 6,554 | 4.7 | 21.3 | 5.1 | 16.6 | 9.7 | 18.4 | 1.9 | 13.9 | 8.1 | 1.0 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 10,800 | 3.5 | 9.4 | 2.3 | 13.2 | 10.5 | 9.8 | 0.6 | 12.7 | 5.1 | 1.1 |
| English Language | 7,662 | 7.4 | 13.2 | 6.8 | 23.7 | 10.8 | 20.4 | 2.7 | 11.6 | 9.1 | 2.6 |
| Economics | 13,523 | 48.0 | 6.5 | 9.1 | 17.3 | 6.2 | 18.4 | 8.0 | 15.9 | 13.8 | 13.5 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 12,504 | 12.3 | 17.5 | 22.2 | 19.3 | 4.7 | 11.6 | 4.5 | 18.7 | 14.0 | 3.8 |
| Religious Studies | 5,845 | 11.6 | 11.1 | 9.6 | 19.0 | 19.6 | 28.6 | 5.6 | 8.7 | 8.5 | 4.0 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 4,789 | 8.5 | 14.3 | 6.5 | 20.9 | 0.0 | 25.3 | 2.7 | 9.3 | 8.6 | 3.1 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 4,253 | 17.5 | 5.7 | 6.7 | 12.9 | 11.8 | 9.3 | 3.7 | 6.4 | 8.2 | 9.3 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 5,011 | 6.7 | 9.1 | 5.5 | 13.6 | 22.8 | 15.6 | 2.8 | 5.6 | 4.5 | 2.8 |
| Law | 5,685 | 9.9 | 18.1 | 5.5 | 22.8 | 8.3 | 22.0 | 2.8 | 20.1 | 6.2 | 2.1 |

Table 8 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (males)
2010

| Subject | n | Sociology | Media/Film/Tv Studies | English Language | Economics | PE/Sports Studies | Religious Studies | Engl Lang & Lit | Art & Design (Fine Art) | Drama/Theatre Studies | Law |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Mathematics | 38,970 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 16.7 | 3.9 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 1.4 |
| Psychology | 14,080 | 9.9 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 6.3 | 15.5 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 1.7 | 3.3 | 7.3 |
| Biology | 22,410 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 5.5 | 12.4 | 2.5 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| General Studies | 22,062 | 4.9 | 6.4 | 8.2 | 10.6 | 11.0 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 5.9 |
| English Literature | 12,622 | 5.0 | 9.0 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 4.7 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 9.0 | 3.7 |
| History | 21,682 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 7.2 | 11.5 | 6.7 | 7.7 | 5.6 | 1.8 | 3.6 | 5.8 |
| Chemistry | 20,420 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 5.3 | 2.8 | 1.6 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Business Studies | 17,054 | 5.3 | 8.1 | 5.2 | 12.6 | 13.7 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 6.7 |
| Geography | 15,515 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 12.1 | 11.3 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 2.3 |
| Physics | 21,577 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 8.5 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| Sociology | 6,554 | | 11.8 | 8.1 | 5.0 | 8.2 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 1.3 | 3.4 | 8.3 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 10,800 | 7.2 | | 11.2 | 2.0 | 7.5 | 2.9 | 7.0 | 3.8 | 7.5 | 2.7 |
| English Language | 7,662 | 6.9 | 15.8 | | 4.3 | 9.2 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 5.1 | 7.2 |
| Economics | 13,523 | 2.4 | 1.6 | 2.4 | | 5.4 | 3.1 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 3.7 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 12,504 | 4.3 | 6.5 | 5.6 | 5.8 | | 2.9 | 2.6 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 2.9 |
| Religious Studies | 5,845 | 7.0 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 7.3 | 6.2 | | 4.7 | 2.8 | 4.8 | 3.0 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 4,789 | 8.0 | 15.7 | 0.0 | 4.7 | 6.7 | 5.7 | | 3.2 | 8.2 | 7.1 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 4,253 | 2.0 | 9.6 | 4.2 | 3.0 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 3.6 | | 3.4 | 0.5 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 5,011 | 4.5 | 16.2 | 7.7 | 2.9 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 7.8 | 2.9 | | 2.2 |
| Law | 5,685 | 9.6 | 5.1 | 9.7 | 8.7 | 6.4 | 3.1 | 6.0 | 0.4 | 1.9 | |

**Table 9: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Academies)
2010**

| Subject | n | Mathematics | Psychology | Biology | General Studies | English Literature | History | Chemistry | Business Studies | Geography | Physics |
|-------------------------|-------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Mathematics | 8,610 | | 8.2 | 31.9 | 24.4 | 6.8 | 9.7 | 37.0 | 5.5 | 9.4 | 32.5 |
| Psychology | 6,277 | 11.2 | | 21.7 | 24.8 | 18.2 | 12.9 | 7.3 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 1.8 |
| Biology | 7,060 | 38.9 | 19.3 | | 27.3 | 9.0 | 10.2 | 49.6 | 3.2 | 12.9 | 11.9 |
| General Studies | 7,275 | 28.8 | 21.4 | 26.4 | | 18.4 | 22.7 | 19.5 | 9.0 | 15.8 | 11.9 |
| English Literature | 6,184 | 9.5 | 18.5 | 10.3 | 21.6 | | 30.2 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 8.6 | 2.1 |
| History | 5,673 | 14.7 | 14.3 | 12.7 | 29.2 | 32.9 | | 5.7 | 6.1 | 10.6 | 3.3 |
| Chemistry | 5,220 | 61.0 | 8.8 | 67.1 | 27.2 | 4.8 | 6.1 | | 1.7 | 8.5 | 28.2 |
| Business Studies | 2,965 | 16.0 | 17.2 | 7.5 | 22.0 | 10.0 | 11.6 | 2.9 | | 11.4 | 2.5 |
| Geography | 4,004 | 20.3 | 12.7 | 22.7 | 28.6 | 13.2 | 15.1 | 11.1 | 8.4 | | 7.8 |
| Physics | 3,658 | 76.4 | 3.1 | 23.0 | 23.6 | 3.6 | 5.2 | 40.2 | 2.0 | 8.6 | |
| Sociology | 3,105 | 4.4 | 28.7 | 7.1 | 20.3 | 18.2 | 14.0 | 1.6 | 9.0 | 7.8 | 0.4 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 2,806 | 2.9 | 13.2 | 2.4 | 13.2 | 21.5 | 9.5 | 0.4 | 7.9 | 5.7 | 0.9 |
| English Language | 2,313 | 5.8 | 24.2 | 7.5 | 32.0 | 15.1 | 17.8 | 1.9 | 8.6 | 9.0 | 1.4 |
| Economics | 2,223 | 51.9 | 8.9 | 11.2 | 24.4 | 10.3 | 17.8 | 9.4 | 14.3 | 14.8 | 11.8 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 2,519 | 13.2 | 21.4 | 25.6 | 23.7 | 7.7 | 11.4 | 4.4 | 13.2 | 13.7 | 3.1 |
| Religious Studies | 2,563 | 8.6 | 22.3 | 12.6 | 27.2 | 27.2 | 22.9 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 7.8 | 2.4 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 1,560 | 7.1 | 21.7 | 9.8 | 24.7 | 0.1 | 22.6 | 2.6 | 6.0 | 8.1 | 1.3 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 1,764 | 13.8 | 12.7 | 10.5 | 18.3 | 22.6 | 11.7 | 2.9 | 5.0 | 8.2 | 4.4 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 2,147 | 4.9 | 15.0 | 6.2 | 17.6 | 31.4 | 13.1 | 2.1 | 3.5 | 4.7 | 1.3 |
| Law | 797 | 10.9 | 21.3 | 5.3 | 16.2 | 16.2 | 18.1 | 1.8 | 11.4 | 8.7 | 1.5 |

**Table 9 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Academies)
2010**

| Subject | n | Sociology | Media/Film/Tv Studies | English Language | Economics | PE/Sports Studies | Religious Studies | Engl Lang & Lit | Art & Design (Fine Art) | Drama/Theatre Studies | Law |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Mathematics | 8,610 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 13.4 | 3.9 | 2.6 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 1.2 | 1.0 |
| Psychology | 6,277 | 14.2 | 5.9 | 8.9 | 3.1 | 8.6 | 9.1 | 5.4 | 3.6 | 5.1 | 2.7 |
| Biology | 7,060 | 3.1 | 0.9 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 9.2 | 4.6 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 0.6 |
| General Studies | 7,275 | 8.6 | 5.1 | 10.2 | 7.5 | 8.2 | 9.6 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 1.8 |
| English Literature | 6,184 | 9.2 | 9.8 | 5.6 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 11.3 | 0.0 | 6.4 | 10.9 | 2.1 |
| History | 5,673 | 7.7 | 4.7 | 7.3 | 7.0 | 5.0 | 10.3 | 6.2 | 3.6 | 5.0 | 2.5 |
| Chemistry | 5,220 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 4.0 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.3 |
| Business Studies | 2,965 | 9.4 | 7.5 | 6.7 | 10.8 | 11.2 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 3.1 |
| Geography | 4,004 | 6.1 | 4.0 | 5.2 | 8.2 | 8.6 | 5.0 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 2.5 | 1.7 |
| Physics | 3,658 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 7.2 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 0.3 |
| Sociology | 3,105 | | 9.0 | 9.2 | 2.4 | 5.1 | 9.4 | 6.2 | 2.8 | 5.7 | 3.2 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 2,806 | 9.9 | | 8.6 | 1.2 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 6.8 | 5.5 | 12.0 | 2.1 |
| English Language | 2,313 | 12.3 | 10.5 | | 2.7 | 5.8 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 8.6 | 2.2 |
| Economics | 2,223 | 3.3 | 1.6 | 2.8 | | 5.7 | 3.0 | 2.3 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 2.3 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 2,519 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 5.0 | | 3.6 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 1.0 |
| Religious Studies | 2,563 | 11.4 | 5.3 | 8.1 | 2.6 | 3.5 | | 6.1 | 4.8 | 5.9 | 1.8 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 1,560 | 12.3 | 12.2 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 4.9 | 10.1 | | 4.5 | 11.9 | 2.8 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 1,764 | 4.9 | 8.7 | 5.9 | 1.0 | 2.9 | 7.0 | 4.0 | | 5.5 | 0.3 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 2,147 | 8.3 | 15.7 | 9.3 | 1.4 | 3.1 | 7.0 | 8.7 | 4.5 | | 1.3 |
| Law | 797 | 12.4 | 7.5 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 3.3 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 0.8 | 3.4 | |

**Table 10: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Comprehensive schools)
2010**

| Subject | n | Mathematics | Psychology | Biology | General Studies | English Literature | History | Chemistry | Business Studies | Geography | Physics |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Mathematics | 21,189 | | 8.6 | 29.2 | 15.7 | 6.2 | 10.0 | 33.8 | 6.6 | 8.6 | 32.1 |
| Psychology | 19,800 | 9.3 | | 19.3 | 16.4 | 18.4 | 14.1 | 6.5 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 1.4 |
| Biology | 17,906 | 34.6 | 21.4 | | 18.4 | 8.8 | 10.9 | 45.5 | 3.4 | 12.9 | 11.1 |
| General Studies | 15,395 | 21.6 | 21.1 | 21.4 | | 19.1 | 21.8 | 13.7 | 9.9 | 14.9 | 10.0 |
| English Literature | 17,732 | 7.4 | 20.6 | 8.8 | 16.6 | | 29.9 | 3.4 | 4.4 | 8.1 | 1.4 |
| History | 16,948 | 12.6 | 16.4 | 11.5 | 19.8 | 31.3 | | 5.5 | 5.8 | 10.3 | 3.3 |
| Chemistry | 12,631 | 56.7 | 10.1 | 64.5 | 16.7 | 4.8 | 7.4 | | 1.9 | 7.6 | 27.2 |
| Business Studies | 9,073 | 15.3 | 16.5 | 6.7 | 16.8 | 8.5 | 10.8 | 2.7 | | 10.3 | 2.9 |
| Geography | 10,753 | 16.9 | 13.6 | 21.5 | 21.4 | 13.4 | 16.3 | 9.0 | 8.7 | | 6.7 |
| Physics | 9,118 | 74.5 | 3.1 | 21.7 | 16.9 | 2.6 | 6.2 | 37.7 | 2.9 | 8.0 | |
| Sociology | 10,101 | 4.2 | 28.7 | 6.3 | 14.7 | 18.1 | 14.5 | 1.6 | 7.5 | 6.4 | 0.5 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 9,857 | 2.9 | 13.4 | 2.3 | 11.6 | 17.9 | 8.6 | 0.5 | 8.4 | 4.5 | 0.7 |
| English Language | 8,397 | 6.2 | 21.0 | 7.5 | 19.0 | 16.1 | 16.8 | 2.3 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 1.3 |
| Economics | 4,884 | 41.9 | 11.9 | 8.6 | 16.1 | 8.7 | 17.9 | 6.6 | 16.4 | 13.6 | 9.6 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 7,687 | 11.7 | 21.6 | 25.1 | 18.0 | 6.5 | 10.9 | 4.4 | 12.1 | 12.6 | 2.8 |
| Religious Studies | 7,441 | 7.3 | 20.9 | 8.7 | 17.2 | 25.8 | 22.0 | 3.7 | 5.8 | 6.3 | 1.8 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 5,289 | 6.6 | 22.7 | 7.8 | 19.2 | 0.1 | 21.2 | 2.4 | 6.2 | 8.3 | 1.9 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 5,323 | 10.3 | 13.1 | 7.2 | 13.1 | 18.4 | 10.2 | 2.2 | 4.2 | 6.1 | 3.3 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 6,497 | 4.7 | 14.9 | 4.9 | 13.4 | 30.2 | 13.5 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 3.7 | 1.3 |
| Law | 3,330 | 7.8 | 24.5 | 5.7 | 18.8 | 15.5 | 18.9 | 2.4 | 12.1 | 7.7 | 1.5 |

