

Overview of Outcomes at Key Stage 4

Executive Summary

Provisional Outcomes December 2019

Grade 4+ - the Expected Standard

All Pupils

For Wirral pupils there was a decrease in attainment in English, Mathematics and English **and** Mathematics. In contrast nationally there was an increase in the percentage of pupils achieving a grade 4 or higher in Mathematics, English and English **and** Mathematics. However the proportion of Wirral pupils achieving a grade 4 or above in both English and English **and** Mathematics continues to be above the national average; by 0.7% in English and 0.5% in English **and** Mathematics.

Localities

In Wirral outcomes in English continue to be higher than in Mathematics. This was the same for each locality. Wallasey showed 0.9% improvement in English, and 0.1% improvement in English **and** Mathematics. In each other locality, outcomes decreased across each subject group. In Birkenhead the proportion of students attaining a grade 4 and above in English decreased by 4.5% to 74.1%. In West Wirral the proportion of students attaining grade 4 and above in Mathematics decreased by 2.4% to 76.8%.

Gender

The attainment of Wirral girls continues to be above the national average. The attainment of boys in Wirral is in line with national average. Wirral boys' and girls' attainment has decreased, in contrast the National average for both boys and girls increased. Nationally the gender gap has narrowed by 0.2% to 7.4%. The Wirral gender gap has also narrowed by 0.6% to 8.1%.

School Types

Nationally all school types improved outcomes for those achieving grade 4+ in English **and** Mathematics. Selective schools improved by 0.1%. Both non-selective schools and sponsored academies made the biggest improvement by 0.5%.

Selective Schools

In Wirral one boy's selective school and two girl's selective schools improved on the percentage of pupils attaining grade 4+ in English **and** Mathematics; Wirral Grammar for Boys improved by 0.1% to 98.8%, Upton Hall by 3.8% to 99.3%; Wirral Grammar for Girls by 2.3% to 100%. Wirral Grammar for Girls and Upton Hall school achieved above the national average for selective schools. Wirral Grammar for Boys was the same as the national average of 98.8%.

Non Selective Schools

Three non-selective schools improved outcomes in attaining Grade 4+ in English **and** Mathematics. Oldershaw increased by 1.7% to 43.8. Pensby High school increased by 1.4% to 67.0%; Hilbre High School increased by 0.3% to 50.3%; Two non-selective sponsored academies improved outcomes. Birkenhead Park School increased by 4.3% to 53.7%. St Marys Catholic High increased outcomes by 3.2% to 47.2%.

Three non-selective schools achieved above the national average for the same type of school in pupils attaining grade 4+ in English **and** Mathematics; Prenton High School for Girls 71.7%, Weatherhead 63.1% and Pensby High School 67.0%

Disadvantaged Pupils

In Wirral the percentage of disadvantaged pupils attaining grade 4+ in English decreased by 4.2%, English **and** Mathematics by 4.3% and in Mathematics by 6.5%.

Nationally there was an increase in the percentage of disadvantaged pupils attaining grade 4+ in English by 0.2%; Mathematics by 0.5% and in English **and** Mathematics by 0.3%. As a result, the Wirral/National Disadvantaged gap widened in all three, in Mathematics the gap is now 5.2%.

The percentage of disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 4+ for English in South Wirral increased by 3.3%, and the gap narrowed by 4.2% to 16.5%. For all other localities in English, Mathematics and English **and** Mathematics attainment of disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 4+ decreased, and the gap widened also. The widest gaps are consistently seen in West Wirral, with a gap of 29.1% in English, 29.5% in Mathematics and 32.1% in English **and** Mathematics.

English and Mathematics Grade 5+

Nationally the percentage of pupils achieving grade 5+ in English increased by 0.4% but decreased by 0.1% in both Mathematics and English **and** Mathematics. In Wirral the percentage of pupils achieving grade 5+ decreased in English, Mathematics and English **and** Mathematics, but remain above the national average. In English Wirral is above national average by 3.1%, in Mathematics by 0.7% and in English **and** Mathematics by 2.0%.

Localities

In three localities the percentage of pupils attaining a grade 5+ in English improved this year; South Wirral by 3.4% to 71.1%. Wallasey by 1.9% to 46.6% and West Wirral by 0.3% to 73.7%. Birkenhead decreased by 4.6%. Two localities improved in Mathematics, Birkenhead by 3.9% and Wallasey by 2.8%. Wallasey was the only locality to improve in English **and** Mathematics by 2.8% to 28.8%.

Gender

The attainment of both Wirral boys and girls continues to be above the national average, although Wirral girls' attainment decreased by 0.9% and boys' attainment decreased by 0.4%.

Nationally the gender gap has narrowed by 0.1% to 6.6%. The Wirral gender gap has narrowed by 0.5% to 8.2% but is greater than the national gap.

School Types

Nationally selective schools achieving grade 5+ in English **and** Mathematics increased by 0.2% to 93.1%. Non-selective schools remained at 32% and sponsored academies decreased by 0.3%.

Selective Schools

Three selective schools' attaining Grade 5+ in English **and** Mathematics increased; Wirral Grammar Boys by 5.7% to 88.9%; Upton Hall by 5.5% to 91.1% and Wirral Grammar Girls by 2.3% to 92.9%. None of the selective schools' attainment was higher than the National average for selective schools at 93.1%, although West Kirby was in line.

Non Selective Schools

Four non-selective schools increased outcomes for grade 5+ in English **and** Mathematics; %; Oldershaw had the greatest improvement by 12.4% to 27.3%, followed by Prenton High School for Girls with 10.9% improvement to 44.7%. Hilbre High School increased by 3.9% to 26.8% and Weatherhead High School by 1% to 43.7%.

Three non-selective schools were above the national average for non-selective schools:- Prenton High School 44.7%; Weatherhead High School at 43.7% and Pensby High School at 34%.

