

Provision of level 3 qualifications in English  
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## Introduction

The purpose of this report is to investigate changes over time in the provision of different level 3 qualifications in English schools. This should give an overall picture, rather than focussing on one or two qualifications (e.g. A levels).

Provision of a subject is usually defined as the percentage of schools (where the qualification is offered in any subject) with at least one student taking a particular subject (e.g. the percentage of schools where A levels are taken that offer A level English). However, as this report looks at multiple qualifications this definition has changed to be the percentage of all schools in England (offering level 3 qualifications) with at least one student taking a particular qualification (or a particular subject in that qualification).

## Data

The data for these analyses were taken from the National Pupil Database (NPD). This is a database held by the Department for Education, consisting of results for all students in all qualifications and subjects in schools and colleges in England. The Key Stage 5 (KS5) extract of the NPD was used, consisting of all students who were at the end of KS5 (i.e. in year 13).

One of the main purposes of this report was to look at changes to patterns of provision over time, so three separate years were chosen to be analysed: 2007/08, 2009/10 and 2011/12. It is also of interest to investigate patterns of provision in different types of school, so most of the analyses were broken down into the following school types: comprehensive, academy, FE/tertiary college, grammar, independent, secondary modern and sixth form college. Table 1 presents the number of each school type in each year.

Table 1: Number and percentage of different school types (2007/08-2011/12)

School type	2007/08		2009/10		2011/12	
	Schools (n)	Schools (%)	Schools (n)	Schools (%)	Schools (n)	Schools (%)
City Academy	42	1.4	121	4.0	737	23.7
Comprehensive	1,545	52.0	1,545	50.7	1,088	35.0
FE/Tertiary College	265	8.9	241	7.9	215	6.9
Grammar	172	5.8	166	5.5	91	2.9
Independent	575	19.3	584	19.2	609	19.6
Secondary Modern	98	3.3	110	3.6	144	4.6
Sixth Form College	143	4.8	139	4.6	75	2.4

It should be noted that over the period investigated a large number of schools (mainly comprehensives) converted to become city academies. This explains the large increase in the number of academies and the decrease in the number of comprehensives and grammar schools (particularly between 2009/10 and 2011/12).

There were a large number of different qualifications recorded in the KS5 extract of the NPD in all three years, but not all of these were included in this report. To make the analyses more manageable only KS5 qualifications that are worth at least the same as an A level were included. Table 2 lists the qualifications and in which years they were available. Thus,

apart from the Diploma and the Pre-U (which were not available in 2007/08) all these qualifications were available in all three years.

Table 2: List of qualifications included in report and availability by year

Qualification	Years available
A level	2007/08, 2009/10, 2011/12
Applied A level	2007/08, 2009/10, 2011/12
Applied AS level <sup>1</sup>	2007/08, 2009/10, 2011/12
BTEC	2007/08, 2009/10, 2011/12
Diploma	2009/10, 2011/12
IB	2007/08, 2009/10, 2011/12
OCR National	2007/08, 2009/10, 2011/12
Pre-U	2009/10, 2011/12
VRQ	2007/08, 2009/10, 2011/12

Only students in year 13 in the three years considered in this report were included, but any level 3 qualifications that these students took in previous years were counted.

## Results

### *Overall provision of qualifications*

Tables 3 to 5 present the number and percentage of schools offering the different qualifications in each year.

In each year almost all schools offered A levels. The percentage offering BTECs increased from 36.8% in 2007/08 to 55.4% in 2011/12. The percentage offering OCR Nationals also increased significantly, from 3.4% to 22.2%. There were falls in the percentage offering applied A levels (from 58.4% to 48.2%) and applied AS levels (from 31.2% to 18.5%).

Table 3: Provision of level 3 qualifications in 2007/08

Qualification	Schools	% Schools
A level	2,945	99.0
Applied A level	1,738	58.4
BTEC	1,094	36.8
Applied AS level	929	31.2
VRQ	557	18.7
OCR National	102	3.4
IB	69	2.3
Diploma	n/a	n/a
Pre-U	n/a	n/a

<sup>1</sup> This is a double qualification so it is equivalent in size to 1 A level. Other (single) AS levels are not included in this report as they are only equivalent in size to half an A level.