**Table 10 (Cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Comprehensive schools)
2010**

| Subject | n | Sociology | Media/Film/Tv Studies | English Language | Economics | PE/Sports Studies | Religious Studies | Engl Lang & Lit | Art & Design (Fine Art) | Drama/Theatre Studies | Law |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Mathematics | 21,189 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 9.7 | 4.2 | 2.6 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 1.2 |
| Psychology | 19,800 | 14.7 | 6.7 | 8.9 | 2.9 | 8.4 | 7.8 | 6.1 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 4.1 |
| Biology | 17,906 | 3.6 | 1.2 | 3.5 | 2.4 | 10.8 | 3.6 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.1 |
| General Studies | 15,395 | 9.7 | 7.4 | 10.4 | 5.1 | 9.0 | 8.3 | 6.6 | 4.5 | 5.7 | 4.1 |
| English Literature | 17,732 | 10.3 | 9.9 | 7.6 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 10.8 | 0.0 | 5.5 | 11.0 | 2.9 |
| History | 16,948 | 8.6 | 5.0 | 8.3 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 9.6 | 6.6 | 3.2 | 5.2 | 3.7 |
| Chemistry | 12,631 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| Business Studies | 9,073 | 8.4 | 9.1 | 6.7 | 8.8 | 10.2 | 4.7 | 3.6 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 4.4 |
| Geography | 10,753 | 6.0 | 4.1 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 9.0 | 4.4 | 4.1 | 3.0 | 2.2 | 2.4 |
| Physics | 9,118 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 5.2 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| Sociology | 10,101 | | 10.1 | 8.4 | 2.5 | 4.1 | 9.7 | 5.8 | 2.8 | 4.5 | 4.6 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 9,857 | 10.3 | | 11.3 | 1.2 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 7.5 | 5.2 | 10.5 | 2.0 |
| English Language | 8,397 | 10.1 | 13.2 | | 2.1 | 5.9 | 7.0 | 0.0 | 4.9 | 7.6 | 3.7 |
| Economics | 4,884 | 5.2 | 2.5 | 3.6 | | 5.6 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 3.3 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 7,687 | 5.4 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 3.5 | | 3.7 | 3.2 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 1.9 |
| Religious Studies | 7,441 | 13.1 | 6.2 | 7.9 | 2.2 | 3.8 | | 6.0 | 3.8 | 6.2 | 2.9 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 5,289 | 11.1 | 14.0 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 4.6 | 8.4 | | 5.8 | 11.4 | 4.0 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 5,323 | 5.3 | 9.6 | 7.7 | 0.9 | 2.8 | 5.3 | 5.8 | | 4.7 | 0.9 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 6,497 | 6.9 | 16.0 | 9.9 | 0.9 | 3.2 | 7.1 | 9.3 | 3.9 | | 1.4 |
| Law | 3,330 | 13.9 | 5.8 | 9.3 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 1.4 | | 2.7 |

**Table 11: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (FE/Tertiary Colleges)
2010**

| Subject | n | Mathematics | Psychology | Biology | General Studies | English Literature | History | Chemistry | Business Studies | Geography | Physics |
|-------------------------|-------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Mathematics | 4,184 | | 10.7 | 23.9 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 5.5 | 28.5 | 12.3 | 5.4 | 27.3 |
| Psychology | 6,046 | 7.4 | | 16.6 | 4.2 | 10.9 | 9.8 | 5.6 | 10.0 | 3.8 | 1.0 |
| Biology | 3,337 | 30.0 | 30.1 | | 4.4 | 5.1 | 6.9 | 42.7 | 4.3 | 8.8 | 8.6 |
| General Studies | 971 | 14.7 | 26.4 | 15.1 | | 11.9 | 17.0 | 7.7 | 13.5 | 9.4 | 7.2 |
| English Literature | 2,735 | 4.9 | 24.2 | 6.3 | 4.2 | | 21.1 | 1.9 | 5.7 | 3.2 | 0.7 |
| History | 3,042 | 7.6 | 19.6 | 7.6 | 5.4 | 19.0 | | 2.9 | 7.6 | 6.0 | 1.9 |
| Chemistry | 2,200 | 54.1 | 15.5 | 64.8 | 3.4 | 2.4 | 4.0 | | 2.7 | 5.4 | 24.3 |
| Business Studies | 3,729 | 13.8 | 16.2 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 4.2 | 6.2 | 1.6 | | 4.7 | 1.8 |
| Geography | 1,529 | 14.7 | 14.8 | 19.2 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 12.0 | 7.8 | 11.5 | | 6.6 |
| Physics | 1,518 | 75.4 | 3.9 | 18.9 | 4.6 | 1.3 | 3.9 | 35.2 | 4.4 | 6.7 | |
| Sociology | 4,371 | 3.0 | 36.4 | 4.6 | 3.3 | 11.3 | 11.0 | 1.0 | 10.8 | 3.2 | 0.2 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 3,205 | 1.7 | 13.2 | 1.6 | 2.8 | 11.1 | 6.3 | 0.4 | 11.1 | 2.2 | 0.1 |
| English Language | 2,809 | 3.8 | 23.1 | 5.1 | 3.5 | 15.3 | 12.3 | 1.2 | 9.4 | 3.9 | 0.7 |
| Economics | 1,122 | 37.0 | 10.2 | 6.4 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 9.0 | 4.8 | 29.5 | 4.5 | 5.4 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 1,081 | 11.3 | 28.3 | 26.5 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 7.9 | 4.4 | 19.0 | 9.8 | 2.4 |
| Religious Studies | 554 | 2.3 | 24.9 | 6.9 | 6.1 | 13.9 | 15.2 | 2.5 | 4.9 | 3.1 | 0.2 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 3,206 | 4.1 | 25.3 | 6.0 | 4.0 | 0.1 | 15.9 | 1.7 | 7.6 | 3.6 | 0.5 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 1,266 | 8.9 | 11.8 | 4.7 | 3.9 | 11.8 | 5.8 | 1.3 | 5.2 | 3.5 | 2.4 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 977 | 3.0 | 15.4 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 19.7 | 10.5 | 0.9 | 3.5 | 1.4 | 0.0 |
| Law | 2,960 | 6.0 | 32.9 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 10.2 | 15.4 | 1.4 | 17.1 | 2.7 | 0.8 |

**Table 11 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (FE/Tertiary Colleges)
2010**

| Subject | n | Sociology | Media/Film/Tv Studies | English Language | Economics | PE/Sports Studies | Religious Studies | Engl Lang & Lit | Art & Design (Fine Art) | Drama/Theatre Studies | Law |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------|
| Mathematics | 4,184 | 3.1 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 9.9 | 2.9 | 0.3 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 0.7 | 4.3 |
| Psychology | 6,046 | 26.3 | 7.0 | 10.7 | 1.9 | 5.1 | 2.3 | 13.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 16.1 |
| Biology | 3,337 | 6.0 | 1.5 | 4.3 | 2.2 | 8.6 | 1.1 | 5.7 | 1.8 | 1.1 | 3.4 |
| General Studies | 971 | 15.0 | 9.4 | 10.1 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 3.5 | 13.1 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 13.2 |
| English Literature | 2,735 | 18.0 | 13.0 | 15.7 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 2.8 | 0.1 | 5.4 | 7.0 | 11.0 |
| History | 3,042 | 15.8 | 6.6 | 11.3 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 16.8 | 2.4 | 3.4 | 15.0 |
| Chemistry | 2,200 | 2.0 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 2.5 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 1.9 |
| Business Studies | 3,729 | 12.7 | 9.5 | 7.1 | 8.9 | 5.5 | 0.7 | 6.6 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 13.5 |
| Geography | 1,529 | 9.2 | 4.5 | 7.2 | 3.3 | 6.9 | 1.1 | 7.5 | 2.9 | 0.9 | 5.2 |
| Physics | 1,518 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 1.6 |
| Sociology | 4,371 | | 11.0 | 11.9 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2.7 | 14.8 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 15.7 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 3,205 | 15.0 | | 16.7 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 18.5 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 4.3 |
| English Language | 2,809 | 18.5 | 19.0 | | 1.2 | 2.9 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 12.0 |
| Economics | 1,122 | 6.8 | 2.9 | 3.0 | | 2.1 | 0.7 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 9.8 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 1,081 | 6.9 | 6.0 | 7.5 | 2.2 | | 1.2 | 6.0 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 5.6 |
| Religious Studies | 554 | 21.5 | 5.6 | 8.7 | 1.4 | 2.3 | | 17.3 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 11.0 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 3,206 | 20.1 | 18.5 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 3.0 | | 4.2 | 6.6 | 13.4 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 1,266 | 6.6 | 12.0 | 8.8 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 10.7 | | 3.2 | 2.1 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 977 | 6.9 | 16.7 | 10.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 21.7 | 4.2 | | 5.3 |
| Law | 2,960 | 23.2 | 4.7 | 11.4 | 3.7 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 14.5 | 0.9 | 1.8 | |

**Table 12: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Grammar schools)
2010**

| Subject | n | Mathematics | Psychology | Biology | General Studies | English Literature | History | Chemistry | Business Studies | Geography | Physics |
|-------------------------|-------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Mathematics | 5,144 | | 7.2 | 34.6 | 37.2 | 7.1 | 10.6 | 42.7 | 4.9 | 9.9 | 33.9 |
| Psychology | 2,558 | 14.5 | | 27.0 | 39.1 | 20.8 | 13.3 | 12.3 | 9.1 | 9.9 | 2.2 |
| Biology | 4,144 | 42.9 | 16.7 | | 42.7 | 8.8 | 9.9 | 58.9 | 3.4 | 13.2 | 14.3 |
| General Studies | 5,413 | 35.3 | 18.5 | 32.7 | | 21.4 | 22.8 | 29.9 | 9.4 | 13.9 | 18.8 |
| English Literature | 2,859 | 12.8 | 18.6 | 12.8 | 40.5 | | 35.1 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 11.1 | 3.1 |
| History | 2,798 | 19.4 | 12.1 | 14.7 | 44.0 | 35.9 | | 8.3 | 6.7 | 11.8 | 5.3 |
| Chemistry | 3,558 | 61.7 | 8.8 | 68.5 | 45.4 | 4.8 | 6.5 | | 1.6 | 8.3 | 29.0 |
| Business Studies | 1,241 | 20.5 | 18.9 | 11.4 | 41.0 | 14.1 | 15.1 | 4.5 | | 12.8 | 4.6 |
| Geography | 1,899 | 26.9 | 13.3 | 28.8 | 39.6 | 16.6 | 17.4 | 15.6 | 8.4 | | 9.6 |
| Physics | 2,281 | 76.4 | 2.5 | 26.0 | 44.5 | 3.9 | 6.4 | 45.3 | 2.5 | 8.0 | |
| Sociology | 797 | 6.9 | 29.1 | 10.3 | 31.4 | 23.6 | 20.6 | 3.5 | 11.8 | 9.4 | 0.6 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 612 | 5.9 | 18.8 | 4.1 | 25.8 | 29.4 | 12.1 | 0.7 | 14.1 | 8.3 | 1.3 |
| English Language | 794 | 7.8 | 29.2 | 12.0 | 54.8 | 20.7 | 22.5 | 4.3 | 8.4 | 8.3 | 1.8 |
| Economics | 1,391 | 56.9 | 7.3 | 14.5 | 38.3 | 9.8 | 20.6 | 13.1 | 8.4 | 16.3 | 12.2 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 872 | 17.7 | 23.6 | 35.1 | 40.0 | 9.6 | 11.9 | 9.1 | 14.2 | 13.9 | 4.9 |
| Religious Studies | 1,152 | 13.9 | 23.2 | 15.0 | 43.6 | 27.6 | 25.3 | 8.6 | 6.6 | 8.9 | 3.5 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 493 | 11.0 | 21.5 | 12.4 | 40.4 | 0.0 | 30.0 | 4.7 | 9.9 | 6.7 | 3.2 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 695 | 19.0 | 15.8 | 14.8 | 33.2 | 26.9 | 13.5 | 9.6 | 7.2 | 8.9 | 7.2 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 610 | 9.0 | 20.8 | 13.0 | 36.1 | 41.3 | 14.9 | 2.8 | 4.6 | 5.6 | 2.6 |
| Law | 344 | 7.0 | 30.2 | 11.6 | 60.2 | 14.0 | 20.9 | 5.2 | 18.3 | 6.4 | 0.9 |