Two non-selective sponsored academies outcomes for grade 5+ in English **and** Mathematics increased, and Birkenhead Park by 5.6% to 26.3% and St. Mary's Catholic College by 0.7% to 23.6%

Disadvantaged Pupils

Significantly more disadvantaged pupils attained a grade 5+ in English than in Mathematics – a difference of 14.8%. Fewer disadvantaged pupils in Wirral attained grade 5+ in English (a decrease of 1.2%) so the gap widened by 1.3%. Fewer disadvantaged pupils attained grade 5+ in Mathematics also, (a decrease of 3.7%) so the gap widened by 3.3% to 5.2%. Fewer disadvantaged pupils attained grade 5+ in English **and** Mathematics (a decrease of 2.9%) so the gap widened by 2.7%.

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 5+ in English increased in South Wirral by 7.1%. The disadvantaged gap narrowed in South Wirral by 3.7% and widened in all other localities, most notably in West Wirral by 11.1%.

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 5+ in Mathematics increased in two localities: Birkenhead by 4.6% and Wallasey by 0.2%. The disadvantaged gap narrowed in Birkenhead by 0.7% to 15%.

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 5+ in English **and** Mathematics increased in Birkenhead by 2.4%. The disadvantaged gap narrowed in Birkenhead by 2.4%.

Percentage of Pupils achieving Grades 7 - 9 in English, Mathematics and English and Mathematics

Outcomes for Wirral pupils achieving grade 7+ in English improved by 1.2%. Three localities improved: South Wirral 4.8% to 33.1%; Wallasey by 1.8% to 14.8% and Birkenhead by 0.7% to 22.3%.

Outcomes for Wirral pupils achieving grade 7+ in Mathematics decreased by 0.5%. Two localities improved, Birkenhead by 1.8% to 13.3% and West Wirral by 0.7% to 28.6%.

The percentage of Wirral pupils achieving grade 7+ in English **and** Mathematics improved by 0.5%. No locality decreased but Birkenhead stayed the same at 8.1%. West Wirral increased by 0.9%, Wallasey 0.5%; South Wirral 1.1%.

Ten schools increased the percentage of pupils attaining grade 7+ in English **and** Mathematics. West Kirby Grammar saw the biggest increase by 6.9%, closely followed by Calday Grange Grammar with a 5.7% increase. The non-selective school with the most improvement was Oldershaw by 4%.

Disadvantaged Pupils

Outcomes for Wirral disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 7+ in English decreased by 0.1% so the gap widened by 1.3%. Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 7+ in Mathematics decreased by 1.5% so the gap widened by 1%. Outcomes of disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 7+ in English **and** Mathematics decreased by 0.6% and the gap widened by 1%.

The percentage of disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 7+ in English increased in South Wirral by 2% so the gap widened by 2.8%.

More disadvantaged pupils attained a grade 7+ in English than in Mathematics – a difference of 6.9% in Birkenhead, 8.6% in South Wirral, 6% in West Wirral.

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 7+ in Mathematics increased in Birkenhead by 0.4% so widening the gap by 1.4%. In West Wirral attainment increased by 1.2%, and the gap narrowed by 0.5%.

The percentage of disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 7+ in English **and** Mathematics increased in Wallasey by 0.5%, the gap remained the same at 2.4%. Attainment decreased in all other localities.

Seven schools' outcomes for disadvantaged pupils attaining grade 7+ in English **and** Mathematics improved; Upton Hall improved the most by 10.2% followed by Oldershaw by 4.2%.

Attainment 8

Attainment 8 for Wirral decreased by 0.6 but remains above the national average. Three localities improved; Wallasey by 0.5; Birkenhead by 0.3 and South Wirral by 0.2

Gender

Attainment 8 for both boys and girls nationally has increased. In contrast Wirral, pupil attainment has decreased by 0.5 for both boys and girls. Nationally the gender gap has narrowed by 0.1 whereas the gender gap in Wirral has stayed the same at 5.8.

School Types

Nationally Attainment 8 for girls and boys attending selective schools increased. In contrast girls attending non-selective schools nationally decreased.

Selective Schools

Three selective schools increased Attainment 8 scores. Wirral Grammar Boys' Attainment 8 increased by 2.3. Wirral Grammar School for Girls increased by 1.7. West Kirby Grammar School for Girls increased by 0.8. None of the selective schools are above the National average of selective schools for Attainment 8.

Non Selective Schools

Five non-selective schools achieved Attainment 8 scores which were above the national average for non-selective schools; Birkenhead High School Academy, Weatherhead High School, St John Plessington, Prenton High School, Pensby High School.

Eight non-selective schools improved their Attainment 8 scores. Both Pensby High School and Birkenhead Park School improved the most by 1.6; Ridgeway High School improved by 1.4; St Mary's Catholic College by 1.3; Mosslands School by 0.7; Hilbre High School by 0.6; Oldershaw by 0.4; and Bebington by 0.1.

Attainment 8 at all three non-selective girls' schools decreased. However, in all three non-selective girls' schools, Attainment 8 scores are higher than the national average for similar schools. In contrast Mosslands School, the one non-selective boy school, increased by 0.7.

Seven non-selective mixed schools improved their Attainment 8 scores; Pensby High School and Birkenhead Park by 1.6; St. Mary's Catholic College; Ridgeway High School 1.4; Hilbre High School by 0.6; Oldershaw School by 0.4 and Co-op Academy Bebington by 0.1.

Disadvantaged Pupils

Attainment 8 for disadvantaged pupils decreased in all four localities. The overall Wirral disadvantaged at 35.4 is lower than the national average at 36.7.

Progress 8

Progress 8 measure for Wirral decreased slightly to +0.01 and is above the national average.

Gender

Progress 8 for girls in Wirral improved and is above the National average for girls. Progress 8 for Wirral boys decreased but is in line with national boys' average.

School Types

Nationally Progress 8 for girls and boys decreased for those attending selective schools, similarly boys' Progress 8 in non-selective schools decreased. In contrast Progress 8 for girls attending non-selective schools increased.

Selective Schools

Progress 8 for all selective girls' schools is above the national average for similar schools. None of the selective school for boys are above the National average for similar schools.

In two selective schools Progress 8 increased, Wirral Grammar School for Boys improved by 0.15 and West Kirby Grammar School for Girls by 0.02. Wirral Grammar School for Girls remained at +0.77. The other three selective schools Progress 8 decreased; St Anselm's College by 0.30 to -0.04, and Calday by 0.36 to +0.23.