Table 4: Provision of level 3 qualifications in 2009/10

Qualification	Schools	% Schools
A level	3,015	98.8
Applied A level	1,676	54.9
BTEC	1,542	50.5
Applied AS level	739	24.2
VRQ	717	23.5
OCR National	430	14.1
IB	134	4.4
Diploma	132	4.3
Pre-U	39	1.3

Table 5: Provision of level 3 qualifications in 2011/12

Qualification	Schools	% Schools
A level	3,073	98.9
BTEC	1,722	55.4
Applied A level	1,497	48.2
VRQ	799	25.7
OCR National	689	22.2
Applied AS level	575	18.5
Diploma	235	7.6
IB	168	5.4
Pre-U	81	2.6

Tables 6 to 8 break down the provision of qualifications by school type.

In each year the percentage of schools offering A levels was very close to 100% in each school type, except for FE/tertiary colleges. BTECs, OCR Nationals and applied AS levels were most likely to be offered by sixth form colleges. FE/tertiary colleges were more likely than other school types to offer VRQs. Only a small percentage of independent schools offered any alternatives to A levels.

The increase in schools offering the BTEC was across all school types, except for academies and FE/tertiary colleges. All school types saw increases in the percentages offering OCR Nationals although the increases were very small in grammar and independent schools. The largest falls in those offering applied A levels and applied AS levels were in comprehensives, FE/tertiary colleges and secondary modern schools.

Table 6: Provision of level 3 qualifications in 2007/08 (% of school type)

Qualification	Acad	Comp	FE/Ter	Grammar	Ind	Sec Mod	Sixth Form
A level	100.0	99.5	94.0	99.4	100.0	99.0	99.3
Applied A level	69.0	81.5	53.6	22.1	11.3	82.7	76.9
Applied AS level	31.0	42.1	38.9	4.1	1.4	43.9	67.8
BTEC	66.7	41.2	68.7	13.4	8.9	54.1	70.6
Diploma	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
IB	4.8	0.9	4.9	4.1	3.7	0.0	7.0
OCR Nat	7.1	2.7	10.9	1.2	0.0	4.1	14.7
Pre-U	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
VRQ	23.8	15.6	63.4	9.9	4.2	21.4	44.1

Table 7: Provision of level 3 qualifications in 2009/10 (% of school type)

Qualification	Acad	Comp	FE/Ter	Grammar	Ind	Sec Mod	Sixth Form
A level	99.2	99.5	91.3	100.0	100.0	98.2	99.3
Applied A level	67.8	77.4	41.1	24.7	11.1	72.7	72.7
Applied AS level	25.6	33.8	25.3	3.0	0.7	27.3	59.0
BTEC	76.0	61.7	68.0	27.7	13.0	73.6	78.4
Diploma	3.3	3.9	17.0	3.0	0.0	4.5	7.2
IB	3.3	2.0	8.3	7.8	6.8	0.0	13.7
OCR Nat	25.6	17.0	23.2	2.4	0.5	25.5	29.5
Pre-U	0.0	0.2	0.4	4.2	4.5	0.0	0.0
VRQ	24.0	21.6	66.4	12.7	7.4	26.4	62.6

Table 8: Provision of level 3 qualifications in 2011/12 (% of school type)

Qualification	Acad	Comp	FE/Ter	Grammar	Ind	Sec Mod	Sixth Form
A level	99.5	99.7	91.2	100.0	99.8	98.7	100.0
Applied A level	63.2	65.2	32.1	23.1	11.2	56.0	72.2
Applied AS level	21.4	26.3	12.1	4.4	1.8	24.0	47.9
BTEC	67.8	69.5	67.9	25.3	15.6	76.0	81.3
Diploma	6.9	6.8	29.8	9.9	0.3	9.3	13.9
IB	3.3	2.2	11.6	9.9	8.5	0.0	19.4
OCR Nat	28.8	27.3	34.4	4.4	2.6	34.7	35.4
Pre-U	1.9	0.7	0.9	7.7	7.6	0.0	2.8
VRQ	27.5	21.9	66.5	26.4	9.7	32.0	64.6

### ***Combinations of qualifications offered by schools***

Tables 9 to 11 present the numbers and percentages of schools offering the top 10 combinations of qualifications, sorted by popularity. Appendix A presents the top 5 combinations in each of the different school types.