Table 12 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Grammar schools)
2010

| Subject | n | Sociology | Media/Film/Tv Studies | English Language | Economics | PE/Sports Studies | Religious Studies | Engl Lang & Lit | Art & Design (Fine Art) | Drama/Theatre Studies | Law |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Mathematics | 5,144 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 15.4 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 1.0 | 2.6 | 1.1 | 0.5 |
| Psychology | 2,558 | 9.1 | 4.5 | 9.1 | 4.0 | 8.1 | 10.4 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 4.1 |
| Biology | 4,144 | 2.0 | 0.6 | 2.3 | 4.9 | 7.4 | 4.2 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 1.9 | 1.0 |
| General Studies | 5,413 | 4.6 | 2.9 | 8.0 | 9.8 | 6.4 | 9.3 | 3.7 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.8 |
| English Literature | 2,859 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 2.9 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 6.5 | 8.8 | 1.7 |
| History | 2,798 | 5.9 | 2.6 | 6.4 | 10.3 | 3.7 | 10.4 | 5.3 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 2.6 |
| Chemistry | 3,558 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 5.1 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 0.6 | 1.9 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Business Studies | 1,241 | 7.6 | 6.9 | 5.4 | 9.4 | 10.0 | 6.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 2.3 | 5.1 |
| Geography | 1,899 | 3.9 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 12.0 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 1.7 | 3.3 | 1.8 | 1.2 |
| Physics | 2,281 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 7.5 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 2.2 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| Sociology | 797 | | 8.4 | 8.3 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 10.7 | 5.4 | 2.4 | 6.0 | 3.5 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 612 | 10.9 | | 10.9 | 2.6 | 5.9 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 7.2 | 9.6 | 1.6 |
| English Language | 794 | 8.3 | 8.4 | | 2.9 | 5.3 | 11.2 | 0.0 | 2.8 | 6.5 | 4.0 |
| Economics | 1,391 | 3.0 | 1.2 | 1.7 | | 3.7 | 4.3 | 2.6 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 2.1 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 872 | 5.8 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 5.8 | | 3.4 | 2.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.6 |
| Religious Studies | 1,152 | 7.4 | 2.4 | 7.7 | 5.2 | 2.6 | | 4.6 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 2.2 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 493 | 8.7 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 7.3 | 4.9 | 10.8 | | 4.3 | 7.7 | 6.5 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 695 | 2.7 | 6.3 | 3.2 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 8.5 | 3.0 | | 4.0 | 1.2 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 610 | 7.9 | 9.7 | 8.5 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 11.1 | 6.2 | 4.6 | | 1.3 |
| Law | 344 | 8.1 | 2.9 | 9.3 | 8.4 | 6.7 | 7.3 | 9.3 | 2.3 | | 2.3 |

**Table 13: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Independent schools)
2010**

| Subject | n | Mathematics | Psychology | Biology | General Studies | English Literature | History | Chemistry | Business Studies | Geography | Physics |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Mathematics | 13,231 | | 3.2 | 27.2 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 9.9 | 36.9 | 4.6 | 8.7 | 36.5 |
| Psychology | 3,160 | 13.3 | | 22.4 | 8.3 | 21.1 | 13.3 | 9.1 | 14.4 | 11.6 | 1.8 |
| Biology | 8,382 | 43.0 | 8.5 | | 8.9 | 8.3 | 9.6 | 58.5 | 4.0 | 15.8 | 15.2 |
| General Studies | 2,396 | 33.7 | 11.0 | 31.1 | | 22.2 | 23.0 | 26.6 | 11.5 | 18.7 | 16.4 |
| English Literature | 7,038 | 10.9 | 9.5 | 9.9 | 7.5 | | 36.2 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 9.7 | 2.2 |
| History | 7,327 | 17.8 | 5.7 | 11.0 | 7.5 | 34.7 | | 6.4 | 6.7 | 12.6 | 3.9 |
| Chemistry | 7,575 | 64.4 | 3.8 | 64.7 | 8.4 | 4.4 | 6.2 | | 1.3 | 8.6 | 32.0 |
| Business Studies | 3,936 | 15.6 | 11.5 | 8.5 | 7.0 | 9.7 | 12.5 | 2.6 | | 20.0 | 3.4 |
| Geography | 5,547 | 20.8 | 6.6 | 23.9 | 8.1 | 12.3 | 16.7 | 11.7 | 14.2 | | 7.1 |
| Physics | 5,897 | 81.8 | 1.0 | 21.6 | 6.6 | 2.6 | 4.8 | 41.1 | 2.3 | 6.7 | |
| Sociology | 390 | 11.5 | 15.1 | 8.5 | 6.4 | 17.2 | 9.5 | 2.8 | 20.3 | 7.2 | 1.3 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 594 | 4.7 | 10.4 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 19.0 | 7.4 | 0.5 | 20.7 | 5.7 | 0.5 |
| English Language | 937 | 7.6 | 12.5 | 9.0 | 13.3 | 13.2 | 21.1 | 3.8 | 17.6 | 12.9 | 1.6 |
| Economics | 6,111 | 55.6 | 5.2 | 10.1 | 5.7 | 9.5 | 20.2 | 9.2 | 6.8 | 17.1 | 14.9 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 2,396 | 9.8 | 13.8 | 24.8 | 7.1 | 8.5 | 10.7 | 5.5 | 25.9 | 23.1 | 3.4 |
| Religious Studies | 3,376 | 11.6 | 10.6 | 11.1 | 7.0 | 30.4 | 28.2 | 5.5 | 8.5 | 11.5 | 2.2 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 389 | 9.0 | 16.7 | 11.6 | 7.2 | 0.3 | 24.7 | 5.7 | 11.1 | 12.9 | 1.0 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 2,455 | 22.0 | 8.1 | 9.9 | 5.1 | 24.7 | 14.0 | 5.6 | 8.8 | 11.4 | 8.0 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 2,139 | 7.0 | 10.0 | 6.7 | 4.8 | 43.5 | 19.2 | 3.0 | 9.4 | 6.8 | 2.0 |
| Law | 140 | 12.9 | 18.6 | 6.4 | 3.6 | 19.3 | 15.0 | 3.6 | 29.3 | 12.9 | 2.1 |

**Table 13 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Independent schools)
2010**

| Subject | n | Sociology | Media/Film/Tv Studies | English Language | Economics | PE/Sports Studies | Religious Studies | Engl Lang & Lit | Art & Design (Fine Art) | Drama/Theatre Studies | Law |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Mathematics | 13,231 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 25.7 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 0.3 | 4.1 | 1.1 | 0.1 |
| Psychology | 3,160 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 3.7 | 10.1 | 10.4 | 11.4 | 2.1 | 6.3 | 6.7 | 0.8 |
| Biology | 8,382 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 2.9 | 1.7 | 0.1 |
| General Studies | 2,396 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 5.2 | 14.5 | 7.1 | 9.8 | 1.2 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 0.2 |
| English Literature | 7,038 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 8.3 | 2.9 | 14.6 | 0.0 | 8.6 | 13.2 | 0.4 |
| History | 7,327 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 2.7 | 16.9 | 3.5 | 13.0 | 1.3 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 0.3 |
| Chemistry | 7,575 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 7.4 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 0.1 |
| Business Studies | 3,936 | 2.0 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 10.5 | 15.8 | 7.3 | 1.1 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 1.0 |
| Geography | 5,547 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 2.2 | 18.9 | 10.0 | 7.0 | 0.9 | 5.1 | 2.6 | 0.3 |
| Physics | 5,897 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 15.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 3.3 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| Sociology | 390 | | 9.5 | 3.1 | 8.7 | 6.2 | 10.3 | 1.0 | 7.4 | 5.4 | 1.5 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 594 | 6.2 | | 5.6 | 4.0 | 7.2 | 2.9 | 0.8 | 9.4 | 15.3 | 1.0 |
| English Language | 937 | 1.3 | 3.5 | | 9.1 | 5.2 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 5.2 | 9.0 | 0.4 |
| Economics | 6,111 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 1.4 | | 3.2 | 5.8 | 0.5 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 0.2 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 2,396 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 8.1 | | 7.3 | 0.8 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 0.1 |
| Religious Studies | 3,376 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 2.8 | 10.5 | 5.2 | | 1.5 | 5.6 | 7.8 | 0.1 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 389 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 8.0 | 4.6 | 13.1 | | 11.1 | 12.1 | 0.8 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 2,455 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 6.4 | 4.2 | 7.7 | 1.8 | | 6.2 | 0.1 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 2,139 | 1.0 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 5.3 | 3.7 | 12.3 | 2.2 | 7.1 | | 0.2 |
| Law | 140 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 2.9 | 9.3 | 2.1 | 3.6 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 2.9 | |

**Table 14: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Secondary Modern schools)
2010**

| Subject | n | Mathematics | Psychology | Biology | General Studies | English Literature | History | Chemistry | Business Studies | Geography | Physics |
|-------------------------|-----|-------------|------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Mathematics | 462 | | 11.9 | 23.2 | 9.7 | 4.8 | 8.9 | 28.1 | 8.2 | 11.3 | 27.7 |
| Psychology | 702 | 7.8 | | 15.2 | 8.8 | 17.2 | 13.2 | 5.1 | 9.3 | 8.3 | 0.7 |
| Biology | 422 | 25.4 | 25.4 | | 17.3 | 8.8 | 10.9 | 38.2 | 3.1 | 13.0 | 9.0 |
| General Studies | 273 | 16.5 | 22.7 | 26.7 | | 13.9 | 26.0 | 20.5 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 9.2 |
| English Literature | 601 | 3.7 | 20.1 | 6.2 | 6.3 | | 20.1 | 2.3 | 4.7 | 6.3 | 0.2 |
| History | 526 | 7.8 | 17.7 | 8.7 | 13.5 | 23.0 | | 6.1 | 5.7 | 11.8 | 2.5 |
| Chemistry | 266 | 48.9 | 13.5 | 60.5 | 21.1 | 5.3 | 12.0 | | 1.9 | 8.6 | 24.1 |
| Business Studies | 317 | 12.0 | 20.5 | 4.1 | 9.8 | 8.8 | 9.5 | 1.6 | | 6.6 | 1.9 |
| Geography | 350 | 14.9 | 16.6 | 15.7 | 8.9 | 10.9 | 17.7 | 6.6 | 6.0 | | 3.7 |
| Physics | 173 | 74.0 | 2.9 | 22.0 | 14.5 | 0.6 | 7.5 | 37.0 | 3.5 | 7.5 | |
| Sociology | 435 | 1.1 | 26.4 | 5.3 | 7.8 | 14.0 | 10.3 | 1.6 | 9.4 | 4.8 | 0.5 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 513 | 1.8 | 14.0 | 2.3 | 4.5 | 21.1 | 12.9 | 0.4 | 7.4 | 3.1 | 0.6 |
| English Language | 209 | 4.3 | 15.8 | 5.7 | 13.4 | 9.6 | 11.0 | 1.4 | 5.7 | 8.1 | 0.5 |
| Economics | 52 | 44.2 | 3.8 | 7.7 | 19.2 | 5.8 | 32.7 | 7.7 | 5.8 | 13.5 | 9.6 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 234 | 7.3 | 19.2 | 17.9 | 9.8 | 3.0 | 9.4 | 5.1 | 13.2 | 8.5 | 0.4 |
| Religious Studies | 240 | 4.2 | 15.8 | 8.8 | 13.8 | 29.2 | 19.6 | 2.9 | 4.2 | 8.3 | 0.8 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 212 | 4.2 | 18.9 | 9.4 | 13.7 | 0.0 | 15.6 | 0.9 | 8.0 | 7.1 | 1.4 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 150 | 9.3 | 6.7 | 4.7 | 8.0 | 20.0 | 8.7 | 2.7 | 0.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 190 | 1.1 | 11.6 | 4.2 | 2.6 | 34.2 | 11.1 | 1.1 | 3.2 | 2.1 | 1.1 |
| Law | 150 | 4.0 | 28.0 | 6.0 | 4.0 | 13.3 | 16.7 | 1.3 | 19.3 | 4.0 | 0.7 |