Non Selective Schools

Progress 8 for two non-selective girls' schools is above the national average for similar schools. Progress 8 for two non-selective girls' schools increased; Prenton High School by 0.07, and Birkenhead High School Academy by 0.04.

Progress 8 in four non-selective schools is above the national average for similar schools. Nine out of ten non-selective mixed schools showed an improvement in Progress 8; and Hilbre High School by 0.40; Co-op Bebington 0.24; Birkenhead Park 0.23; Pensby High School 0.16; Ridgeway High School by 0.15; St Mary's Catholic College by 0.13 St John Plessington by 0.04; Woodchurch High School and South Wirral by 0.01.

Detailed Analysis

Grade 4+ in English, Mathematics and English and Mathematics

	% of pupils attaining Grade 4+ in English		% of pupils attaining Grade 4+ in Mathematics		% of pupils attaining Grade 4+ in English & Mathematics	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
All Wirral	78.8	76.7	72.1	69.4	67.0	65.1
National Average	75.4	76.0	69.5	70.2	64.2	64.6
Birkenhead	78.6	74.1	69.9	67.5	65.0	62.2
South Wirral	82.6	81.7	76.0	74.1	71.3	70.1
Wallasey	64.2	65.1	57.9	56.1	49.3	49.4
West Wirral	84.4	82.9	79.2	76.8	75.7	74.6

Wirral pupils achieving a grade 4 or above in both English and English **and** Mathematics is still above the national average. However, there was a decrease in attainment in English, Mathematics and English **and** Mathematics. Nationally there was a slight increase in the percentage of pupils achieving a grade 4 or higher in Mathematics, English and English **and** Mathematics.

Outcomes in English continue to be higher than in Mathematics. This was the same for each locality. Wallasey showed 0.9% improvement in English, and 0.1% improvement in English **and** Mathematics. In each other locality, outcomes decreased across each outcome measure. In Birkenhead the proportion of students attaining a grade 4 and above in English decreased by 4.5%. In West Wirral the proportion of students attaining grade 4 and above in Mathematics decreased by 2.4%.

Grade 4+ in English and Mathematics (Gender)

	% of pupils attaining Grade 4+ in English & Mathematics		
	2018	2019	Residual
All Wirral	67.0	65.1	-1.9
National Average (All)	64.2	64.6	+0.4
Wirral Boys	62.6	61	-1.6
National Average (Boys)	60.5	61	+0.5
Wirral Girls	71.3	69.1	-1.4
National Average (Girls)	68.1	68.4	+0.3

The attainment of Wirral girls continues to be above the national average and boys' attainment is in line. However both boys' and girls' attainment has decreased, in contrast to the national average where both boys and girls increased. Nationally the gender gap has narrowed by 0.2%. The Wirral gender gap has also narrowed by 0.6%.

Grade 4+ in English and Mathematics by Distinct School Group

Type of School	% of pupils attaining Grade 4+ in English & Mathematics		
	2018	2019	Residual
National average for selective schools	98.7	98.8	+0.1
National average for non-selective schools	56.8	57.3	+0.5
National average for sponsored academies	54.3	54.8	+0.5

Nationally all school types improved outcomes for those achieving grade 4+ in English **and** Mathematics. Selective schools improved by 0.1%. Both non-selective schools and sponsored academies made the biggest improvement of 0.5%.

Selective Schools

Three selective schools (Wirral Grammar School for Boys, Wirral Grammar School for Girls and Upton Hall) improved on the percentage of pupils attaining grade 4+ in English **and** Mathematics with outcomes above the national average for selective schools.

Non Selective Schools

Three non-selective schools improved outcomes in attaining Grade 4+ in English **and** Mathematics. Oldershaw School increased by 1.7%; Pensby High School by 1.4% and Hilbre High School by 0.3%; Two non-selective sponsored academies improved outcomes. Birkenhead Park School increased by 4.3% and St Marys Catholic College by 3.2%.

Four non-selective schools achieved above the national average for the same type of school in pupils attaining grade 4+ in English **and** Mathematics; Prenton High School for Girls 71.7%, Birkenhead High School Academy 62.6%, Weatherhead 63.1% and Pensby High School 67.0%.

Grade 5+ in English, Mathematics and English and Mathematics

	% of pupils attaining Grade 5+ in English 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 5+ in English 2019	% of pupils attaining Grade 5+ in Mathematics 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 5+ in Mathematics 2019	% of pupils attaining Grade 5+ in English & Mathematics 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 5+ in English & Mathematics 2019
All Wirral	64.1	63.8	50.8	49.9	45.9	45.2
National Average	60.3	60.7	49.3	49.2	43.3	43.2
Birkenhead	63.7	59.1	41.0	44.9	37.4	37.4
South Wirral	67.7	71.1	57.2	54.5	51.9	51.3
Wallasey	44.7	46.6	32.1	34.9	26.0	28.8
West Wirral	73.4	73.7	63.5	60.7	58.9	57.6

Nationally the percentage of pupils achieving grade 5+ in English increased by 0.4% but decreased by 0.1% in both Mathematics and English **and** Mathematics. For Wirral the percentage of pupils achieving grade 5+ in English, Mathematics and English **and** Mathematics decreased, but remained above the National average.

In three localities the percentage of pupils attaining a grade 5+ in English improved this year; South Wirral by 3.4%; Wallasey by 1.9% and West Wirral by 0.3%. Birkenhead decreased by 4.6 percentage points. Two localities improved in Mathematics, Birkenhead by 3.9% and

Wallasey by 2.8%. Wallasey was the only locality to improve in English **and** Mathematics by 2.8%.

Grade 5+ in English and Mathematics by Gender

	% of pupils attaining Grade 5+ in English & Mathematics	
	2018	2019
All Wirral	45.9	45.2
National Average (All)	43.3	43.2
Wirral Boys	41.5	41.1
National Average (Boys)	40.0	39.9
Wirral Girls	50.2	49.3
National Average (Girls)	46.7	46.5

The attainment of both Wirral boys and girls continues to be above the national average, although both the girls' and boys' attainment decreased. Nationally the gender gap has narrowed by 0.1% to 6.6%. The Wirral gender gap has narrowed by 0.5% but is still greater than the gap nationally.