In each year schools were most likely to offer A levels only. However, the percentage of schools doing so fell from 31% in 2007/08 to 26.9% in 2011/12. The percentage of schools

offering a combination of A levels and Applied A levels (with no other qualifications) decreased from 14.2% to 4.5%. Instead, schools were more likely to offer combinations involving A levels and BTECs (often with other qualifications).

Table 9: Most popular combinations of level 3 qualifications offered by schools in 2007/08

Combination	Schools	% Schools
A level	922	31.0
A level-Applied A level	421	14.2
A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level	336	11.3
A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC	280	9.4
A level-Applied A level-BTEC	226	7.6
A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC-VRQ	167	5.6
A level-BTEC	141	4.7
A level-Applied A level-BTEC-VRQ	83	2.8
A level-BTEC-VRQ	68	2.3
A level-Applied A level-VRQ	49	1.6

Table 10: Most popular combinations of level 3 qualifications offered by schools in 2009/10

Combination	Schools	% Schools
A level	835	27.4
A level-Applied A level-BTEC	313	10.3
A level-Applied A level	239	7.8
A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC	210	6.9
A level-BTEC	180	5.9
A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC-VRQ	136	4.5
A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level	134	4.4
A level-Applied A level-BTEC-VRQ	131	4.3
A level-Applied A level-BTEC-OCR National	84	2.8
A level-BTEC-VRQ	79	2.6

Table 11: Most popular combinations of level 3 qualifications offered by schools in 2011/12

Combination	Schools	% Schools
A level	836	26.9
A level-Applied A level-BTEC	266	8.6
A level-BTEC	217	7.0
A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC	143	4.6
A level-Applied A level	141	4.5
A level-Applied A level-BTEC-OCR National	140	4.5
A level-Applied A level-BTEC-VRQ	127	4.1
A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC-VRQ	87	2.8
A level-BTEC-VRQ	86	2.8
A level-Applied A level-BTEC-OCR National-VRQ	84	2.7

### ***Provision of individual subjects***

This section presents the provision of the five most popular subjects at level 3<sup>2</sup> – mathematics, biology, psychology, history and English literature.

In 2007/08 the individual subjects taken by IB students were not recorded in the NPD, although each student taking the overall baccalaureate was recorded. This was also before the Pre-U qualification was available, so for the popular subjects there were no recorded alternatives to A levels. Therefore provision is not reported for 2007/08.

#### ***Mathematics***

Table 12 and 13 present the provision of different mathematics qualifications.

Table 12: Provision of different mathematics qualifications in 2009/10

Qualification	Schools	% of all schools	% of all offering mathematics
A level	2,541	83.3	99.8
IB	99	3.2	3.9
Pre-U	4	0.1	0.2
Any	2,545	83.4	100.0

Table 13: Provision of different mathematics qualifications in 2011/12

Qualification	Schools	% of all schools	% of all offering mathematics
A level	2,620	84.3	99.7
IB	112	3.6	4.3
Pre-U	7	0.2	0.3
Any	2,629	84.6	100.0

Only a small percentage of schools offered alternatives to A levels in mathematics, although the percentage offering the IB increased from 3.2% to 3.6% between 2009/10 and 2011/12. Only 11 schools offered the Pre-U subject.

Tables 14 and 15 break down the provision by different school types. Sixth form colleges, grammar and independent schools were the most likely to offer the IB.

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<sup>2</sup> Level 3 qualifications are dominated by A levels so these subjects were all available as A levels.