Table 14 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Secondary Modern schools)
2010

| Subject | n | Sociology | Media/Film/Tv Studies | English Language | Economics | PE/Sports Studies | Religious Studies | Engl Lang & Lit | Art & Design (Fine Art) | Drama/Theatre Studies | Law |
|-------------------------|-----|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Mathematics | 462 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 5.0 | 3.7 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 0.4 | 1.3 |
| Psychology | 702 | 16.4 | 10.3 | 4.7 | 0.3 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 1.4 | 3.1 | 6.0 |
| Biology | 422 | 5.5 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 0.9 | 10.0 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 2.1 |
| General Studies | 273 | 12.5 | 8.4 | 10.3 | 3.7 | 8.4 | 12.1 | 10.6 | 4.4 | 1.8 | 2.2 |
| English Literature | 601 | 10.1 | 18.0 | 3.3 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 11.6 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 10.8 | 3.3 |
| History | 526 | 8.6 | 12.5 | 4.4 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 8.9 | 6.3 | 2.5 | 4.0 | 4.8 |
| Chemistry | 266 | 2.6 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 4.5 | 2.6 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Business Studies | 317 | 12.9 | 12.0 | 3.8 | 0.9 | 9.8 | 3.2 | 5.4 | 0.3 | 1.9 | 9.1 |
| Geography | 350 | 6.0 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 2.0 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 4.3 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.7 |
| Physics | 173 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 2.9 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 1.2 | 0.6 |
| Sociology | 435 | | 12.9 | 10.3 | 0.2 | 5.1 | 9.2 | 5.3 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 6.2 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 513 | 10.9 | | 5.7 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 4.1 | 9.7 | 5.1 | 7.0 | 1.8 |
| English Language | 209 | 21.5 | 13.9 | | 1.0 | 4.8 | 6.7 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 3.3 | 4.8 |
| Economics | 52 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 3.8 | | 3.8 | 9.6 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 234 | 9.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 0.9 | | 5.1 | 3.8 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.7 |
| Religious Studies | 240 | 16.7 | 8.8 | 5.8 | 2.1 | 5.0 | | 6.3 | 4.2 | 6.3 | 2.1 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 212 | 10.8 | 23.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.2 | 7.1 | | 3.3 | 5.2 | 3.3 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 150 | 6.0 | 17.3 | 2.7 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 6.7 | 4.7 | | 4.7 | 0.7 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 190 | 6.3 | 18.9 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 7.9 | 5.8 | 3.7 | | 1.1 |
| Law | 150 | 18.0 | 6.0 | 6.7 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 4.7 | 0.7 | 1.3 | |

**Table 15: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Sixth Form Colleges)
2010**

| Subject | n | Mathematics | Psychology | Biology | General Studies | English Literature | History | Chemistry | Business Studies | Geography | Physics |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Mathematics | 12,203 | | 9.4 | 27.6 | 30.3 | 4.2 | 7.1 | 32.2 | 8.1 | 5.6 | 28.5 |
| Psychology | 12,967 | 8.8 | | 18.0 | 29.1 | 10.8 | 9.2 | 7.3 | 8.5 | 4.5 | 0.9 |
| Biology | 9,468 | 35.6 | 24.7 | | 32.0 | 5.8 | 7.6 | 51.6 | 3.3 | 8.4 | 8.4 |
| General Studies | 15,196 | 24.3 | 24.9 | 19.9 | | 12.7 | 14.6 | 15.2 | 11.9 | 9.4 | 9.0 |
| English Literature | 6,588 | 7.8 | 21.3 | 8.3 | 29.4 | | 25.3 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 4.9 | 0.9 |
| History | 7,286 | 11.8 | 16.5 | 9.9 | 30.6 | 22.9 | | 5.0 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 2.4 |
| Chemistry | 7,147 | 55.0 | 13.3 | 68.4 | 32.3 | 3.3 | 5.1 | | 2.1 | 4.8 | 21.1 |
| Business Studies | 6,784 | 14.5 | 16.3 | 4.7 | 26.7 | 4.0 | 6.9 | 2.3 | | 6.3 | 1.8 |
| Geography | 4,149 | 16.5 | 13.9 | 19.1 | 34.5 | 7.8 | 11.8 | 8.3 | 10.3 | | 7.0 |
| Physics | 4,412 | 78.7 | 2.6 | 18.1 | 31.2 | 1.4 | 3.9 | 34.2 | 2.7 | 6.6 | |
| Sociology | 7,061 | 3.4 | 32.6 | 5.1 | 22.3 | 10.3 | 9.2 | 1.6 | 8.8 | 4.0 | 0.3 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 6,302 | 2.5 | 14.0 | 1.4 | 21.0 | 9.5 | 6.0 | 0.5 | 10.7 | 2.6 | 0.5 |
| English Language | 6,811 | 5.3 | 24.5 | 5.1 | 32.7 | 10.1 | 11.9 | 1.5 | 8.4 | 5.2 | 0.9 |
| Economics | 3,652 | 43.9 | 10.2 | 7.4 | 25.9 | 5.6 | 13.0 | 6.5 | 21.3 | 8.7 | 7.8 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 3,983 | 12.1 | 25.4 | 24.4 | 29.8 | 3.4 | 7.9 | 6.1 | 15.0 | 7.9 | 2.4 |
| Religious Studies | 2,206 | 5.3 | 23.5 | 7.4 | 32.3 | 15.8 | 13.8 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 3.1 | 0.7 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 4,577 | 5.0 | 22.2 | 6.6 | 22.4 | 0.0 | 15.6 | 2.8 | 6.9 | 5.3 | 0.9 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 2,827 | 11.9 | 14.0 | 6.2 | 21.4 | 15.0 | 8.3 | 3.4 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 2.9 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 2,546 | 4.5 | 16.0 | 3.7 | 23.2 | 20.8 | 9.9 | 1.7 | 3.4 | 2.4 | 0.8 |
| Law | 5,980 | 8.7 | 30.3 | 5.4 | 32.5 | 11.1 | 16.1 | 2.3 | 13.9 | 4.2 | 0.8 |

**Table 15 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (Sixth Form Colleges)
2010**

| Subject | n | Sociology | Media/Film/Tv Studies | English Language | Economics | PE/Sports Studies | Religious Studies | Engl Lang & Lit | Art & Design (Fine Art) | Drama/Theatre Studies | Law |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------|
| Mathematics | 12,203 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 3.0 | 13.2 | 3.9 | 1.0 | 1.9 | 2.7 | 0.9 | 4.3 |
| Psychology | 12,967 | 17.8 | 6.8 | 12.9 | 2.9 | 7.8 | 4.0 | 7.9 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 14.0 |
| Biology | 9,468 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 3.7 | 2.9 | 10.3 | 1.7 | 3.2 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 3.4 |
| General Studies | 15,196 | 10.4 | 8.7 | 14.6 | 6.2 | 7.8 | 4.7 | 6.7 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 12.8 |
| English Literature | 6,588 | 11.1 | 9.1 | 10.4 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 6.5 | 8.0 | 10.1 |
| History | 7,286 | 8.9 | 5.2 | 11.1 | 6.5 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 9.8 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 13.2 |
| Chemistry | 7,147 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 1.9 |
| Business Studies | 6,784 | 9.1 | 10.0 | 8.5 | 11.5 | 8.8 | 1.9 | 4.7 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 12.3 |
| Geography | 4,149 | 6.8 | 3.9 | 8.5 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 1.7 | 5.9 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 6.1 |
| Physics | 4,412 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 6.5 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 1.9 | 0.5 | 1.1 |
| Sociology | 7,061 | | 10.3 | 13.2 | 2.4 | 4.0 | 6.5 | 10.3 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 13.6 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 6,302 | 11.5 | | 19.0 | 1.1 | 3.8 | 2.4 | 12.1 | 4.7 | 6.5 | 4.3 |
| English Language | 6,811 | 13.7 | 17.6 | | 2.3 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 13.3 |
| Economics | 3,652 | 4.5 | 1.8 | 4.4 | | 4.1 | 1.4 | 2.9 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 9.4 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 3,983 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 9.1 | 3.7 | | 1.4 | 3.4 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 6.4 |
| Religious Studies | 2,206 | 20.9 | 6.8 | 12.9 | 2.3 | 2.6 | | 10.8 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 8.9 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 4,577 | 15.9 | 16.6 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 5.2 | | 6.1 | 7.9 | 12.3 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 2,827 | 6.9 | 10.4 | 9.1 | 1.1 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 9.9 | | 3.4 | 2.2 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 2,546 | 8.1 | 16.1 | 12.8 | 0.9 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 14.1 | 3.8 | | 5.1 |
| Law | 5,980 | 16.1 | 4.5 | 15.1 | 5.7 | 4.2 | 3.3 | 9.4 | 1.0 | 2.2 | |

**Table 16: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (high prior attainment)
2010**

| Subject | n | Mathematics | Psychology | Biology | General Studies | English Literature | History | Chemistry | Business Studies | Geography | Physics |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Mathematics | 38,431 | | 6.5 | 34.0 | 21.9 | 7.5 | 11.6 | 41.3 | 3.7 | 9.6 | 33.6 |
| Psychology | 13,058 | 19.3 | | 33.1 | 26.4 | 20.4 | 15.9 | 14.5 | 5.5 | 9.0 | 2.3 |
| Biology | 27,892 | 46.9 | 15.5 | | 24.1 | 9.2 | 10.4 | 60.7 | 2.0 | 13.3 | 13.0 |
| General Studies | 19,755 | 42.5 | 17.4 | 34.0 | | 20.1 | 22.7 | 29.9 | 6.1 | 14.8 | 17.5 |
| English Literature | 18,045 | 15.9 | 14.8 | 14.2 | 22.0 | | 39.6 | 7.1 | 2.7 | 10.1 | 3.0 |
| History | 19,128 | 23.4 | 10.8 | 15.2 | 23.5 | 37.4 | | 9.3 | 3.3 | 10.9 | 4.9 |
| Chemistry | 24,601 | 64.5 | 7.7 | 68.8 | 24.0 | 5.2 | 7.2 | | 1.1 | 8.4 | 27.9 |
| Business Studies | 4,517 | 31.2 | 15.8 | 12.2 | 26.6 | 10.8 | 14.1 | 5.7 | | 14.7 | 5.7 |
| Geography | 11,953 | 31.0 | 9.9 | 30.9 | 24.5 | 15.2 | 17.4 | 17.2 | 5.6 | | 10.6 |
| Physics | 15,597 | 82.8 | 1.9 | 23.2 | 22.2 | 3.4 | 6.0 | 44.1 | 1.7 | 8.1 | |
| Sociology | 2,984 | 12.8 | 30.2 | 14.7 | 24.7 | 21.7 | 21.2 | 4.7 | 6.3 | 10.5 | 0.9 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 1,910 | 10.3 | 18.5 | 5.4 | 24.1 | 27.9 | 13.4 | 1.3 | 7.6 | 6.8 | 1.9 |
| English Language | 5,125 | 14.8 | 22.7 | 12.7 | 34.2 | 19.4 | 22.6 | 4.8 | 6.7 | 9.9 | 2.7 |
| Economics | 9,544 | 60.7 | 5.9 | 12.0 | 18.3 | 10.6 | 22.1 | 11.4 | 5.9 | 16.2 | 14.3 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 3,962 | 27.3 | 21.7 | 45.5 | 24.4 | 7.7 | 11.3 | 12.6 | 9.2 | 16.6 | 5.7 |
| Religious Studies | 6,067 | 16.2 | 16.2 | 16.4 | 24.5 | 33.1 | 30.6 | 8.9 | 2.9 | 9.6 | 3.6 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 3,446 | 15.6 | 21.7 | 16.3 | 25.8 | 0.1 | 28.5 | 7.1 | 4.4 | 9.4 | 3.1 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 4,531 | 27.0 | 12.4 | 14.5 | 19.2 | 27.8 | 17.2 | 7.5 | 3.3 | 10.0 | 9.0 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 3,761 | 12.4 | 15.0 | 10.8 | 19.2 | 45.3 | 22.4 | 4.6 | 2.4 | 5.9 | 2.9 |
| Law | 2,539 | 20.6 | 27.8 | 9.8 | 36.8 | 18.6 | 24.0 | 4.9 | 11.3 | 8.3 | 2.5 |