Grade 5+ in English and Mathematics by Distinct School Group

Type of school	% of pupils attaining Grade 5+ in English & Mathematics		
	2018	2019	Residual
National average for selective schools	92.9	93.1	+0.2
National average for non-selective schools	32	32	0
National average for sponsored academies	32.9	32.6	-0.3

Nationally selective schools achieving grade 5+ in English **and** Mathematics increased by 0.2%. Non-selective schools remained at 32% and sponsored academies decreased by 0.3%.

Three selective schools' attaining Grade 5+ in English **and** Mathematics increased; Wirral Grammar School for Girls by 2.3%; Upton Hall by 5.5% and Wirral Grammar School for Boys by 5.7%. None of the selective schools' attainment was higher than the national average for selective schools, although West Kirby was broadly in line.

Four non-selective schools increased outcomes for grade 5+ in English **and** Mathematics; Oldershaw had the greatest improvement by 12.4%, followed by Prenton High School for Girls with 10.9%; Hilbre High School 3.9% and Weatherhead High School by 1%.

Three non-selective schools were above the national average for non-selective schools; Prenton High School Weatherhead High School and Pensby High School.

Two non-selective sponsored academies outcomes for grade 5+ in English **and** Mathematics increased; Birkenhead Park by 5.6% and St. Mary's Catholic College by 0.7%.

Attainment 8

	2017	2018	2019	
All Wirral	48.1	48.8	48.2	↓
National Average	46.3	46.5	46.7	↑
Birkenhead	42.6	44.9	45.2	↑
South Wirral	53.2	52.5	52.7	↑
Wallasey	39.4	39.2	39.7	↑
West Wirral	52.3	53.7	52.8	↓

Attainment 8 for Wirral decreased by 0.6 but remains above the national average. Three localities improved; Wallasey by 0.5; Birkenhead by 0.3 and South Wirral by 0.2.

Attainment 8 by Gender

Attainment 8 GENDER	2017	2018	2019	
Wirral Boys	45.5	45.8	45.3	↓
National Boys	43.7	43.8	44	↑
GAP	+1.8	+2	+1.3	-
Wirral Girls	50.8	51.6	51.1	↓
National Girls	49.0	49.3	49.4	↑
GAP	+1.8	+2.3	+1.7	-
National Average (All pupils)	46.3	46.5	46.7	

Attainment 8 for both boys and girls nationally has increased. In contrast Wirral, pupil attainment has decreased by 0.5 for both boys and girls. Nationally the gender gap has narrowed by 0.1 whereas the gender gap in Wirral has stayed the same at 5.8.

National Attainment 8	2017	2018	2019
GIRLS			
Selective schools	70.9	72.3	72.6
Non-Selective schools in a selective area	44.3	44.8	44.6
All	49.0	49.3	49.3
BOYS			
Selective schools	67.8	69.8	70.3
Non-Selective schools in a selective area	39.8	39.9	39.9
All	43.7	43.8	43.9
ALL			
Selective schools	69.3	71.1	71.5
Non-Selective schools in a selective area	42.1	42.3	42.2
All	46.3	46.5	46.5

Nationally, Attainment 8 for girls and boys attending selective schools increased. In contrast girls attending non-selective schools nationally decreased.

Attainment 8 – Selective Schools

Three selective schools increased Attainment 8 scores. Wirral Grammar School for Boys' Attainment 8 increased by 2.3. Two girls' selective schools increased - Wirral Grammar School for Girls by 1.7 and West Kirby Grammar School for Girls by 0.8. None of the selective schools are above the national average of selective schools for Attainment 8.

Non-Selective Schools

Non-Selective Single Sex Schools

Attainment 8 at all three non-selective girls' schools decreased. In all three non-selective girls' schools but outcomes remain higher than the national average for similar schools. In contrast

Five non-selective schools achieved Attainment 8 scores which were above the national average for non-selective schools; Birkenhead High School Academy, Pensby High School Weatherhead High School, St John Plessington and Prenton High School.

Eight non-selective schools improved their Attainment 8 scores. Both Pensby High and Birkenhead Park School were joint with the highest improvement by 1.6, Ridgeway by 1.4, St Mary's by 1.3, Hilbre by 0.6, Mosslands by 0.7, Bebington by 0.1 and Oldershaw by 0.4.

Mosslands the one non-selective boy school, increased by 0.7 but remains below the national average for similar schools.

Non-Selective Mixed Schools

Seven non-selective mixed schools improved their Attainment 8 scores:- Pensby High by 1.6; Ridgeway 1.4; Hilbre by 0.6; St Mary's 1.3; Bebington 0.1; Birkenhead Park School 1.6; Oldershaw by 0.4 to 34.7.

Attainment 8 by Other Groups

Attainment 8	2018	2019
EAL Wirral	58.3	54.1
EAL National	47.2	48.2
No SEN Wirral	52.2	52.0
No SEN National	49.7	50.0
SEN(K) Wirral	36.4	35.3
SEN(K) National	32.2	32.4
EHCP Wirral	15.7	14.8
EHCP National	13.5	13.6

Attainment 8 for pupils with English as an additional language (EAL); pupils with no SEN; SEN support pupils and pupils with EHCP decreased in 2019. However attainment 8 of all these groups is above the national average.

Progress 8 – Gender

	2017	2018	2019	
All Wirral	+0.01	+0.03	+0.01	↓
National Average	-0.03	-0.02	-0.03	↓
Wirral Boys	-0.24	-0.21	-0.27	↓
National Boys	-0.24	-0.25	-0.27	↓

Wirral Girls	+0.26	+0.27	+0.30	↑
National Girls	+0.18	+0.21	+0.23	↑

Progress 8 measure for Wirral decreased by 0.02 but continues to be above the national average. Progress 8 for girls in Wirral improved by 0.03 to +0.30 and remains above the national average for girls. Progress 8 for Wirral boys decreased by 0.06 to -0.27 and is now in line with National boys.