Table 14: Provision of different mathematics qualifications, by school type, in 2009/10

	Qualification	Schools	% of all schools	% of all offering mathematics
Academies	A level	102	82.26	99.03
	IB	4	3.23	3.88
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	103	83.06	100.00
Comprehensive	A level	1,360	88.08	99.71
	IB	26	1.68	1.91
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	1,364	88.34	100.00
FE/Tertiary College	A level	156	64.73	99.36
	IB	11	4.56	7.01
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	157	65.15	100.00
Grammar	A level	163	98.19	99.39
	IB	12	7.23	7.32
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	164	98.80	100.00
Independent	A level	517	88.68	99.61
	IB	33	5.66	6.36
	Pre-U	4	0.69	0.77
	Any	519	89.02	100.00
Secondary Modern	A level	76	69.09	100.00
	IB	0	0.00	0.00
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	76	69.09	100.00
Sixth Form College	A level	135	96.43	100.00
	IB	9	6.43	6.67
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	135	96.43	100.00

Table 15: Provision of different mathematics qualifications, by school type, in 2011/12

	Qualification	Schools	% of all schools	% of all offering mathematics
Academies	A level	661	89.69	99.40
	IB	20	2.71	3.01
	Pre-U	1	0.14	0.15
	Any	665	90.23	100.00
Comprehensive	A level	935	85.94	99.89
	IB	14	1.29	1.50
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	936	86.03	100.00
FE/Tertiary College	A level	152	70.70	100.00
	IB	10	4.65	6.58
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	152	70.70	100.00
Grammar	A level	85	93.41	100.00
	IB	9	9.89	10.59
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	85	93.41	100.00
Independent	A level	542	89.00	99.45
	IB	40	6.57	7.34
	Pre-U	5	0.82	0.92
	Any	545	89.49	100.00
Secondary Modern	A level	54	72.00	100.00
	IB	0	0.00	0.00
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	54	72.00	100.00
Sixth Form College	A level	141	97.92	100.00
	IB	15	10.42	10.64
	Pre-U	1	0.69	0.71
	Any	141	97.92	100.00

### *Biology*

Tables 16 and 17 present the provision of different biology qualifications. No schools offered the Pre-U in 2009/10. The percentage offering the IB increased from 3.8% in 2009/10 to 4.6% in 2011/12.

Tables 18 and 19 break down the provision by school type.

Table 16: Provision of different biology qualifications in 2009/10

Qualification	Schools	% of all schools	% of all offering biology
A level	2,454	80.4	96.4
IB	116	3.8	4.6
Any	2,470	83.4	100.0

Table 17: Provision of different biology qualifications in 2011/12

Qualification	Schools	% of all schools	% of all offering biology
A level	2,488	80.1	99.5
IB	144	4.6	5.8
Pre-U	1	0.0	0.0
Any	2,501	80.5	100.0

Table 18: Provision of different biology qualifications, by school type, in 2009/10

	Qualification	Schools	% of all schools	% of all offering biology
Academies	A level	94	75.81	97.92
	IB	4	3.23	4.17
	Any	96	77.42	100.00
Comprehensive	A level	1,325	85.82	99.55
	IB	26	1.68	1.95
	Any	1,331	86.20	100.00
FE/Tertiary College	A level	155	64.32	99.36
	IB	15	6.22	9.62
	Any	156	64.73	100.00
Grammar	A level	163	98.19	99.39
	IB	11	6.63	6.71
	Any	164	98.80	100.00
Independent	A level	495	84.91	99.40
	IB	39	6.69	7.83
	Any	498	85.42	100.00
Secondary Modern	A level	61	55.45	100.00
	IB	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	61	55.45	100.00
Sixth Form College	A level	132	94.29	100.00
	IB	14	10.00	10.61
	Any	132	94.29	100.00

Sixth form colleges were the most likely to offer the IB in both years (over 15% in 2011/12), followed by independent and grammar schools and FE/tertiary colleges.