**Table 16 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (high prior attainment)
2010**

| Subject | n | Sociology | Media/Film/Tv Studies | English Language | Economics | PE/Sports Studies | Religious Studies | Engl Lang & Lit | Art & Design (Fine Art) | Drama/Theatre Studies | Law |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Mathematics | 38,431 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 2.0 | 15.1 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 1.4 | 3.2 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| Psychology | 13,058 | 6.9 | 2.7 | 8.9 | 4.3 | 6.6 | 7.5 | 5.7 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 5.4 |
| Biology | 27,892 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 2.3 | 4.1 | 6.5 | 3.6 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 0.9 |
| General Studies | 19,755 | 3.7 | 2.3 | 8.9 | 8.8 | 4.9 | 7.5 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 4.7 |
| English Literature | 18,045 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 1.7 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 9.4 | 2.6 |
| History | 19,128 | 3.3 | 1.3 | 6.1 | 11.0 | 2.3 | 9.7 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 3.2 |
| Chemistry | 24,601 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 4.4 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| Business Studies | 4,517 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 7.5 | 12.5 | 8.1 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 2.0 | 6.4 |
| Geography | 11,953 | 2.6 | 1.1 | 4.2 | 12.9 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 2.7 | 3.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| Physics | 15,597 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 8.7 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 2.6 | 0.7 | 0.4 |
| Sociology | 2,984 | | 4.2 | 11.5 | 4.6 | 3.3 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 6.7 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 1,910 | 6.5 | | 18.4 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 4.5 | 12.9 | 6.9 | 9.4 | 3.4 |
| English Language | 5,125 | 6.7 | 6.9 | | 4.7 | 3.7 | 6.8 | 0.0 | 4.6 | 6.6 | 6.5 |
| Economics | 9,544 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 2.5 | | 2.8 | 4.4 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 2.0 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 3,962 | 2.4 | 1.4 | 4.7 | 6.7 | | 3.8 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 2.4 |
| Religious Studies | 6,067 | 4.0 | 1.4 | 5.8 | 6.9 | 2.5 | | 3.9 | 4.7 | 5.7 | 1.5 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 3,446 | 7.0 | 7.2 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 2.6 | 6.9 | | 7.1 | 8.8 | 7.0 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 4,531 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 5.2 | 3.6 | 2.0 | 6.3 | 5.4 | | 3.6 | 0.8 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 3,761 | 3.0 | 4.8 | 9.0 | 2.9 | 1.9 | 9.3 | 8.1 | 4.4 | | 1.6 |
| Law | 2,539 | 7.9 | 2.5 | 13.2 | 7.4 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 9.5 | 1.3 | | 2.4 |

**Table 17: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (medium prior attainment)
2010**

| Subject | n | Mathematics | Psychology | Biology | General Studies | English Literature | History | Chemistry | Business Studies | Geography | Physics |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Mathematics | 17,030 | | 10.4 | 24.2 | 17.2 | 3.7 | 6.7 | 26.0 | 10.2 | 7.0 | 30.0 |
| Psychology | 22,269 | 8.0 | | 19.4 | 20.6 | 15.8 | 12.3 | 5.9 | 9.6 | 7.3 | 1.2 |
| Biology | 16,706 | 24.6 | 25.9 | | 20.6 | 7.0 | 9.3 | 36.8 | 5.2 | 12.0 | 9.2 |
| General Studies | 17,085 | 17.2 | 26.9 | 20.2 | | 16.3 | 19.0 | 11.1 | 13.0 | 13.6 | 8.5 |
| English Literature | 14,885 | 4.2 | 23.7 | 7.9 | 18.7 | | 26.5 | 2.1 | 6.3 | 7.7 | 0.8 |
| History | 14,786 | 7.7 | 18.5 | 10.6 | 22.0 | 26.7 | | 3.6 | 8.5 | 10.0 | 2.7 |
| Chemistry | 9,661 | 45.9 | 13.6 | 63.7 | 19.6 | 3.3 | 5.6 | | 3.2 | 6.5 | 23.7 |
| Business Studies | 11,550 | 15.0 | 18.6 | 7.5 | 19.3 | 8.1 | 10.8 | 2.6 | | 11.4 | 2.6 |
| Geography | 10,435 | 11.5 | 15.6 | 19.2 | 22.3 | 11.0 | 14.2 | 6.1 | 12.6 | | 5.7 |
| Physics | 7,587 | 67.4 | 3.6 | 20.3 | 19.1 | 1.7 | 5.2 | 30.2 | 4.0 | 7.8 | |
| Sociology | 9,595 | 4.2 | 35.5 | 8.1 | 18.9 | 16.3 | 14.2 | 1.9 | 9.2 | 6.5 | 0.4 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 7,713 | 3.7 | 17.1 | 3.1 | 17.0 | 18.1 | 10.1 | 0.7 | 10.3 | 5.4 | 0.8 |
| English Language | 8,864 | 4.4 | 26.1 | 6.9 | 25.1 | 13.2 | 15.5 | 1.7 | 9.2 | 7.5 | 1.0 |
| Economics | 5,823 | 34.4 | 12.6 | 8.9 | 17.8 | 7.5 | 15.7 | 4.9 | 19.5 | 13.2 | 7.5 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 8,295 | 10.8 | 25.3 | 27.4 | 21.7 | 6.1 | 10.7 | 4.4 | 16.2 | 13.8 | 3.0 |
| Religious Studies | 6,240 | 5.4 | 24.2 | 9.4 | 20.4 | 23.9 | 20.8 | 3.5 | 8.2 | 7.3 | 1.3 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 6,253 | 4.5 | 26.7 | 7.7 | 19.1 | 0.1 | 19.5 | 1.9 | 8.1 | 7.5 | 1.1 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 5,487 | 8.8 | 15.5 | 7.9 | 14.6 | 19.1 | 9.5 | 2.4 | 7.0 | 7.3 | 3.0 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 5,609 | 4.0 | 18.4 | 5.7 | 16.2 | 31.8 | 13.4 | 1.8 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 1.2 |
| Law | 5,316 | 7.2 | 32.2 | 6.5 | 25.1 | 13.1 | 17.6 | 2.4 | 14.5 | 6.0 | 1.2 |

**Table 17 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (medium prior attainment)
2010**

| Subject | n | Sociology | Media/Film/Tv Studies | English Language | Economics | PE/Sports Studies | Religious Studies | Engl Lang & Lit | Art & Design (Fine Art) | Drama/Theatre Studies | Law |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Mathematics | 17,030 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 11.8 | 5.3 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 2.8 | 1.3 | 2.3 |
| Psychology | 22,269 | 15.3 | 5.9 | 10.4 | 3.3 | 9.4 | 6.8 | 7.5 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 7.7 |
| Biology | 16,706 | 4.6 | 1.4 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 13.6 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 2.1 |
| General Studies | 17,085 | 10.6 | 7.7 | 13.0 | 6.1 | 10.5 | 7.5 | 7.0 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 7.8 |
| English Literature | 14,885 | 10.5 | 9.4 | 7.9 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 12.0 | 4.7 |
| History | 14,786 | 9.2 | 5.3 | 9.3 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 8.8 | 8.2 | 3.5 | 5.1 | 6.3 |
| Chemistry | 9,661 | 1.9 | 0.5 | 1.6 | 3.0 | 3.8 | 2.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| Business Studies | 11,550 | 7.6 | 6.9 | 7.1 | 9.9 | 11.6 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 3.3 | 2.4 | 6.7 |
| Geography | 10,435 | 6.0 | 4.0 | 6.4 | 7.4 | 10.9 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 3.8 | 2.3 | 3.0 |
| Physics | 7,587 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 5.8 | 3.3 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Sociology | 9,595 | | 8.5 | 11.2 | 2.6 | 4.7 | 7.5 | 8.8 | 3.2 | 4.1 | 8.5 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 7,713 | 10.5 | | 16.1 | 1.5 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 12.2 | 6.7 | 9.6 | 3.3 |
| English Language | 8,864 | 12.2 | 14.0 | | 2.6 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 6.5 | 8.1 |
| Economics | 5,823 | 4.3 | 2.0 | 4.0 | | 6.9 | 3.4 | 2.5 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 4.6 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 8,295 | 5.4 | 4.1 | 6.6 | 4.8 | | 3.6 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 3.0 |
| Religious Studies | 6,240 | 11.6 | 4.5 | 8.2 | 3.2 | 4.7 | | 6.9 | 4.9 | 6.6 | 3.0 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 6,253 | 13.5 | 15.0 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 4.4 | 6.9 | | 6.1 | 10.2 | 8.3 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 5,487 | 5.6 | 9.3 | 8.0 | 1.3 | 3.7 | 5.6 | 7.0 | | 5.2 | 1.3 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 5,609 | 7.0 | 13.2 | 10.3 | 1.7 | 3.8 | 7.4 | 11.4 | 5.1 | | 2.2 |
| Law | 5,316 | 15.4 | 4.8 | 13.5 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 3.5 | 9.7 | 1.4 | | 2.4 |

**Table 18: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (low prior attainment)
2010**

| Subject | n | Mathematics | Psychology | Biology | General Studies | English Literature | History | Chemistry | Business Studies | Geography | Physics |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Mathematics | 5,835 | | 8.7 | 14.8 | 9.9 | 2.5 | 3.6 | 18.7 | 12.9 | 3.7 | 24.0 |
| Psychology | 15,998 | 3.2 | | 7.8 | 13.3 | 12.4 | 8.7 | 2.4 | 9.7 | 3.9 | 0.6 |
| Biology | 5,074 | 17.0 | 24.7 | | 14.8 | 4.7 | 7.5 | 30.9 | 6.7 | 9.2 | 7.9 |
| General Studies | 10,111 | 5.7 | 21.0 | 7.4 | | 12.9 | 14.7 | 3.4 | 14.7 | 8.9 | 3.1 |
| English Literature | 10,736 | 1.4 | 18.4 | 2.2 | 12.2 | | 17.2 | 0.5 | 5.9 | 3.9 | 0.2 |
| History | 9,292 | 2.3 | 15.0 | 4.1 | 16.0 | 19.8 | | 1.1 | 8.8 | 7.8 | 0.7 |
| Chemistry | 2,816 | 38.7 | 13.4 | 55.6 | 12.4 | 1.8 | 3.6 | | 4.4 | 4.2 | 22.5 |
| Business Studies | 11,448 | 6.6 | 13.5 | 3.0 | 13.0 | 5.5 | 7.2 | 1.1 | | 7.2 | 0.9 |
| Geography | 5,548 | 3.9 | 11.4 | 8.4 | 16.2 | 7.5 | 13.1 | 2.1 | 14.9 | | 2.2 |
| Physics | 2,307 | 60.6 | 4.2 | 17.4 | 13.8 | 1.0 | 3.0 | 27.5 | 4.6 | 5.2 | |
| Sociology | 13,654 | 1.4 | 27.4 | 2.4 | 11.7 | 12.7 | 9.2 | 0.7 | 9.1 | 3.7 | 0.2 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 14,596 | 1.0 | 10.8 | 0.9 | 9.6 | 12.5 | 5.8 | 0.3 | 9.4 | 2.7 | 0.3 |
| English Language | 8,363 | 1.3 | 18.0 | 2.5 | 15.4 | 11.6 | 10.0 | 0.4 | 8.7 | 4.0 | 0.2 |
| Economics | 2,721 | 20.3 | 11.0 | 3.9 | 14.3 | 4.3 | 9.3 | 2.2 | 32.9 | 8.0 | 3.6 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 6,486 | 3.8 | 17.6 | 10.4 | 15.1 | 5.4 | 8.4 | 1.4 | 16.9 | 9.3 | 0.9 |
| Religious Studies | 5,107 | 1.9 | 18.2 | 2.6 | 13.9 | 17.9 | 13.6 | 0.9 | 7.7 | 4.3 | 0.3 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 6,081 | 1.2 | 19.2 | 2.2 | 12.0 | 0.0 | 12.2 | 0.3 | 7.2 | 3.7 | 0.3 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 5,064 | 2.9 | 8.7 | 1.7 | 9.0 | 10.8 | 4.7 | 0.4 | 4.8 | 2.8 | 0.6 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 5,756 | 1.0 | 10.6 | 1.4 | 9.9 | 18.7 | 7.2 | 0.3 | 4.2 | 2.2 | 0.2 |
| Law | 5,855 | 2.7 | 26.2 | 2.1 | 13.7 | 9.4 | 13.1 | 0.7 | 15.4 | 3.0 | 0.3 |