Progress 8	2017	2018	2019	
Wirral English	-0.04	+0.01	0.0	↓
English National	+0.00	+0.00	-0.04	
Wirral Maths	-0.18	-0.11	-0.19	↓
Maths National	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	
EBacc	+0.03	-0.07	-0.09	↓
EBacc National	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03	
Open	+0.14	+0.23	+0.24	↑
Open National	-0.04	-0.04	-0.04	

Wirral Progress 8 score in the Open element improved by 0.01 to +0.24. Wirral English element at 0.0 is above the national average. In contrast Wirral Mathematics element is below the National average -0.02.

National Progress 8	2017	2018	2019
GIRLS			
Selective schools	+0.61	+0.71	+0.7
Non-Selective schools in a selective area	+0.04	+0.08	+0.1
All	+0.18	+0.21	+0.23
BOYS			
Selective schools	+0.29	+0.42	+0.4
Non-Selective schools in a selective area	-0.32	-0.34	-0.37
All	-0.24	-0.25	-0.27
ALL			
Selective schools	+0.5	+0.56	+0.55
Non-Selective schools in a selective area	-0.14	-0.13	-0.14
All	-0.03	-0.02	-0.02

Nationally Progress 8 for girls and boys decreased for those attending selective schools, similarly boys' Progress 8 in non-selective schools decreased. In contrast Progress 8 for girls attending non-selective schools increased.

Selective Schools – Progress 8

Progress 8 for all Wirral selective girls' schools is above the national average for similar schools. None of the selective school for boys are above the national average for similar schools.

In two selective schools Progress 8 increased, Wirral Grammar School for Boys improved by 0.15 to whilst West Kirby Grammar School for Girls improved by 0.02. Wirral Grammar Girls stayed the same at +0.77. In the other three schools Progress 8 decreased, in St Anselm's by 0.30 and Calday by 0.36.

Non-selective Single Sex Schools

Progress 8 for two non-selective girls' schools remains above the national average for similar schools and increased; Prenton High School by 0.07 and Birkenhead High School Academy by 0.04.

Non-Selective Mixed Schools

Progress 8 in four non-selective schools are above the national average for similar schools. Nine out of ten non-selective mixed schools showed an improvement in Progress 8; Hilbre by 0.40 Co-op Bebington High by 0.24; Birkenhead Park by 0.23; Pensby High School by 0.16; Ridgeway by 0.15; St Mary's by 0.13; St John Plessington by 0.04; Woodchurch High School by South Wirral High School by 0.01.

Percentage of Pupils achieving Grades 7 - 9 in English, Mathematics and English and Mathematics

	% of pupils attaining Grade 7 - 9 in English 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 7 - 9 in English 2019	% of pupils attaining Grade 7 - 9 in Mathematics 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 7 - 9 in Mathematics 2019	% of pupils attaining Grade 7 - 9 in English & Mathematics 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 7 - 9 in English & Mathematics 2019
All Wirral	25.8	27.0	19.8	19.3	13.3	13.7
Birkenhead	21.6	22.3	11.5	13.3	8.1	8.1
South Wirral	28.3	33.1	24.1	22.1	15.5	16.6
Wallasey	13	14.8	9.3	8.8	4.8	5.3
West Wirral	34.9	33.9	27.9	28.6	20.2	21.1

Outcomes for Wirral pupils achieving grade 7+ in English improved by 1.2%. Three localities improved, Birkenhead by 0.7% to 22.3%; South Wirral 4.8% to 33.1% and Wallasey by 1.8% to 14.8%.

Outcomes for Wirral pupils achieving grade 7+ in Mathematics decreased by 0.5%. Two localities improved, Birkenhead by 1.8% to 13.3% and West Wirral by 0.7% to 28.6%.

The percentage of Wirral pupils achieving grade 7+ in English **and** Mathematics improved by 0.5%. No locality decreased but Birkenhead stayed the same at 8.1%. West Wirral increased by 0.9%, Wallasey 0.5%; South Wirral 1.1%.

Ten schools increased the percentage of pupils attaining grade 7+ in English **and** Mathematics. West Kirby Grammar saw the biggest increase of 6.9%, closely followed by Calday Grange Grammar with a 5.7% increase. The non-selective school with the most improvement was Oldershaw by 4%.

Disadvantaged Pupils

Grade 4+ in English, Mathematics and English and Mathematics

Grade 4+	% of pupils attaining Grade 4+ in English 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 4+ in English 2019	% of pupils attaining Grade 4+ in Mathematics 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 4+ in Mathematics 2019	% of pupils attaining Grade 4+ in English & Mathematics 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 4+ in English & Mathematics 2019
All Wirral	78.8	76.7	72.1	69.4	67.0	65.1
National Average Disadvantaged	59.4	59.6	50.8	51.3	44.5	44.8
Disadvantaged Wirral	60.1	55.9	52.6	46.1	44.1	39.8
GAP	+0.7	-3.7	+1.8	-5.2	-0.4	-5

In Wirral the percentage of disadvantaged pupils attaining grade 4+ in English decreased by 4.2%, English **and** Mathematics by 4.3% and in Mathematics by 6.5%.

Nationally there was an increase in the percentage of disadvantaged pupils attaining grade 4+ in English by 0.2%; Mathematics by 0.5% and in English **and** Mathematics by 0.3%. As a result, the Wirral/National Disadvantaged gap widened in all three, in Mathematics the gap is now 5.2%.

Grade 4+	% of pupils attaining Grade 4+ in English 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 4+ in English 2019	% of pupils attaining Grade 4+ in Mathematics 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 4+ in Mathematics 2019	% of pupils attaining Grade 4+ in English & Mathematics 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 4+ in English & Mathematics 2019
All Birkenhead	78.6	74.1	69.9	67.5	65.0	62.2
Disadvantaged Birkenhead	62.4	54.8	53.8	49.8	48.0	42.3
GAP	-16.2	-19.3	-16.1	-17.7	-17.0	-19.9

All South Wirral	82.6	81.7	76.0	74.1	71.3	70.1
Disadvantaged South Wirral	61.9	65.2	52.4	47.1	43.8	41.6
GAP	-20.7	-16.5	-23.6	-27	-27.5	-28.5

All Wallasey	64.2	65.1	57.9	56.1	49.3	49.4
Disadvantaged Wallasey	53.1	51.9	48.1	42.4	38.4	35.4
GAP	-11.1	-13.2	-9.8	-13.7	-10.9	-14

West Wirral	84.4	82.9	79.2	76.8	75.5	74.6
Disadvantaged West Wirral	67.7	53.8	59.2	47.3	49.8	42.5
GAP	-16.7	-29.1	-20	-29.5	-25.7	-32.1

The percentage of disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 4+ for English in South Wirral increased by 3.3%, and the gap narrowed by 4.2%. For all other localities in English, Mathematics and English **and** Mathematics attainment of disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 4+ decreased, and the gap widened also. The widest gaps are consistently seen in West Wirral, with a gap of 29.1% in English, 29.5% in Mathematics and 32.1% In English **and** Mathematics.