Table 19: Provision of different biology qualifications, by school type, in 2011/12

	Qualification	Schools	% of all schools	% of all offering biology
Academies	A level	629	85.35	99.21
	IB	23	3.12	3.63
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	634	86.02	100.00
Comprehensive	A level	892	81.99	99.89
	IB	21	1.93	2.35
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	893	82.08	100.00
FE/Tertiary College	A level	140	65.12	100.00
	IB	16	7.44	11.43
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	140	65.12	100.00
Grammar	A level	84	92.31	97.67
	IB	8	8.79	9.30
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	86	94.51	100.00
Independent	A level	511	83.91	99.42
	IB	47	7.72	9.14
	Pre-U	1	0.16	0.19
	Any	514	84.40	100.00
Secondary Modern	A level	44	58.67	100.00
	IB	0	0.00	0.00
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	44	58.67	100.00
Sixth Form College	A level	140	97.22	100.00
	IB	22	15.28	15.71
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	140	97.22	100.00

### *Psychology*

Tables 20 and 21 present the provision of different psychology qualifications. Provision of alternatives to A level were very low in both years.

Tables 22 and 23 break down the provision by school type.

Table 20: Provision of different psychology qualifications in 2009/10

Qualification	Schools	% of all schools	% of all offering psychology
A level	2,172	71.2	99.4
IB	61	2.0	2.8
Pre-U	1	0.0	0.0
Any	2,186	71.6	100.0

Table 21: Provision of different psychology qualifications in 2011/12

Qualification	Schools	% of all schools	% of all offering psychology
A level	2,255	72.6	99.5
IB	76	2.4	3.4
Pre-U	3	0.1	0.1
Any	2,266	72.9	100.0

Table 22: Provision of different psychology qualifications, by school type, in 2009/10

	Qualification	Schools	% of all schools	% of all offering psychology
Academies	A level	94	75.81	97.92
	IB	4	3.23	4.17
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	96	77.42	100.00
Comprehensive	A level	1248	80.83	99.68
	IB	19	1.23	1.52
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	1252	81.09	100.00
FE/Tertiary College	A level	171	70.95	100.00
	IB	10	4.15	5.85
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	171	70.95	100.00
Grammar	A level	132	79.52	97.78
	IB	9	5.42	6.67
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	135	81.33	100.00
Independent	A level	301	51.63	98.69
	IB	8	1.37	2.62
	Pre-U	1	0.17	0.33
	Any	305	52.32	100.00
Secondary Modern	A level	71	64.55	100.00
	IB	0	0.00	0.00
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	71	64.55	100.00
Sixth Form College	A level	131	93.57	100.00
	IB	10	7.14	7.63
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	131	93.57	100.00

Provision of IB (as a percentage of all schools) was again highest in sixth form colleges (7.14% in 2009/10 and 11.81% in 2011/12). Provision in independent schools was relatively low (less than 2%), although so was provision of A level in these schools.

Table 23: Provision of different psychology qualifications, by school type, in 2011/12

	Qualification	Schools	% of all schools	% of all offering psychology
Academies	A level	608	82.50	99.35
	IB	16	2.17	2.61
	Pre-U	1	0.14	0.16
	Any	612	83.04	100.00
Comprehensive	A level	869	79.87	100.00
	IB	9	0.83	1.04
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	869	79.87	100.00
FE/Tertiary College	A level	159	73.95	100.00
	IB	15	6.98	9.43
	Pre-U	1	0.47	0.63
	Any	159	73.95	100.00
Grammar	A level	71	78.02	98.61
	IB	7	7.69	9.72
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	72	79.12	100.00
Independent	A level	327	53.69	98.49
	IB	10	1.64	3.01
	Pre-U	1	0.16	0.30
	Any	332	54.52	100.00
Secondary Modern	A level	44	58.67	100.00
	IB	0	0.00	0.00
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	44	58.67	100.00
Sixth Form College	A level	135	93.75	100.00
	IB	17	11.81	12.59
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	135	93.75	100.00

### *History*

Tables 24 and 25 present the provision of different history qualifications. Provision of the IB increased from 3.5% in 2009/10 to 4.0% in 2011/12.

Tables 26 and 27 break down the provision by school type.