**Table 18 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (low prior attainment)
2010**

| Subject | n | Sociology | Media/Film/Tv Studies | English Language | Economics | PE/Sports Studies | Religious Studies | Engl Lang & Lit | Art & Design (Fine Art) | Drama/Theatre Studies | Law |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Mathematics | 5,835 | 3.3 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 9.5 | 4.2 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 2.7 |
| Psychology | 15,998 | 23.4 | 9.9 | 9.4 | 1.9 | 7.1 | 5.8 | 7.3 | 2.8 | 3.8 | 9.6 |
| Biology | 5,074 | 6.4 | 2.6 | 4.0 | 2.1 | 13.3 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 2.4 |
| General Studies | 10,111 | 15.8 | 13.8 | 12.8 | 3.9 | 9.7 | 7.0 | 7.2 | 4.5 | 5.6 | 7.9 |
| English Literature | 10,736 | 16.1 | 17.0 | 9.1 | 1.1 | 3.2 | 8.5 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 10.0 | 5.1 |
| History | 9,292 | 13.5 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 2.7 | 5.9 | 7.4 | 8.0 | 2.6 | 4.4 | 8.3 |
| Chemistry | 2,816 | 3.3 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 2.1 | 3.3 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 1.5 |
| Business Studies | 11,448 | 10.9 | 12.0 | 6.4 | 7.8 | 9.6 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 7.9 |
| Geography | 5,548 | 9.0 | 7.2 | 6.1 | 3.9 | 10.9 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 3.2 |
| Physics | 2,307 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 4.2 | 2.4 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| Sociology | 13,654 | | 12.7 | 9.4 | 1.6 | 3.4 | 7.6 | 8.2 | 2.3 | 3.5 | 9.1 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 14,596 | 11.9 | | 11.3 | 0.9 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 8.3 | 4.7 | 8.3 | 2.6 |
| English Language | 8,363 | 15.3 | 19.8 | | 0.8 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 0.0 | 4.1 | 5.9 | 7.2 |
| Economics | 2,721 | 8.0 | 4.6 | 2.4 | | 5.1 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 8.1 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 6,486 | 7.2 | 9.7 | 6.7 | 2.2 | | 3.2 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| Religious Studies | 5,107 | 20.4 | 9.4 | 9.1 | 1.4 | 4.1 | | 7.3 | 3.3 | 5.3 | 5.2 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 6,081 | 18.5 | 20.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 3.3 | 6.2 | | 4.9 | 8.6 | 8.6 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 5,064 | 6.1 | 13.7 | 6.8 | 0.5 | 2.5 | 3.4 | 5.9 | | 4.8 | 1.1 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 5,756 | 8.3 | 21.1 | 8.6 | 0.6 | 3.0 | 4.7 | 9.0 | 4.2 | | 2.1 |
| Law | 5,855 | 21.3 | 6.4 | 10.2 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 4.5 | 9.0 | 1.0 | | 2.1 |

**Table 19: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (high deprivation)
2010**

| Subject | n | Mathematics | Psychology | Biology | General Studies | English Literature | History | Chemistry | Business Studies | Geography | Physics |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Mathematics | 11,504 | | 9.0 | 32.2 | 14.5 | 6.1 | 8.6 | 37.5 | 6.5 | 5.9 | 28.6 |
| Psychology | 10,129 | 10.3 | | 19.6 | 15.0 | 19.1 | 12.9 | 8.6 | 7.5 | 5.5 | 1.4 |
| Biology | 9,306 | 39.8 | 21.3 | | 17.9 | 8.3 | 8.9 | 53.2 | 3.2 | 8.5 | 11.2 |
| General Studies | 6,988 | 23.8 | 21.8 | 23.8 | | 18.8 | 20.9 | 18.2 | 9.6 | 11.7 | 10.9 |
| English Literature | 9,367 | 7.5 | 20.6 | 8.3 | 14.0 | | 27.5 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 6.3 | 1.3 |
| History | 7,786 | 12.6 | 16.8 | 10.6 | 18.7 | 33.1 | | 5.6 | 5.6 | 8.3 | 3.0 |
| Chemistry | 7,279 | 59.2 | 12.0 | 68.1 | 17.5 | 4.7 | 5.9 | | 2.1 | 4.9 | 24.6 |
| Business Studies | 4,320 | 17.4 | 17.5 | 6.9 | 15.6 | 9.7 | 10.1 | 3.6 | | 7.7 | 2.4 |
| Geography | 4,025 | 17.0 | 13.7 | 19.6 | 20.3 | 14.7 | 16.0 | 8.9 | 8.3 | | 6.4 |
| Physics | 4,364 | 75.4 | 3.2 | 23.9 | 17.5 | 2.9 | 5.3 | 41.0 | 2.4 | 5.9 | |
| Sociology | 6,230 | 4.5 | 28.5 | 6.6 | 11.5 | 18.7 | 13.1 | 2.3 | 7.4 | 4.6 | 0.4 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 5,225 | 2.8 | 13.4 | 2.1 | 8.9 | 20.1 | 8.0 | 0.5 | 7.5 | 3.6 | 0.6 |
| English Language | 3,198 | 5.1 | 22.0 | 7.1 | 21.5 | 16.2 | 16.2 | 2.7 | 6.6 | 5.8 | 1.3 |
| Economics | 2,883 | 50.6 | 11.6 | 10.3 | 13.3 | 10.7 | 15.1 | 8.9 | 12.3 | 9.9 | 10.0 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 2,885 | 12.1 | 21.1 | 23.9 | 17.2 | 7.6 | 9.7 | 4.5 | 10.8 | 10.7 | 2.5 |
| Religious Studies | 4,018 | 7.6 | 21.5 | 9.2 | 16.2 | 24.9 | 19.2 | 4.7 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 1.4 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 2,457 | 7.0 | 22.6 | 7.3 | 17.1 | 0.0 | 20.6 | 2.4 | 6.0 | 6.7 | 1.7 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 2,455 | 11.4 | 11.6 | 7.2 | 11.0 | 19.4 | 9.5 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 3.6 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 2,956 | 4.5 | 14.8 | 4.4 | 12.3 | 29.0 | 12.0 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 1.2 |
| Law | 1,827 | 6.9 | 24.2 | 5.6 | 13.6 | 14.9 | 16.1 | 2.2 | 11.7 | 6.0 | 0.9 |

**Table 19 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (high deprivation)
2010**

| Subject | n | Sociology | Media/Film/Tv Studies | English Language | Economics | PE/Sports Studies | Religious Studies | Engl Lang & Lit | Art & Design (Fine Art) | Drama/Theatre Studies | Law |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Mathematics | 11,504 | 2.4 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 12.7 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 1.1 |
| Psychology | 10,129 | 17.5 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 3.3 | 6.0 | 8.5 | 5.5 | 2.8 | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| Biology | 9,306 | 4.4 | 1.2 | 2.4 | 3.2 | 7.4 | 4.0 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| General Studies | 6,988 | 10.3 | 6.6 | 9.8 | 5.5 | 7.1 | 9.3 | 6.0 | 3.9 | 5.2 | 3.5 |
| English Literature | 9,367 | 12.4 | 11.2 | 5.5 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 10.7 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 9.2 | 2.9 |
| History | 7,786 | 10.5 | 5.4 | 6.7 | 5.6 | 3.6 | 9.9 | 6.5 | 3.0 | 4.5 | 3.8 |
| Chemistry | 7,279 | 2.0 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 3.5 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| Business Studies | 4,320 | 10.7 | 9.1 | 4.9 | 8.2 | 7.2 | 5.5 | 3.4 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 4.9 |
| Geography | 4,025 | 7.1 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 7.1 | 7.7 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 2.7 |
| Physics | 4,364 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 6.6 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 0.4 |
| Sociology | 6,230 | | 10.2 | 6.2 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 9.9 | 5.6 | 2.0 | 3.8 | 4.8 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 5,225 | 12.2 | | 8.2 | 1.1 | 3.3 | 4.8 | 6.2 | 4.8 | 9.1 | 2.3 |
| English Language | 3,198 | 12.0 | 13.5 | | 1.9 | 4.8 | 7.7 | 0.0 | 3.5 | 6.5 | 4.4 |
| Economics | 2,883 | 6.2 | 2.0 | 2.1 | | 3.1 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 3.3 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 2,885 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 3.1 | | 4.6 | 2.9 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 1.5 |
| Religious Studies | 4,018 | 15.4 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 2.8 | 3.3 | | 6.1 | 3.3 | 4.8 | 3.0 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 2,457 | 14.3 | 13.3 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 3.4 | 10.1 | | 4.6 | 9.8 | 4.9 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 2,455 | 5.1 | 10.2 | 4.6 | 0.9 | 2.3 | 5.5 | 4.6 | | 4.2 | 0.9 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 2,956 | 8.1 | 16.0 | 7.0 | 1.0 | 2.6 | 6.5 | 8.2 | 3.5 | | 1.5 |
| Law | 1,827 | 16.3 | 6.6 | 7.8 | 5.1 | 2.4 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 1.2 | | 2.4 |

**Table 20: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (medium deprivation)
2010**

| Subject | n | Mathematics | Psychology | Biology | General Studies | English Literature | History | Chemistry | Business Studies | Geography | Physics |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Mathematics | 11,766 | | 8.3 | 29.6 | 22.4 | 6.6 | 11.0 | 34.5 | 5.8 | 9.9 | 34.1 |
| Psychology | 9,854 | 9.9 | | 20.1 | 21.5 | 18.1 | 14.4 | 6.1 | 7.5 | 8.4 | 1.6 |
| Biology | 9,992 | 34.9 | 19.9 | | 25.2 | 8.8 | 11.9 | 46.0 | 3.2 | 14.1 | 11.9 |
| General Studies | 10,238 | 25.7 | 20.7 | 24.6 | | 19.1 | 23.4 | 17.7 | 9.0 | 15.7 | 12.5 |
| English Literature | 9,270 | 8.3 | 19.2 | 9.5 | 21.0 | | 31.0 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 8.9 | 1.8 |
| History | 9,266 | 14.0 | 15.3 | 12.9 | 25.8 | 31.0 | | 5.6 | 6.0 | 10.9 | 3.7 |
| Chemistry | 7,079 | 57.4 | 8.5 | 65.0 | 25.6 | 4.7 | 7.3 | | 1.4 | 9.0 | 29.3 |
| Business Studies | 4,473 | 15.2 | 16.6 | 7.2 | 20.6 | 9.3 | 12.4 | 2.3 | | 11.5 | 3.6 |
| Geography | 6,223 | 18.6 | 13.3 | 22.6 | 25.9 | 13.3 | 16.2 | 10.3 | 8.3 | | 7.7 |
| Physics | 5,402 | 74.3 | 2.9 | 22.0 | 23.7 | 3.1 | 6.3 | 38.4 | 3.0 | 8.8 | |
| Sociology | 4,515 | 4.3 | 29.7 | 6.7 | 19.5 | 18.6 | 15.9 | 1.4 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 0.4 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 4,797 | 2.9 | 13.5 | 2.3 | 13.3 | 18.7 | 9.4 | 0.5 | 8.1 | 4.9 | 0.8 |
| English Language | 4,182 | 6.1 | 21.7 | 7.4 | 22.7 | 15.8 | 17.6 | 2.3 | 7.3 | 8.1 | 1.1 |
| Economics | 2,619 | 45.9 | 9.8 | 10.3 | 22.9 | 8.7 | 19.4 | 8.0 | 15.3 | 15.3 | 11.2 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 4,154 | 11.5 | 21.9 | 25.7 | 20.8 | 7.4 | 11.5 | 4.5 | 11.9 | 13.0 | 3.3 |
| Religious Studies | 3,777 | 8.0 | 20.8 | 10.0 | 24.0 | 26.7 | 24.5 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 7.1 | 2.4 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 2,813 | 7.1 | 22.2 | 9.0 | 22.7 | 0.1 | 22.4 | 2.7 | 5.9 | 8.4 | 1.9 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 2,904 | 10.7 | 13.4 | 8.1 | 16.9 | 20.6 | 10.7 | 2.5 | 4.5 | 7.7 | 3.8 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 3,432 | 4.8 | 14.1 | 5.6 | 15.6 | 31.6 | 13.5 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 3.8 | 1.3 |
| Law | 1,527 | 8.6 | 24.5 | 6.0 | 23.3 | 14.9 | 21.7 | 2.2 | 12.5 | 7.9 | 1.8 |

**Table 20 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (medium deprivation)
2010**

| Subject | n | Sociology | Media/Film/Tv Studies | English Language | Economics | PE/Sports Studies | Religious Studies | Engl Lang & Lit | Art & Design (Fine Art) | Drama/Theatre Studies | Law |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Mathematics | 11,766 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 10.2 | 4.1 | 2.6 | 1.7 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Psychology | 9,854 | 13.6 | 6.6 | 9.2 | 2.6 | 9.2 | 8.0 | 6.3 | 3.9 | 4.9 | 3.8 |
| Biology | 9,992 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 10.7 | 3.8 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 0.9 |
| General Studies | 10,238 | 8.6 | 6.3 | 9.3 | 5.9 | 8.4 | 8.9 | 6.2 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 3.5 |
| English Literature | 9,270 | 9.1 | 9.7 | 7.1 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 10.9 | 0.0 | 6.5 | 11.7 | 2.5 |
| History | 9,266 | 7.8 | 4.8 | 7.9 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 10.0 | 6.8 | 3.4 | 5.0 | 3.6 |
| Chemistry | 7,079 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.5 |
| Business Studies | 4,473 | 7.6 | 8.7 | 6.9 | 8.9 | 11.0 | 4.6 | 3.7 | 2.9 | 2.0 | 4.3 |
| Geography | 6,223 | 5.3 | 3.8 | 5.4 | 6.4 | 8.6 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 2.1 | 1.9 |
| Physics | 5,402 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 5.4 | 2.6 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| Sociology | 4,515 | | 9.9 | 9.3 | 2.2 | 5.2 | 9.0 | 6.4 | 3.2 | 5.4 | 4.1 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 4,797 | 9.3 | | 11.2 | 1.3 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 8.4 | 5.8 | 12.0 | 1.7 |
| English Language | 4,182 | 10.1 | 12.8 | | 2.1 | 6.6 | 7.9 | 0.0 | 4.3 | 7.8 | 3.1 |
| Economics | 2,619 | 3.9 | 2.4 | 3.3 | | 5.6 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 2.7 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 4,154 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 3.5 | | 3.3 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 |
| Religious Studies | 3,777 | 10.7 | 5.8 | 8.7 | 2.2 | 3.7 | | 6.4 | 4.9 | 7.0 | 2.3 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 2,813 | 10.3 | 14.3 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 4.6 | 8.6 | | 5.8 | 11.4 | 3.7 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 2,904 | 5.0 | 9.6 | 6.2 | 0.7 | 3.3 | 6.4 | 5.6 | | 5.5 | 0.4 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 3,432 | 7.1 | 16.7 | 9.5 | 1.0 | 2.8 | 7.7 | 9.4 | 4.6 | | 1.2 |
| Law | 1,527 | 12.0 | 5.4 | 8.5 | 4.6 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 6.7 | 0.8 | 2.8 | |

