

Secondary Inspection Data Summary Report

St John Plessington Catholic College	URN: 139031 Laestab: 3444605
Headteacher: Ms Maria Sharratt	Type of education: Academy Converter
Local authority: Wirral	Phase of education: Secondary
Pupils: 1606 (302 in key stage 5)	Academy trust or sponsor: Holy Family Catholic Multi Academy Trust
Gender: Mixed	Date open/converted: 01/12/2012
Admissions policy: Non-selective	Chair of governors/trustees: David Cartmell
Ages: 11-18	School website: http://www.stjohnplessington.com
Denomination: Roman Catholic	Postcode: CH63 7LF

Report information [Guidance](#)

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Important message: Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, 2019 data is the latest available results data. School performance may vary yearly, and, due to the uneven impact of Covid-19 on pupils and schools, 2019 data may no longer reflect a school's current performance. The IDSR displays both 2021 and 2019 census data to allow users to view the latest contextual data and the data for pupils who took KS4 exams or KS2 tests in 2019.

Areas of interest [Guidance](#)

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Subject entry data for 2021 [Guidance](#)

- The average number of key stage 4 qualifications pupils were entered for in 2021 was 9.
- The school entered pupils into 12 of the 16 available key stage 4 subject clusters in 2021.
- The subjects of the EBacc form a strong academic foundation for the key stage 4 curriculum. The EBacc entry rate in this school in 2021 was 82%.

Subject data for 2019 and earlier [Guidance](#)

- The average number of key stage 4 qualifications pupils were entered for in 2019 was 9. In 2018, the average was 9 and in 2017 it was 10.
- The school entered pupils into 12 of the 17 available key stage 4 subject clusters in 2019.
- For the following EBacc subject(s), the average point score was in the **lowest** 20% of schools nationally and the proportion of entries was at or above the national average: history (3.4), Spanish (3.5).

- The subjects of the EBacc form a strong academic foundation for the key stage 4 curriculum. The EBacc entry rate in this school in 2019 was 67%. The subject that appears to be the greatest barrier to more pupils studying the EBacc is languages (67%).
- There is nothing significant or exceptional to highlight for EBacc value added in 2019, therefore no conclusions can be drawn from this data.
- There is nothing significant or exceptional to highlight for the percentage achieving grade 4+ in science in 2019, therefore no conclusions can be drawn from this data.
- The percentage achieving grade 4+ in languages (44%) was in the **lowest** 20% of all schools in 2019.
- There is nothing significant or exceptional to highlight for the percentage achieving grade 4+ in humanities in 2019, therefore no conclusions can be drawn from this data.
- For the following subject(s) outside of the EBacc, the average point score was in the **highest** 20% of schools nationally and the proportion of entries was at or above the national average: business studies (7.0), applied information technology (5.5), hospitality & catering (5.1), sport studies (7.3), health & social care (5.5), childcare skills (6.7).

Progress 8 Guidance

- Overall Progress 8 (0.4) was significantly **above** the national average and in the **highest** 20% of all schools in 2019 as well as in 2018 and 2017.
- There is nothing significant or exceptional to highlight for the English element of Progress 8 in 2019, therefore no conclusions can be drawn from this data.
- There is nothing significant or exceptional to highlight for the mathematics element of Progress 8 in 2019, therefore no conclusions can be drawn from this data.
- There is nothing significant or exceptional to highlight for the EBacc element of Progress 8 in 2019, therefore no conclusions can be drawn from this data.
- The open element of Progress 8 (1.3) was significantly **above** the national average and in the **highest** 20% of all schools in 2019 as well as in 2018 and 2017.
- Mathematics Progress 8 has **declined** between 2017 and 2018. EBacc Progress 8 has **declined** between 2017 and 2018.

Attainment 8 Guidance

- There is nothing significant or exceptional to highlight for overall Attainment 8 in 2019, therefore no conclusions can be drawn from this data.
- There is nothing significant or exceptional to highlight for the English element of Attainment 8 in 2019, therefore no conclusions can be drawn from this data.
- There is nothing significant or exceptional to highlight for the mathematics element of Attainment 8 in 2019, therefore no conclusions can be drawn from this data.
- There is nothing significant or exceptional to highlight for the EBacc element of Attainment 8 in 2019, therefore no conclusions can be drawn from this data.
- The open element of Attainment 8 (17.0) was in the **highest** 20% of all schools in 2019 as well as in 2018 and 2017.