Table 24: Provision of different history qualifications in 2009/10

Qualification	Schools	% of all schools	% of all offering history
A level	2,404	78.8	99.4
IB	108	3.5	4.5
Pre-U	6	0.2	0.2
Any	2,418	79.2	100.0

Table 25: Provision of different history qualifications in 2011/12

Qualification	Schools	% of all schools	% of all offering history
A level	2,433	78.3	99.2
IB	124	4.0	5.1
Pre-U	13	0.4	0.5
Any	2,452	78.9	100.0

Table 26: Provision of different history qualifications, by school type, in 2009/10

	Qualification	Schools	% of all schools	% of all offering history
Academies	A level	91	73.39	97.85
	IB	4	3.23	4.30
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	93	75.00	100.00
Comprehensive	A level	1308	84.72	99.85
	IB	25	1.62	1.91
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	1310	84.84	100.00
FE/Tertiary College	A level	142	58.92	99.30
	IB	14	5.81	9.79
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	143	59.34	100.00
Grammar	A level	163	98.19	99.39
	IB	10	6.02	6.10
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	164	98.80	100.00
Independent	A level	480	82.33	99.17
	IB	37	6.35	7.64
	Pre-U	5	0.86	1.03
	Any	484	83.02	100.00
Secondary Modern	A level	67	60.91	100.00
	IB	0	0.00	0.00
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	67	60.91	100.00
Sixth Form College	A level	130	92.86	100.00
	IB	11	7.86	8.46
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	130	92.86	100.00

Provision of IB (as a percentage of all schools) was again highest in sixth form colleges, followed by grammar and independent schools, and Fe/tertiary colleges.

Table 27: Provision of different history qualifications, by school type, in 2011/12

	Qualification	Schools	% of all schools	% of all offering history
Academies	A level	624	84.67	99.52
	IB	18	2.44	2.87
	Pre-U	4	0.54	0.64
	Any	627	85.07	100.00
Comprehensive	A level	886	81.43	99.89
	IB	17	1.56	1.92
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	887	81.53	100.00
FE/Tertiary College	A level	136	63.26	99.27
	IB	16	7.44	11.68
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	137	63.72	100.00
Grammar	A level	84	92.31	97.67
	IB	8	8.79	9.30
	Pre-U	1	1.10	1.16
	Any	86	94.51	100.00
Independent	A level	480	78.82	97.96
	IB	45	7.39	9.18
	Pre-U	8	1.31	1.63
	Any	490	80.46	100.00
Secondary Modern	A level	47	62.67	100.00
	IB	0	0.00	0.00
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	47	62.67	100.00
Sixth Form College	A level	135	93.75	100.00
	IB	17	11.81	12.59
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	135	93.75	100.00

### *English Literature*

For the IB qualification there was no direct equivalent for English literature (because it is an international qualification, which can be studied in different languages). The nearest equivalent found in the NPD was 'Un-translated literature'; however, entries for this were found only in the 2011/12. Table 28 presents the provision of different English literature qualifications in 2011/12.

Table 29 breaks down the provision by school type.

Table 28: Provision of different English literature qualifications in 2011/12

Qualification	Schools	% of all schools	% of all offering English
A level	2,384	76.7	98.8
IB	144	4.6	6.0
Pre-U	20	0.6	0.8
Any	2,412	77.6	100.0

Table 29: Provision of different English literature qualifications, by school type, in 2011/12

	Qualification	Schools	% of all schools	% of all offering English
Academies	A level	617	83.72	99.04
	IB	22	2.99	3.53
	Pre-U	3	0.41	0.48
	Any	623	84.53	100.00
Comprehensive	A level	854	78.49	99.77
	IB	19	1.75	2.22
	Pre-U	1	0.09	0.12
	Any	856	78.68	100.00
FE/Tertiary College	A level	125	58.14	99.21
	IB	19	8.84	15.08
	Pre-U	1	0.47	0.79
	Any	126	58.60	100.00
Grammar	A level	82	90.11	97.62
	IB	8	8.79	9.52
	Pre-U	1	1.10	1.19
	Any	84	92.31	100.00
Independent	A level	476	78.16	97.14
	IB	45	7.39	9.18
	Pre-U	14	2.30	2.86
	Any	490	80.46	100.00
Secondary Modern	A level	51	68.00	100.00
	IB	0	0.00	0.00
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	51	68.00	100.00
Sixth Form College	A level	135	93.75	99.26
	IB	25	17.36	18.38
	Pre-U	0	0.00	0.00
	Any	136	94.44	100.00

A relatively high percentage of schools offered an IB certificate in English literature (4.6%). Again, sixth form colleges were most likely to offer it (17.36% did so).