**Table 21: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (low deprivation)
2010**

| Subject | n | Mathematics | Psychology | Biology | General Studies | English Literature | History | Chemistry | Business Studies | Geography | Physics |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Mathematics | 12,786 | | 7.8 | 30.0 | 24.8 | 6.5 | 10.3 | 35.7 | 6.1 | 10.8 | 34.4 |
| Psychology | 9,882 | 10.1 | | 21.3 | 23.4 | 18.0 | 13.8 | 6.5 | 8.7 | 9.5 | 1.7 |
| Biology | 10,767 | 35.6 | 19.5 | | 27.3 | 9.1 | 10.8 | 46.2 | 3.6 | 15.7 | 12.1 |
| General Studies | 11,539 | 27.5 | 20.0 | 25.5 | | 19.6 | 22.0 | 18.8 | 10.3 | 16.2 | 12.8 |
| English Literature | 9,154 | 9.1 | 19.4 | 10.7 | 24.8 | | 32.2 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 10.2 | 1.9 |
| History | 9,326 | 14.2 | 14.6 | 12.5 | 27.2 | 31.6 | | 6.3 | 6.3 | 12.0 | 3.9 |
| Chemistry | 7,761 | 58.8 | 8.3 | 64.1 | 27.9 | 5.0 | 7.5 | | 1.9 | 9.8 | 29.3 |
| Business Studies | 5,125 | 15.2 | 16.7 | 7.6 | 23.2 | 9.0 | 11.5 | 2.9 | | 12.4 | 3.0 |
| Geography | 7,028 | 19.7 | 13.4 | 24.0 | 26.6 | 13.2 | 15.9 | 10.9 | 9.0 | | 7.5 |
| Physics | 5,787 | 76.1 | 2.9 | 22.5 | 25.5 | 3.1 | 6.3 | 39.3 | 2.7 | 9.1 | |
| Sociology | 3,984 | 3.8 | 27.9 | 6.6 | 20.7 | 16.6 | 14.7 | 1.3 | 9.9 | 9.5 | 0.4 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 4,139 | 3.3 | 13.6 | 2.8 | 14.9 | 18.2 | 9.9 | 0.6 | 10.3 | 6.2 | 0.9 |
| English Language | 4,603 | 7.1 | 21.7 | 8.5 | 26.1 | 16.2 | 17.7 | 2.1 | 8.7 | 9.5 | 1.6 |
| Economics | 3,223 | 43.9 | 9.4 | 10.3 | 27.9 | 8.9 | 20.1 | 8.2 | 15.9 | 17.2 | 10.5 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 4,497 | 13.2 | 21.8 | 26.9 | 23.1 | 6.1 | 11.3 | 5.0 | 14.1 | 14.5 | 2.9 |
| Religious Studies | 3,656 | 8.8 | 21.9 | 11.5 | 26.5 | 27.4 | 23.6 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 8.6 | 2.4 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 2,584 | 6.2 | 22.0 | 9.1 | 23.6 | 0.1 | 22.3 | 2.6 | 7.6 | 9.3 | 2.0 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 2,738 | 13.1 | 13.9 | 10.0 | 18.8 | 19.9 | 12.0 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 7.6 | 3.9 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 3,209 | 5.4 | 16.8 | 6.8 | 18.1 | 32.2 | 14.5 | 1.7 | 3.8 | 5.1 | 1.6 |
| Law | 1,445 | 8.7 | 24.9 | 6.7 | 25.8 | 16.2 | 19.9 | 2.9 | 14.3 | 9.3 | 1.9 |

**Table 21 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (low deprivation)
2010**

| Subject | n | Sociology | Media/Film/Tv Studies | English Language | Economics | PE/Sports Studies | Religious Studies | Engl Lang & Lit | Art & Design (Fine Art) | Drama/Theatre Studies | Law |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Mathematics | 12,786 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 2.5 | 11.1 | 4.7 | 2.5 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 1.4 | 1.0 |
| Psychology | 9,882 | 11.3 | 5.7 | 10.1 | 3.1 | 9.9 | 8.1 | 5.7 | 3.9 | 5.4 | 3.6 |
| Biology | 10,767 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 11.2 | 3.9 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 0.9 |
| General Studies | 11,539 | 7.2 | 5.3 | 10.4 | 7.8 | 9.0 | 8.4 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 3.2 |
| English Literature | 9,154 | 7.2 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 10.9 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 11.3 | 2.6 |
| History | 9,326 | 6.3 | 4.4 | 8.7 | 6.9 | 5.4 | 9.3 | 6.2 | 3.5 | 5.0 | 3.1 |
| Chemistry | 7,761 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 2.0 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| Business Studies | 5,125 | 7.7 | 8.3 | 7.8 | 10.0 | 12.4 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 4.0 |
| Geography | 7,028 | 5.4 | 3.6 | 6.2 | 7.9 | 9.2 | 4.5 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 2.3 | 1.9 |
| Physics | 5,787 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 5.8 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 0.5 |
| Sociology | 3,984 | | 9.3 | 11.0 | 2.3 | 6.3 | 9.3 | 6.3 | 3.5 | 5.4 | 4.0 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 4,139 | 9.0 | | 12.7 | 1.3 | 6.4 | 4.3 | 7.9 | 5.7 | 10.7 | 2.0 |
| English Language | 4,603 | 9.6 | 11.4 | | 2.7 | 6.1 | 7.3 | 0.0 | 5.6 | 8.2 | 3.2 |
| Economics | 3,223 | 2.9 | 1.7 | 3.8 | | 7.0 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 2.7 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 4,497 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 5.0 | | 3.1 | 3.4 | 1.6 | 2.8 | 1.5 |
| Religious Studies | 3,656 | 10.1 | 4.9 | 9.2 | 2.8 | 3.9 | | 5.7 | 4.2 | 6.4 | 2.3 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 2,584 | 9.7 | 12.6 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 6.0 | 8.1 | | 5.8 | 11.6 | 3.4 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 2,738 | 5.1 | 8.6 | 9.5 | 1.4 | 2.7 | 5.6 | 5.5 | | 4.8 | 1.1 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 3,209 | 6.7 | 13.7 | 11.8 | 1.0 | 3.9 | 7.3 | 9.4 | 4.1 | | 1.4 |
| Law | 1,445 | 11.1 | 5.7 | 10.0 | 6.1 | 4.7 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 2.1 | 3.0 | |

**Table 22: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (mixed schools)
2010**

| Subject | n | Mathematics | Psychology | Biology | General Studies | English Literature | History | Chemistry | Business Studies | Geography | Physics |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Mathematics | 54,832 | | 8.0 | 27.7 | 18.2 | 5.3 | 8.8 | 33.4 | 7.2 | 7.7 | 32.4 |
| Psychology | 47,813 | 9.2 | | 18.8 | 19.5 | 15.3 | 11.9 | 6.7 | 8.6 | 6.3 | 1.3 |
| Biology | 43,229 | 35.2 | 20.8 | | 21.3 | 7.7 | 9.8 | 48.2 | 3.7 | 12.0 | 11.3 |
| General Studies | 41,852 | 23.9 | 22.3 | 22.0 | | 16.4 | 19.2 | 16.0 | 10.8 | 12.7 | 10.6 |
| English Literature | 37,919 | 7.6 | 19.3 | 8.7 | 18.1 | | 28.8 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 7.3 | 1.4 |
| History | 38,126 | 12.7 | 15.0 | 11.1 | 21.1 | 28.7 | | 5.4 | 6.6 | 9.7 | 3.2 |
| Chemistry | 31,942 | 57.4 | 10.1 | 65.2 | 21.0 | 4.1 | 6.4 | | 2.0 | 6.9 | 27.4 |
| Business Studies | 26,390 | 14.9 | 15.7 | 6.0 | 17.2 | 7.0 | 9.5 | 2.4 | | 9.7 | 2.5 |
| Geography | 24,340 | 17.3 | 12.4 | 21.3 | 21.8 | 11.4 | 15.2 | 9.1 | 10.5 | | 7.1 |
| Physics | 23,264 | 76.3 | 2.7 | 20.9 | 19.1 | 2.3 | 5.2 | 37.6 | 2.9 | 7.4 | |
| Sociology | 25,190 | 3.8 | 30.8 | 5.8 | 15.9 | 14.4 | 12.4 | 1.5 | 8.8 | 5.2 | 0.4 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 23,475 | 2.6 | 13.3 | 1.9 | 13.0 | 15.0 | 7.8 | 0.5 | 9.5 | 3.8 | 0.6 |
| English Language | 21,486 | 5.6 | 22.4 | 6.4 | 22.8 | 13.8 | 14.7 | 1.9 | 8.4 | 6.5 | 1.1 |
| Economics | 15,905 | 45.9 | 9.3 | 8.9 | 16.6 | 7.7 | 16.8 | 7.2 | 16.7 | 12.4 | 10.7 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 17,699 | 11.7 | 21.8 | 24.9 | 19.7 | 5.9 | 10.0 | 4.9 | 15.1 | 12.5 | 2.8 |
| Religious Studies | 14,473 | 7.1 | 20.2 | 9.2 | 20.0 | 24.5 | 21.8 | 4.2 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 1.7 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 15,217 | 5.6 | 22.9 | 7.4 | 17.7 | 0.1 | 18.2 | 2.5 | 6.9 | 6.3 | 1.2 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 13,845 | 11.7 | 12.4 | 7.3 | 13.7 | 18.1 | 9.8 | 2.9 | 5.2 | 6.1 | 3.6 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 13,859 | 4.5 | 14.5 | 5.0 | 14.4 | 28.6 | 12.9 | 1.8 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 1.2 |
| Law | 13,724 | 7.9 | 28.8 | 5.3 | 22.0 | 12.4 | 16.7 | 2.1 | 14.4 | 5.1 | 1.1 |

**Table 22 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (mixed schools)
2010**

| Subject | n | Sociology | Media/Film/Tv Studies | English Language | Economics | PE/Sports Studies | Religious Studies | Engl Lang & Lit | Art & Design (Fine Art) | Drama/Theatre Studies | Law |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Mathematics | 54,832 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 13.3 | 3.8 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 2.9 | 1.1 | 2.0 |
| Psychology | 47,813 | 16.2 | 6.5 | 10.1 | 3.1 | 8.1 | 6.1 | 7.3 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 8.3 |
| Biology | 43,229 | 3.4 | 1.0 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 10.2 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| General Studies | 41,852 | 9.5 | 7.3 | 11.7 | 6.3 | 8.4 | 6.9 | 6.4 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 7.2 |
| English Literature | 37,919 | 9.6 | 9.3 | 7.8 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 9.3 | 0.0 | 6.6 | 10.5 | 4.5 |
| History | 38,126 | 8.2 | 4.8 | 8.3 | 7.0 | 4.6 | 8.3 | 7.3 | 3.6 | 4.7 | 6.0 |
| Chemistry | 31,942 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Business Studies | 26,390 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 6.8 | 10.1 | 10.1 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 7.5 |
| Geography | 24,340 | 5.4 | 3.7 | 5.8 | 8.1 | 9.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 2.1 | 2.9 |
| Physics | 23,264 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 7.3 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| Sociology | 25,190 | | 10.3 | 10.6 | 2.4 | 3.9 | 7.2 | 8.7 | 2.8 | 3.7 | 9.1 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 23,475 | 11.0 | | 13.7 | 1.2 | 4.2 | 3.3 | 10.0 | 5.4 | 8.8 | 3.0 |
| English Language | 21,486 | 12.4 | 15.0 | | 2.3 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 0.0 | 4.6 | 6.2 | 7.7 |
| Economics | 15,905 | 3.8 | 1.8 | 3.0 | | 4.6 | 3.1 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 4.4 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 17,699 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 4.2 | | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.9 |
| Religious Studies | 14,473 | 12.5 | 5.4 | 8.2 | 3.4 | 4.0 | | 6.6 | 4.5 | 5.8 | 3.7 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 15,217 | 14.3 | 15.4 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 3.5 | 6.3 | | 5.9 | 9.2 | 8.5 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 13,845 | 5.0 | 9.1 | 7.2 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 4.7 | 6.4 | | 4.6 | 1.2 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 13,859 | 6.8 | 14.9 | 9.7 | 1.4 | 3.1 | 6.1 | 10.1 | 4.6 | | 2.3 |
| Law | 13,724 | 16.8 | 5.1 | 12.0 | 5.1 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 9.4 | 1.2 | | 2.3 |