Grade 5+ in English, Mathematics and English and Mathematics

Grade 5+	% of pupils attaining Grade 5+ in English 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 5+ in English 2019	% of pupils attaining Grade 5+ in Mathematics 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 5+ in Mathematics 2019	% of pupils attaining Grade 5+ in English & Mathematics 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 5+ in English & Mathematics 2019
All Wirral	64.1	63.8	50.8	49.9	45.9	45.2
National Average Disadvantaged	42.4	42.5	30.4	30.0	24.9	24.7
Disadvantaged Wirral	40.8	39.6	28.5	24.8	22.8	19.9
GAP	-1.6	-2.9	-1.9	-5.2	-2.1	-4.8

Significantly more disadvantaged pupils attained a grade 5+ in English than in Mathematics – a difference of 14.8%. Fewer disadvantaged pupils in Wirral attained grade 5+ in English (a decrease of 1.2% in Wirral) and the gap widened by 1.3%. Fewer disadvantaged pupils attained grade 5+ in Mathematics also, (3.7% in Wirral) and the gap widened by 3.3%. Fewer disadvantaged pupils attained grade 5+ in English **and** Mathematics (2.9%) and the gap widened by 2.7%.

Grade 5+	% of pupils attaining Grade 5+ in English 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 5+ in English 2019	% of pupils attaining Grade 5+ in Mathematics 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 5+ in Mathematics 2019	% of pupils attaining Grade 5+ in English & Mathematics 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 5+ in English & Mathematics 2019
All Birkenhead	63.7	59.1	41.0	44.9	37.4	37.4
Disadvantaged Birkenhead	43.4	41.9	25.3	29.9	21.3	23.7
GAP	-20.3	-17.2	-15.7	-15	-16.1	-13.7

All South Wirral	67.7	71.1	57.2	54.5	51.9	51.3
Disadvantaged South Wirral	40.0	47.1	32.9	20.8	25.7	17.6
GAP	-27.7	-24	-24.3	-33.7	-26.2	-33.7

All Wallasey	44.7	46.6	32.1	34.9	26.0	28.8
Disadvantaged Wallasey	32.6	32.0	24.3	24.5	18.8	18.4
GAP	-12.1	-14.6	-7.8	-10.4	-7.2	-10.4

All West Wirral	73.4	73.7	63.5	60.7	58.9	57.6
Disadvantaged West Wirral	52.7	41.9	34.3	23.7	28.4	20.4
GAP	-20.7	-31.8	-29.2	-37	-30.5	-37.2

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 5+ in English increased in South Wirral by 7.1%. The disadvantaged gap narrowed in South Wirral by 3.7% and widened in all other localities, most notably in West Wirral by 11.1%.

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 5+ in Mathematics increased in two localities: Birkenhead by 4.6% and Wallasey by 0.2%. The disadvantaged gap narrowed in Birkenhead by 0.7%.

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 5+ in English **and** Mathematics increased in Birkenhead by 2.4%. The disadvantaged gap narrowed in Birkenhead by 2.4%.

Attainment 8 for Disadvantaged Pupils

	2017	2018	2019	
All Wirral	48.1	48.8	48.2	↓
National Average for Disadvantaged	35.7	36.7	36.7	
Wirral Disadvantaged Pupils	38.0	37.1	35.4	↓
Birkenhead	35.6	36.7	36.6	↓
South Wirral	43.1	39.2	38.5	↓
Wallasey	34.1	34.2	33.1	↓
West Wirral	41.4	40.3	34.7	↓

Attainment 8 for disadvantaged pupils decreased in all four localities. The overall Wirral disadvantaged outcome at 35.4 is lower than the National average at 36.7.

Percentage of Disadvantaged Pupils achieving Grades 7 - 9 in English, Mathematics and English and Mathematics

Grade 7-9	% of pupils attaining Grade 7 - 9 in English 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 7 - 9 in English 2019	% of pupils attaining Grade 7 - 9 in Mathematics 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 7 - 9 in Mathematics 2019	% of pupils attaining Grade 7 - 9 in English & Mathematics 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 7 - 9 in English & Mathematics 2019
All Wirral	25.8	27.0	19.8	19.3	13.3	13.7
National Average					17	
Wirral Disadvantaged	10.7	10.6	6.8	5.3	3.8	3.2
GAP	-15.1	-16.4	-13	-14	-9.5	-10.5

Outcomes for Wirral disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 7+ in English decreased by 0.1% and the gap widened by 1.3%. Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 7+ in Mathematics decreased by 1.5% and the gap widened by 1%.

Outcomes of disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 7+ in English **and** Mathematics decreased by 0.6% and the gap widened by 1%.