### ***Provision of individual subjects in other level 3 qualifications***

Finally the provision of the most common subjects offered in other popular qualifications (BTECs and applied A levels) is summarised below. These are worth reporting as a substantial percentage of schools offered these qualifications (see Tables 3 to 5). Tables 30 to 35 present the 10 most popular subjects offered by schools in these qualifications in the three different years. There were only 10 applied A level subjects available, so these tables include all of these.

Table 30: Provision of popular BTEC subjects (2007/08)

Subject	Schools	Provision (% of all schools)
Sports / Movement Science	550	18.5
Art & Design	409	13.8
Business Studies	390	13.1
Speech & Drama	346	11.6
Systems / Network Management	311	10.5
Public Services	273	9.2
Film / Video / Television Production	252	8.5
Tourism	226	7.6
Learning theory	224	7.5
Music Studies (General)	185	6.2

Table 31: Provision of popular BTEC subjects (2009/10)

Subject	Schools	Provision (% of all schools)
Sports Studies	867	28.4
Business Studies	599	19.6
Health Studies	456	14.9
Systems / Network Management	448	14.7
Art & Design	442	14.5
Music Studies (General)	408	13.4
Tourism	352	11.5
Applied Sciences	328	10.8
Public Services	309	10.1
Acting Skills	295	9.7

Table 32: Provision of popular BTEC subjects (2011/12)

Subject	Schools	Provision (% of all schools)
Sports Studies	1,087	35.0
Business Studies	805	25.9
Health Studies	625	20.1
Applied Sciences	580	18.7
Computer Appreciation / Introduction	530	17.1
Art & Design	513	16.5
Public Services	415	13.4
Music Studies (General)	399	12.8
Multimedia	390	12.5
Tourism	379	12.2

Table 33: Provision of popular Applied A level subjects (2007/08)

Subject	Schools	Provision (% of all schools)
Applied ICT	1,112	37.4
Health & Social Care	934	31.4
Applied Business	905	30.4
Travel & Tourism	412	13.9
Applied Science	247	8.3
Applied Art & Design	205	6.9
Leisure & Recreation	200	6.7
Performing Arts	195	6.6
Applied Engineering	53	1.8
Media: Communication & Production	50	1.7

Table 34: Provision of popular Applied A level subjects (2009/10)

Subject	Schools	Provision (% of all schools)
Applied ICT	1,003	32.9
Health & Social Care	855	28.0
Applied Business	818	26.8
Travel & Tourism	344	11.3
Applied Science	301	9.9
Performing Arts	203	6.7
Applied Art & Design	182	6.0
Leisure & Recreation	144	4.7
Applied Engineering	54	1.8
Media: Communication & Production	49	1.6

Table 35: Provision of popular Applied A level subjects (2011/12)

Subject	Schools	Provision (% of all schools)
Applied ICT	739	23.8
Health & Social Care	685	22.0
Applied Business	587	18.9
Applied Science	342	11.0
Travel & Tourism	269	8.7
Performing Arts	174	5.6
Applied Art & Design	138	4.4
Leisure & Recreation	97	3.1
Applied Engineering	42	1.4
Media: Communication & Production	34	1.1

Appendix A: Most popular combinations of qualifications offered, by school type

Table A1: Most popular combinations of qualifications offered, by school type (2007/08)