Pupil movement Guidance

- Between 2019 and 2020, 37 pupils left the school. Of these, 6 left between Years 10 and 11. This was not significantly above the number anticipated for this school this year.

Absence (whole school autumn 2020) Guidance

This data relates to absences during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and should not be compared directly to previous years. There were 10,857 sessions missed by pupils not attending in circumstances related to coronavirus (COVID-19) - these did not count as absence within the data.

- Overall absence in autumn 2020 (7.1%) was in the **highest** 20% of all schools. There is nothing significant or exceptional to highlight for overall absence compared to schools with a similar level of deprivation in autumn 2020, therefore no conclusions can be drawn from this data.
- There is nothing significant or exceptional to highlight for persistent absence in autumn 2020 when compared with all schools or schools with a similar level of deprivation, therefore no conclusions can be drawn from this data.

Absence (whole school 2018/19 and earlier) Guidance

- There is nothing significant or exceptional to highlight for overall absence in 2019, therefore no conclusions can be drawn from this data.
- There is nothing significant or exceptional to highlight for persistent absence in 2019, therefore no conclusions can be drawn from this data.
- There is nothing significant or exceptional to highlight for overall absence and persistent absence compared to schools with a similar level of deprivation in 2018/19, therefore no conclusions can be drawn from this data.

Exclusions (whole school) Guidance

- There is nothing significant or exceptional to highlight for total suspensions in 2019/20, therefore no conclusions can be drawn from this data.
- The rate of repeat suspensions (2.8%) was in the **highest** 20% in 2019/20.
- There is nothing significant or exceptional to highlight for total suspensions compared to schools with a similar level of deprivation in 2019/20, therefore no conclusions can be drawn from this data.
- There is nothing significant or exceptional to highlight for repeat suspensions compared to schools with a similar level of deprivation in 2019/20, therefore no conclusions can be drawn from this data.
- Of the 78 pupils with at least one suspension in 2019/20, 56% were suspended on more than one occasion and none received 10 or more suspensions during the year.
- Of the 183 suspensions in 2019/20, the following reasons each accounted for more than 10%: **persistent disruptive behaviour** (130), physical assault against a pupil (20).
- There were no permanent exclusions in 2019/20. The national average for this year was 1. However, there were 6 permanent exclusions in 2018/19 and 1 in 2017/18.

Destinations Guidance

Significantly above the national average
 Significantly below the national average
 x Small cohort

	Sustained education, employment or apprenticeship	Further education	School sixth form	Sixth form college	Other education	Sustained employment	Sustained apprenticeship
2018/19	92%	16%	65%	6%	x	3%	2%
2017/18	96%	27%	62%	x	1%	3%	3%
2016/17	95%	18%	66%	0%	1%	2%	7%

Pupil groups Guidance

Sentences related to the performance of pupil groups will only appear for the pupil groups disadvantaged and low/middle/high prior attainers. Absence sentences are generated for FSM, SEND and EAL. They will be displayed where the group differs to that of the whole school. Exclusions, phonics and EYFS pupil groups will not appear in this section.

- For low prior attainers, Overall Attainment 8 (31.7) was in the **highest** 20% of all schools in 2019 as well as in 2018 and 2017.
- For high prior attainers, the mathematics element of Attainment 8 (10.8) was in the **lowest** 20% of all schools in 2019. Languages value added (-0.8) was significantly **below** the national average and in the **lowest** 20% of all schools in 2019.
- Persistent absence for pupils whose first language was not English (3.9%) was in the **lowest** 20% of all schools in 2018/19.

School and local context

School level Guidance

		2019	2020	2021	Low Q5	Quintile Q4	Q3	Q2	High Q1
Number on roll	Sch	1559	1570	1606	■	■	■	■	■
	Nat	978	1000	1024					
% FSM6 pupils	Sch	30	30	29	■	■	■	■	■
	Nat	28	27	27					
% SEND support	Sch	6.8	7.6	13.4	■	■	■	■	■
	Nat	10.8	11.1	11.5					
% SEND EHC plan	Sch	2.3	2.0	2.1	■	■	■	■	■
	Nat	1.7	1.8	2.0					
% of EAL	Sch	4	4	5	■	■	■	■	■
	Nat	17	17	17					
% Stability	Sch	97	97	96	■	■	■	■	■
	Nat	92	91	92					