**Table 23: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (boys schools)
2010**

| Subject | n | Mathematics | Psychology | Biology | General Studies | English Literature | History | Chemistry | Business Studies | Geography | Physics |
|-------------------------|-------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Mathematics | 4,970 | | 2.0 | 27.3 | 21.4 | 5.7 | 10.8 | 38.7 | 3.1 | 10.3 | 40.7 |
| Psychology | 628 | 15.6 | | 20.5 | 29.3 | 14.5 | 16.2 | 10.7 | 12.9 | 10.5 | 5.1 |
| Biology | 2,504 | 54.2 | 5.2 | | 28.5 | 6.4 | 9.6 | 61.9 | 3.0 | 13.6 | 19.9 |
| General Studies | 2,413 | 44.1 | 7.6 | 29.6 | | 14.5 | 21.5 | 26.9 | 10.3 | 17.4 | 23.7 |
| English Literature | 1,677 | 16.8 | 5.4 | 9.6 | 20.9 | | 41.8 | 6.0 | 3.8 | 13.4 | 4.8 |
| History | 2,323 | 23.1 | 4.4 | 10.4 | 22.3 | 30.2 | | 5.9 | 5.0 | 15.2 | 5.8 |
| Chemistry | 2,623 | 73.3 | 2.6 | 59.1 | 24.7 | 3.8 | 5.2 | | 1.0 | 8.4 | 38.2 |
| Business Studies | 858 | 18.1 | 9.4 | 8.9 | 29.0 | 7.3 | 13.5 | 3.1 | | 20.0 | 4.3 |
| Geography | 1,711 | 29.8 | 3.9 | 19.9 | 24.6 | 13.2 | 20.6 | 12.9 | 10.1 | | 10.9 |
| Physics | 2,387 | 84.8 | 1.3 | 20.9 | 24.0 | 3.4 | 5.6 | 42.0 | 1.6 | 7.8 | |
| Sociology | 191 | 6.3 | 15.7 | 6.8 | 15.7 | 13.1 | 23.6 | 1.0 | 13.6 | 15.7 | 0.5 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 321 | 5.3 | 9.3 | 5.3 | 20.2 | 18.7 | 12.5 | 0.6 | 13.4 | 5.9 | 1.2 |
| English Language | 330 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 45.2 | 17.3 | 29.4 | 6.4 | 12.4 | 16.4 | 4.2 |
| Economics | 2,116 | 61.7 | 2.6 | 11.8 | 18.7 | 9.3 | 22.2 | 12.7 | 4.0 | 18.4 | 15.5 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 632 | 17.1 | 12.8 | 22.0 | 26.7 | 10.6 | 14.2 | 6.3 | 20.7 | 20.4 | 5.7 |
| Religious Studies | 811 | 22.4 | 3.9 | 11.3 | 23.4 | 24.4 | 30.5 | 7.5 | 6.8 | 10.7 | 6.4 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 292 | 14.0 | 13.0 | 8.9 | 38.7 | 0.0 | 36.3 | 2.7 | 11.3 | 10.6 | 3.1 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 457 | 27.4 | 3.1 | 9.0 | 20.8 | 21.4 | 12.7 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 12.9 | 14.7 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 310 | 18.1 | 7.1 | 11.3 | 18.7 | 38.4 | 20.3 | 6.8 | 4.8 | 9.4 | 5.2 |
| Law | 111 | 10.8 | 8.1 | 5.4 | 33.3 | 13.5 | 31.5 | 0.9 | 13.5 | 9.0 | 0.0 |

Table 23 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (boys schools)
2010

| Subject | n | Sociology | Media/Film/Tv Studies | English Language | Economics | PE/Sports Studies | Religious Studies | Engl Lang & Lit | Art & Design (Fine Art) | Drama/Theatre Studies | Law |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Mathematics | 4,970 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 26.3 | 2.2 | 3.7 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 0.2 |
| Psychology | 628 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 8.9 | 12.9 | 5.1 | 6.1 | 2.2 | 3.5 | 1.4 |
| Biology | 2,504 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 9.9 | 5.6 | 3.7 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 0.2 |
| General Studies | 2,413 | 1.2 | 2.7 | 6.2 | 16.4 | 7.0 | 7.9 | 4.7 | 3.9 | 2.4 | 1.5 |
| English Literature | 1,677 | 1.5 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 11.7 | 4.0 | 11.8 | 0.0 | 5.8 | 7.1 | 0.9 |
| History | 2,323 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 4.2 | 20.2 | 3.9 | 10.6 | 4.6 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 1.5 |
| Chemistry | 2,623 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 10.2 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| Business Studies | 858 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 9.9 | 15.3 | 6.4 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Geography | 1,711 | 1.8 | 1.1 | 3.2 | 22.8 | 7.5 | 5.1 | 1.8 | 3.4 | 1.7 | 0.6 |
| Physics | 2,387 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 13.8 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 0.4 | 2.8 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Sociology | 191 | | 11.5 | 2.6 | 9.4 | 6.8 | 14.1 | 4.7 | 0.5 | 2.1 | 3.1 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 321 | 6.9 | | 5.6 | 2.8 | 7.8 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 8.1 | 8.7 | 1.2 |
| English Language | 330 | 1.5 | 5.5 | | 9.4 | 6.7 | 7.3 | 0.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.0 |
| Economics | 2,116 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 1.5 | | 3.6 | 5.1 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 632 | 2.1 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 12.0 | | 5.1 | 4.0 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 0.8 |
| Religious Studies | 811 | 3.3 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 13.2 | 3.9 | | 4.1 | 4.4 | 2.7 | 1.1 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 292 | 3.1 | 5.5 | 0.0 | 8.9 | 8.6 | 11.3 | | 4.1 | 4.5 | 1.7 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 457 | 0.2 | 5.7 | 2.8 | 7.4 | 3.7 | 7.9 | 2.6 | | 3.7 | 0.2 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 310 | 1.3 | 9.0 | 4.2 | 6.5 | 2.9 | 7.1 | 4.2 | 5.5 | | 0.0 |
| Law | 111 | 5.4 | 3.6 | 9.0 | 13.5 | 4.5 | 8.1 | 4.5 | 0.9 | | 0.0 |

**Table 24: Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (girls schools)
2010**

| Subject | n | Mathematics | Psychology | Biology | General Studies | English Literature | History | Chemistry | Business Studies | Geography | Physics |
|-------------------------|-------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Mathematics | 5,859 | | 8.9 | 40.5 | 17.6 | 9.6 | 10.3 | 44.2 | 3.7 | 9.6 | 22.0 |
| Psychology | 3,829 | 13.7 | | 26.1 | 19.3 | 22.8 | 12.5 | 10.7 | 8.1 | 9.8 | 1.2 |
| Biology | 5,397 | 43.9 | 18.5 | | 20.5 | 10.5 | 8.4 | 60.2 | 2.5 | 13.7 | 9.1 |
| General Studies | 3,245 | 31.8 | 22.8 | 34.1 | | 28.5 | 22.6 | 27.4 | 5.9 | 15.6 | 9.2 |
| English Literature | 4,876 | 11.6 | 17.9 | 11.6 | 19.0 | | 31.9 | 5.3 | 3.9 | 8.7 | 1.9 |
| History | 3,558 | 17.0 | 13.5 | 12.7 | 20.6 | 43.7 | | 6.9 | 4.0 | 8.6 | 2.4 |
| Chemistry | 4,313 | 60.0 | 9.5 | 75.4 | 20.6 | 6.0 | 5.7 | | 1.1 | 9.7 | 19.0 |
| Business Studies | 1,271 | 16.8 | 24.4 | 10.6 | 14.9 | 14.9 | 11.3 | 3.9 | | 10.8 | 1.3 |
| Geography | 2,430 | 23.0 | 15.5 | 30.5 | 20.9 | 17.4 | 12.6 | 17.3 | 5.6 | | 4.8 |
| Physics | 1,644 | 78.3 | 2.9 | 29.9 | 18.2 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 49.8 | 1.0 | 7.1 | |
| Sociology | 1,359 | 6.0 | 28.3 | 8.2 | 12.6 | 24.6 | 10.4 | 2.6 | 9.3 | 8.0 | 0.2 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 779 | 3.3 | 19.9 | 1.3 | 9.5 | 27.3 | 4.9 | 0.6 | 10.4 | 4.2 | 0.1 |
| English Language | 857 | 6.5 | 24.9 | 9.8 | 33.5 | 18.8 | 16.9 | 2.7 | 7.9 | 8.8 | 1.2 |
| Economics | 1,594 | 56.4 | 10.5 | 11.7 | 12.0 | 13.6 | 15.8 | 10.8 | 3.6 | 18.0 | 9.7 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 659 | 12.3 | 28.7 | 40.2 | 17.6 | 10.9 | 7.6 | 9.9 | 8.6 | 16.5 | 2.1 |
| Religious Studies | 2,427 | 10.3 | 21.4 | 13.1 | 17.3 | 30.7 | 21.3 | 6.6 | 4.6 | 9.7 | 1.2 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 542 | 6.3 | 21.6 | 9.4 | 8.1 | 0.0 | 21.0 | 3.0 | 7.4 | 6.5 | 1.1 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 1,201 | 19.9 | 13.4 | 12.3 | 13.7 | 26.0 | 12.7 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 9.4 | 5.5 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 1,203 | 7.5 | 17.5 | 6.9 | 15.4 | 46.4 | 17.0 | 2.3 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 1.1 |
| Law | 170 | 5.9 | 31.2 | 3.5 | 21.8 | 24.1 | 15.3 | 2.4 | 10.6 | 4.1 | 0.0 |

**Table 24 (cont.): Percentage of candidates taking combinations of most popular A levels (girls schools)
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| Subject | n | Sociology | Media/Film/Tv Studies | English Language | Economics | PE/Sports Studies | Religious Studies | Engl Lang & Lit | Art & Design (Fine Art) | Drama/Theatre Studies | Law |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Mathematics | 5,859 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 15.3 | 1.4 | 4.2 | 0.6 | 4.1 | 1.5 | 0.2 |
| Psychology | 3,829 | 10.1 | 4.0 | 5.6 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 13.6 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 5.5 | 1.4 |
| Biology | 5,397 | 2.1 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 0.9 | 2.7 | 1.5 | 0.1 |
| General Studies | 3,245 | 5.3 | 2.3 | 8.8 | 5.9 | 3.6 | 13.0 | 1.4 | 5.1 | 5.7 | 1.1 |
| English Literature | 4,876 | 6.8 | 4.4 | 3.3 | 4.4 | 1.5 | 15.3 | 0.0 | 6.4 | 11.4 | 0.8 |
| History | 3,558 | 4.0 | 1.1 | 4.1 | 7.1 | 1.4 | 14.5 | 3.2 | 4.3 | 5.8 | 0.7 |
| Chemistry | 4,313 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 4.0 | 1.5 | 3.7 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| Business Studies | 1,271 | 10.0 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 8.7 | 3.1 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 1.4 |
| Geography | 2,430 | 4.5 | 1.4 | 3.1 | 11.8 | 4.5 | 9.7 | 1.4 | 4.7 | 2.7 | 0.3 |
| Physics | 1,644 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 9.4 | 0.9 | 1.8 | 0.4 | 4.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| Sociology | 1,359 | | 8.7 | 6.0 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 14.2 | 4.8 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 2.0 |
| Media/Film/Tv Studies | 779 | 15.1 | | 6.5 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 7.2 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 9.9 | 1.0 |
| English Language | 857 | 9.6 | 6.0 | | 3.6 | 1.5 | 15.3 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 8.4 | 1.6 |
| Economics | 1,594 | 2.4 | 0.3 | 1.9 | | 0.7 | 7.0 | 0.9 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 0.4 |
| PE/Sports Studies | 659 | 4.6 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.7 | | 7.7 | 1.8 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 0.6 |
| Religious Studies | 2,427 | 8.0 | 2.3 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 2.1 | | 2.8 | 4.0 | 7.7 | 0.5 |
| Engl Lang & Lit | 542 | 12.0 | 11.6 | 0.0 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 12.7 | | 6.3 | 11.3 | 2.6 |
| Art & Design (Fine Art) | 1,201 | 3.9 | 5.6 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 2.0 | 8.1 | 2.8 | | 5.2 | 0.2 |
| Drama/Theatre Studies | 1,203 | 4.4 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 15.5 | 5.1 | 5.2 | | 0.2 |
| Law | 170 | 15.9 | 4.7 | 8.2 | 4.1 | 2.4 | 7.6 | 8.2 | 1.2 | 1.8 | |