	Combination	Schools	% Schools
Academy	A level-Applied A level-BTEC	7	16.7
	A level	6	14.3
	A level-Applied A level	5	11.9
	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC	5	11.9
	A level-Applied A level-BTEC-VRQ	4	9.5
Comprehensive	A level-Applied A level	317	20.5
	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level	286	18.5
	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level -BTEC	219	14.2
	A level-Applied A level -BTEC	191	12.4
	A level	186	12.0
FE/Tertiary College	A level	61	23.0
	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC-VRQ	55	20.8
	A level-BTEC-VRQ	42	15.8
	A level-Applied A level-BTEC-VRQ	21	7.9
	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC-OCR	10	3.8
Grammar	A level	103	59.9
	A level-Applied A level	23	13.4
	A level-BTEC	14	8.1
	A level-VRQ	9	5.2
	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level	4	2.3
Independent	A level	432	75.4
	A level-Applied A level	48	8.4
	A level-BTEC	37	6.5
	A level-IB	16	2.8
	A level-VRQ	15	2.6
Secondary Modern	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC	21	21.4
	A level-Applied A level	19	19.4
	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level	11	11.2
	A level-Applied A level-BTEC	9	9.2
	A level	8	8.2
Sixth Form College	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC	30	21.0
	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC-VRQ	27	18.9
	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level	16	11.2
	A level	15	10.5
	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC-OCR	11	7.7

Table A2: Most popular combinations of qualifications offered, by school type (2009/10)

	Combination	Schools	% Schools
Academy	A level-Applied A level-BTEC	16	13.2
	A level	12	9.9
	A level-BTEC	12	9.9
	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC	11	9.1
	A level-Applied A level-BTEC-VRQ	11	9.1
Comprehensive	A level-Applied A level-BTEC	257	16.6
	A level	183	11.8
	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC	177	11.5
	A level-Applied A level	160	10.4
	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level	113	7.3
FE/Tertiary College	A level	49	20.3
	A level-BTEC-VRQ	39	16.2
	A level-Applied A level-BTEC-VRQ	21	8.7
	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC-VRQ	17	7.1
	A level-BTEC-OCR National-VRQ	15	6.2
Grammar	A level	76	45.8
	A level-BTEC	21	12.7
	A level-Applied A level	18	10.8
	A level-Applied A level-BTEC	6	3.6
	A level-Applied A level-VRQ	5	3.0
Independent	A level	376	64.4
	A level-BTEC	48	8.2
	A level-Applied A level	40	6.8
	A level-IB	30	5.1
	A level-VRQ	29	5.0
Secondary Modern	A level-Applied A level-BTEC	20	18.2
	A level	15	13.6
	A level-Applied A level-BTEC-OCR National	10	9.1
	A level-Applied A level	9	8.2
	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC	8	7.3
Sixth Form College	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC-VRQ	27	19.4
	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC-OCR National-VRQ	19	13.7
	A level	13	9.4
	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC	9	6.5
	A level-Applied A level-BTEC-VRQ	9	6.5

Table A3: Most popular combinations of qualifications offered, by school type (2011/12)

	Combination	Schools	% Schools
Academy	A level	107	14.5
	A level-Applied A level-BTEC	96	13.0
	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC	51	6.9
	A level-Applied A level-BTEC-OCR National	50	6.8
	A level-BTEC	46	6.2
Comprehensive	A level	165	15.2
	A level-Applied A level-BTEC	148	13.6
	A level-BTEC	87	8.0
	A level-Applied A level-BTEC-OCR National	79	7.3
	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC	77	7.0
FE/Tertiary College	A level	45	20.9
	A level-BTEC-VRQ	27	12.6
	A level-BTEC-OCR National-VRQ	17	7.9
	A level-Applied A level-BTEC-VRQ	13	6.0
	A level- Applied A level-BTEC-OCR National-VRQ	11	5.1
Grammar	A level	34	37.4
	A level-Applied A level	9	9.9
	A level-VRQ	8	8.8
	A level-BTEC	6	6.6
	A level-Applied A level-BTEC	4	4.4
Independent	A level	350	57.5
	A level-BTEC	57	9.4
	A level-VRQ	37	6.1
	A level-Applied A level	36	5.9
	A level-Pre-U	32	5.3
Secondary Modern	A level	14	18.7
	A level-BTEC	7	9.3
	A level-Applied A level-BTEC-OCR National	6	8.0
	A level-Applied A level-BTEC	5	6.7
	A level-Applied A level-BTEC-VRQ	5	6.7
Sixth Form College	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC-VRQ	17	11.8
	A level	14	9.7
	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC-OCR National-VRQ	13	9.0
	A level-Applied A level-BTEC-VRQ	12	8.3
	A level-Applied A level-Applied AS level-BTEC	7	4.9