Grades 7-9	% of pupils attaining Grade 7 - 9 in English 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 7 - 9 in English 2019	% of pupils attaining Grade 7 - 9 in Mathematics 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 7 - 9 in Mathematics 2019	% of pupils attaining Grade 7 - 9 in English & Mathematics 2018	% of pupils attaining Grade 7 - 9 in English & Mathematics 2019
All Birkenhead	21.6	22.3	11.5	13.3	8.1	8.1

Disadvantaged Birkenhead	11.3	11.2	3.9	4.3	3.1	2.6
GAP	-10.3	-11.1	-7.6	-9	-5	-5.5

All South Wirral	28.3	33.1	24.1	22.1	15.5	16.6
Disadvantaged South Wirral	9.6	11.6	8.8	3.0	5.6	2.6
GAP	-18.7	-21.5	-15.3	-19.1	-9.9	-14

All Wallasey	13	14.8	9.3	8.8	4.8	5.3
Disadvantaged Wallasey	8.1	7.0	6.9	5.3	2.4	2.9
GAP	-4.9	-7.8	-2.4	-3.5	-2.4	-2.4

All West Wirral	34.9	33.9	27.9	28.6	20.2	21.1
Disadvantaged West Wirral	15.0	14.9	7.7	8.9	6.3	5.0
GAP	-19.9	-19	-20.2	-19.7	-13.9	-16.1

The percentage of disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 7+ in English increased in South Wirral by 2%. The gap widened by 2.8%.

More disadvantaged pupils attained a grade 7+ in English than in Mathematics – a difference of 6.9% in Birkenhead, 8.6% in South Wirral, 6% in West Wirral.

Outcomes for disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 7+ in Mathematics increased in Birkenhead by 0.4%, widening the gap by 1.4%. In West Wirral attainment increased by 1.2%, and the gap narrowed by 0.5%.

The percentage of disadvantaged pupils achieving grade 7+ in English **and** Mathematics increased in Wallasey by 0.5% and the gap remained the same at 2.4%. Attainment decreased in all other Localities.

Disadvantaged Pupils

Seven schools' outcomes for disadvantaged pupils attaining grade 7+ in English **and** Mathematics improved. Upton Hall improved the most by 10.2%, followed by Oldershaw by 4.2%.

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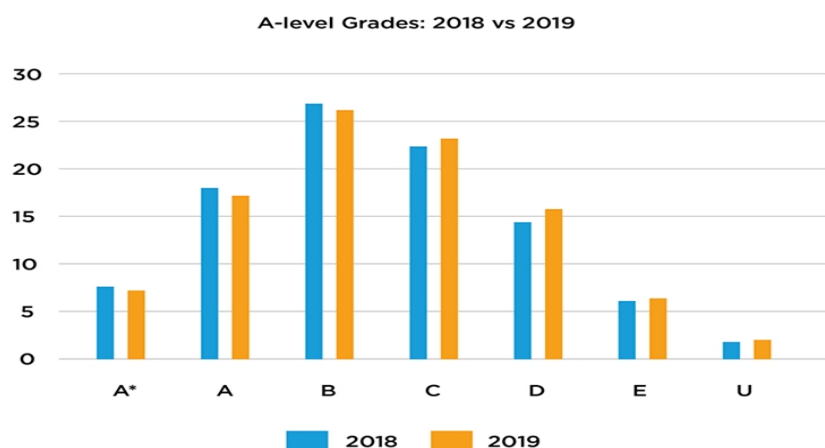
The proportion of A-level entries in England awarded a C or above has decreased to its lowest level since 2015, reaching 75.5%. However, the overall pass rate has remained

stable in England this year, with 97.5% achieving a grade E or above, down only slightly from 97.6% last year.

Overall performance in England

The proportion of A* and A grades has dropped this year by 1 percentage point to 25.2%, the lowest since 2007. Pupils achieving an A* has decreased, from 8% last year to 7.7%. This is the second year running the top grade has dropped. The overall pass rate has remained stable with 97.5% of entries receiving at least an E grade (just a 0.1 percentage point drop).

A-level grade distribution in England: 2018 vs 2019



Subjects Gaining/Losing Popularity

For the fourth year in a row the 10 most popular A-level subjects (in the UK) remained the same. Maths remained top, though there were fewer students studying the subject, followed by the three separate sciences. There was a slight change in order in the middle of the table with English literature slipping to seventh place below art and design subjects.

Political studies increased in popularity, with a 9.8 per cent increase in entries on last year. Chemistry and sociology saw the biggest rise in entries (9.2 per cent and 9 per cent, respectively). ICT decreased by 72% (from 5,643 students in 2018 to 1,572 this year).

English language and English literature decreased with entries down 15.3 per cent for both subjects.

Subjects with the Biggest Gender Gap in Entries

Computing continues to have a big gender gap followed by subjects such as English Literature, English Language, and Art & Design.

When looking at the *UK-wide figures*, girls have overtaken boys on attaining A* and A grades: 25.5% of girls attained one of the top two grades this year, compared to 25.4% of boys.

The *England-only* statistics show a slightly different picture. Boys attained more A*s than the girls, however the gap narrowed slightly this year. In England, 8.1% of boys gained an A* compared with last year when it was 8.5%. A total of 25.2% of boys got an A or A* this year (down from 26.4% in 2018) compared to 25.1% of girls (down from 26% last year).

Wirral A Level Results for the Last Three Years (2019 Provisional Data)

	Ave Points per A level Entry	Ave Points per Academic Entry	Ave Points per Applied General Entry	Ave Points per Tech Level Entry	Grade and Points student's best 3 A levels	% Achieving AAB or higher in at least 2 facilitating subjects
2016						
Wirral	31.41	31.55	37.06	29.69	B- 35.46	15.1
2017						
Wirral	33.81	33.74	40.02	31.73	B- 35.03	14.87
2018						
Wirral	32.35	32.61	28.93	31.24	C+ 33.40	15.9
2019						
Wirral	32.92	33.15	32.71	23.80	C+ 33.83	14.7

There is no comparative data with statistical neighbours for the provisional 2019 results until March 2020. Provisional results for Wirral show that the average points per A level entry has increased. The average points per academic entry, and the average points for applied general entry have increased, whereas technical level entry has decreased. The average point score for a student's best 3 A levels has increased though the average grade remains at C+. The percentage of Wirral pupils achieving AAB has decreased.

2019 Provisional	Average Point Score per entry (APS)	Best 3 A levels as a grade	% achieving 2 A levels	3 A*-A	% Achieving AAB or higher in at least 2 facilitating subjects
All Wirral	32.92	C+	79.0	10.1	14.7
National	32.90	C+	79.1	11.1	14.8
Wirral Girls	33.59	C+	82.4	9.4	13.5
National Girls	33.56	C+	81.2	10.2	13.4
Wirral Boys	32.06	C+	74.7	11.0	16.3
National Boys	32.10	C+	76.6	12.2	16.5

Nationally the average point score (APS) per entry expressed as a grade for A level remained at C+. Wirral's grade also remained at C+. The APS for Wirral was slightly higher than the national average. Although Wirral girls' APS remains above the National average it decreased compared to a National increase. Similarly, for boys the APS decreased in Wirral compared to a National increase. However, for boys the APS continues to be slightly below the national average.

The Wirral average A level grade for the best 3 A level outcomes at C+ is in line with the national average. Both the boys' (C+) and girls' (C+) grade continues to be in line with the national average.

Nationally and in Wirral there was an increase in the percentage of all pupils achieving two A levels, although the rate of increase was slower in Wirral. The percentage of girls achieving 2 A levels in Wirral mirrored the National increase and girls achievement remains above the national average. The percentage of boys achieving 2 A levels increased nationally and for Wirral boys. Attainment for Wirral boys is below the national average.

Nationally there was a decrease in the number of students achieving 3 A*-A. This was mirrored by Wirral students where the percentage dipped below the national average. The percentage of Wirral girls achieving three A*-A decreased and is now lower than the national average. The percentage of Wirral boys achieving 3 A*-A increased compared to a National decrease but remains lower than the national average.

Nationally there was a 0.6% decrease in the number of students achieving AAB. The percentage of Wirral students achieving AAB decreased at a greater rate and is now in line with the national average. The percentage of girls achieving AAB decreased at a greater rate than the National and now is in line with the National average. Nationally boys' attainment decreased by 1%, whereas, in Wirral there was a slight increase and remains in line with National average.

GCE School Level Data 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019(Provisional)

Average Point Score(APS) 2019

The national average APS was 32.90. In 2019 there were six schools whose average point score was above the national average:-; Calday Grammar School; St. Anselm's College; Upton Hall; West Kirby Grammar School; Wirral Grammar School for Boys and Wirral Grammar School for Girls.

Provisional average points scores for 2019 indicate that 9 schools/colleges have improved outcomes.

Progress Score 2019

The Progress scores for 2019 are not yet available.

These figures tell you how much progress students who studied A levels at a school or college made between the end of Key Stage 4 and the end of their A level studies, compared to similar students across England.

A score above zero means students made more progress, on average, than students across England who got similar results at the end of Key Stage 4. A score below zero means students made less progress, on average, than students across England who got similar results at the end of key stage 4.

In 2018 five Wirral schools/colleges had a progress score above 0:- Birkenhead Sixth Form College; St. Anselm's College; St. John Plessington, Upton Hall and Wirral Grammar School for Girls.

Average Grade

The grades students achieved per A level entry are used to calculate a national average. A points value is given to all qualifications so a comparison can be made with qualifications of a different size and grading system. The Department of Education base the number of points on the challenge and size of a qualification. A maximum of 60 points are available for a grade A* at A level.

In 2019 seven schools/colleges had an average grade either above or in line with the national average (C+):- Calday Grammar School; St. Anselm's College; Upton Hall; Weatherhead High

School; West Kirby Grammar School for Girls; Wirral Grammar School for Boys and Wirral Grammar school for Girls.

School Name	Year	Average Points Score	Progress Score	Average Grade
England (State funded Schools)	2016	30.45	0	C
	2017	31.14	0	C+
	2018	32.12	0	C+
	2019	32.90	0	C+
Co-op Academy Bebington	2016	26.17	0.12	C-
	2017	28.17	0.14	C-
	2018	23.41	-0.10	D+
	2019	23.17		D+
Birkenhead High School Academy	2016	29.48	-0.03	C
	2017	32.19	-0.33	C
	2018	30.60	-0.33	C
	2019	30.3		C
Birkenhead Sixth Form College	2016	29.72	0.25	C
	2017	29.69	0.25	C
	2018	29.10	0.18	C
	2019	30.56		C
Calday Grammar School	2016	33.52	-0.13	C+
	2017	33.7	-0.15	C+
	2018	35.67	-0.02	B-
	2019	35.86		B-
Hilbre High School	2016	22.94	-0.17	D+
	2017	23.84	-0.33	D
	2018	22.78	-0.21	D+
	2019	25.3		C-
Pensby High School	2016	23.05	-0.37	D+
	2017	20.33	-0.82	D
	2018	21.53	-0.23	D
	2019	25.96		C-
South Wirral High School	2016	21.45	-0.38	D
	2017	24.72	-0.43	D+
	2018	27.20	-0.40	C-
	2019	16.47		D-
St Anselm's College	2016	29.09	-0.06	C
	2017	35.65	0.13	C
	2018	31.75	0.31	C+
	2019	36.87		B-
St John Plessington	2016	28.63	0.22	C
	2017	29.8	0.05	C
	2018	29.17	0.04	C
	2019	28.14		C-
St Mary's Catholic College	2016	23.94	-0.27	D+
	2017	28.79	-0.11	C

	2018	23.69	-0.22	D+
	2019	23.57		D+
The Mosslands School	2016	18.25	-0.63	D-
	2017	21.71	-0.61	D
	2018	18.50	-1.11	D
	2019	16.9		D-
The Oldershaw Academy	2016	17.99	-0.6	D-
	2017	21.85	-0.81	D+
	2018	16.90	-0.97	D-
	2019	19.83		D
Upton Hall	2016	35.54	-0.01	B-
	2017	38.36	-0.12	B
	2018	37.21	0.06	B-
	2019	36.22		B-
Weatherhead	2016	28.95	-0.04	C
	2017	31.53	-0.07	C
	2018	31.45	0.09	C
	2019	32.61		C+
West Kirby	2016	37.66	-0.19	B-
	2017	36.17	-0.15	B-
	2018	36.87	-0.23	B-
	2019	38.86		B
Wirral Boys	2016	33.32	-0.15	C+
	2017	32.86	-0.2	C+
	2018	33.33	-0.24	C+
	2019	33.63		C+
Wirral Girls	2016	40.24	-0.01	B
	2017	43.35	0.09	B+
	2018	41.87	0.04	B+
	2019	40.33		B

*Provisional 2019 outcomes not received from these schools/colleges.