MAT/LA level information Guidance

As at October 2021:

- this school is part of Holy Family Catholic Multi Academy Trust which contains 3 primary schools, 2 secondary schools, no special schools and no pupil referral units.
- the latest overall effectiveness grade for this school is outstanding. As at 1 Oct 2021, the MAT grade profile (which may include grades for schools prior to joining the MAT) was:
 - outstanding - 2
 - good - 1
 - requires improvement - 2
 - inadequate - 0
 - not yet inspected - 0

School workforce Guidance

- At the time of the November 2020 census, there was 1 full-time vacant teacher post in the school.
- There is nothing significant or exceptional to highlight for staff turnover in 2018/19.

Ethnicity Guidance

- This school has 15 out of 17 possible ethnic groups. The top 5 representing 5% or more are:
 - 87%: White - British

Local area Guidance

- The school location deprivation indicator was in quintile 3 (average) of all schools.
- The pupil base is in quintile 4 (more deprived) of all schools in terms of deprivation.

Finance Guidance

- In 2019/20, the academy trust had a revenue reserve of £202,000.
- In 2019/20, this school had a positive in-year balance (£433,605), following a year in which expenditure exceeded income.
- In 2019/20, this school had a per pupil spend of £5,940.
- In 2019/20, this school received £9,462,000 in grant funding, £3,501,588 more than the national average.

Year group context 2019 (Secondary)

Characteristics Guidance

Year group markedly above average of others

Year group markedly below average of others

	Number on Roll	Low prior	Mid prior	High prior	% FSM	FSM Nat	% EAL	EAL Nat
Year 7	269	NA	NA	NA	32	29	4	16
Year 8	265	NA	NA	NA	29	29	5	16
Year 9	247	NA	NA	NA	28	28	4	17
Year 10	249	18	142	87	32	27	4	17
Year 11	230	29	134	64	30	25	4	17

Prior attainment Guidance

Well above national

Well below national

In line with national

Small cohort

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Reading	-	-	-	-	-
Writing	-	-	-	-	Below
Mathematics	-	-	-	-	-

SEND characteristics Guidance

Type of resourced provision:

Number of pupils with SEND who are also disadvantaged: 43

SEND primary need	SEND Support (96)					EHC Plan (33)				
	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
Specific Learning Difficulty	3	1	0	1	0	4	3	2	3	1
Moderate Learning Difficulty	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Severe Learning Difficulty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Social, Emotional & Mental Health	13	13	11	17	4	2	0	1	0	0
Speech, Language and Communication Needs	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hearing Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Visual Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multi-Sensory Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Physical Disability	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	2	4	1	4	0	0	1	6	0	4
School Support NSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Difficulty/Disability	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	2
Year group totals	20	22	14	23	17	9	4	10	3	7

Year group context 2021 (Secondary)

Characteristics Guidance

Year group markedly above average of others

Year group markedly below average of others

	Number on Roll	% FSM	FSM Nat	% EAL	EAL Nat
Year 7	280	36	29	5	17
Year 8	267	32	28	5	17
Year 9	263	27	27	4	17
Year 10	255	26	26	5	17
Year 11	239	23	25	5	17

Prior attainment Guidance

Well above national

Well below national

In line with national

Small cohort

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Reading		-	-	-	-
Writing		-	-	-	-
Mathematics		-	-	-	-

* Year 7 prior attainment data is not available due to Covid-19.

SEND characteristics Guidance

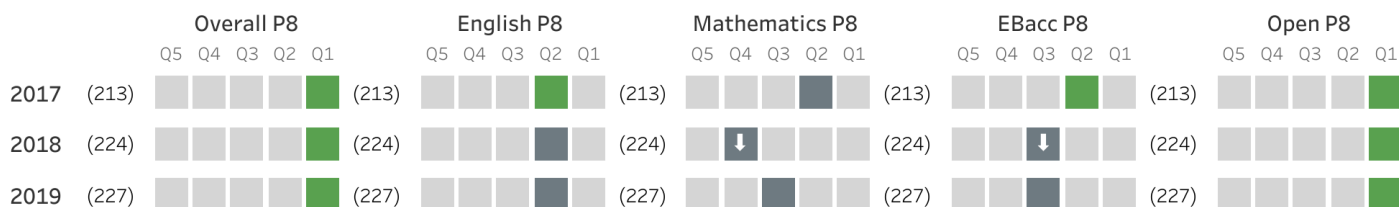
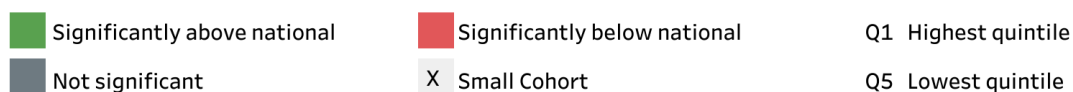
Type of resourced provision:

Number of pupils with SEND who are also disadvantaged: 80

SEND primary need	SEND Support (178)					EHC Plan (26)				
	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
Specific Learning Difficulty	3	5	3	1	10	1	1	4	2	1
Moderate Learning Difficulty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Severe Learning Difficulty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Social, Emotional & Mental Health	24	17	16	19	18	0	0	3	1	1
Speech, Language and Communication Needs	7	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hearing Impairment	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0
Visual Impairment	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multi-Sensory Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Physical Disability	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	12	8	3	4	2	1	1	0	1	5
School Support NSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Difficulty/Disability	2	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Year group totals	50	37	26	33	32	2	2	10	4	8

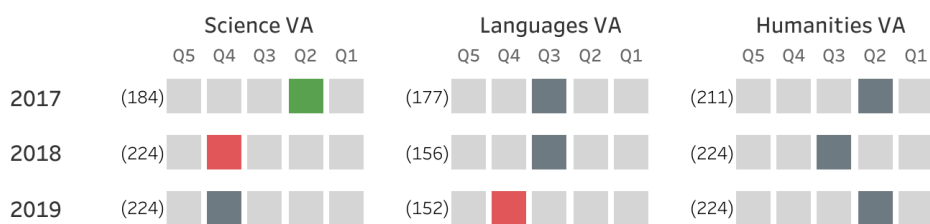
Progress and attainment trend

Progress 8 three-year trend Guidance

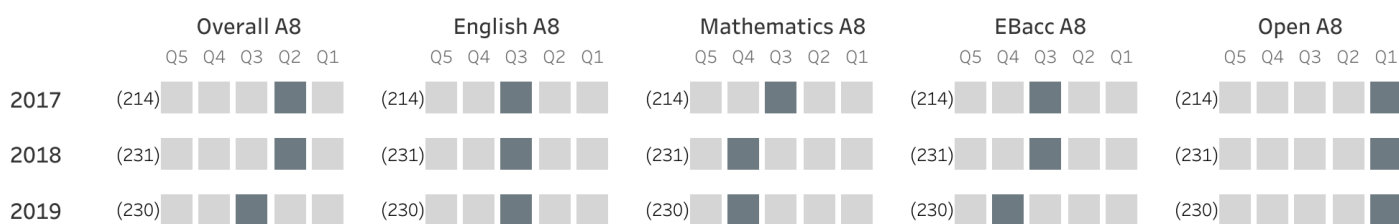


↑ Markedly higher than previous year (progress 8 only) ↓ Markedly lower than previous year (progress 8 only)

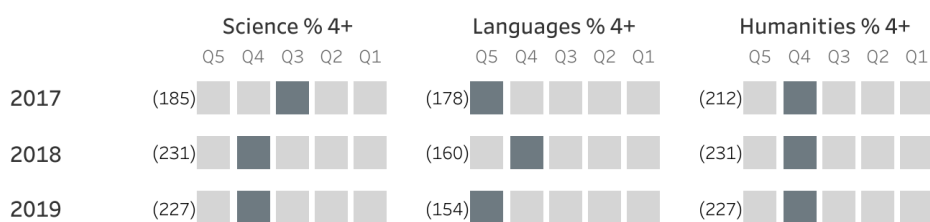
EBacc pillar VA three-year trend Guidance



Attainment 8 three-year trend Guidance



EBacc pillar grade 4 three-year trend Guidance



() represents eligible cohorts for Progress 8/Attainment 8 and entries for EBacc pillars.

Significance is only flagged for progress measures and cohorts greater than 10.

Report information [Guidance](#)

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Provider context for 16 to 19 study programmes

Coverage estimation [Guidance](#)

- We are not able to estimate what proportion of learners are included in this IDSR.

Funding allocation [Guidance](#)

- No funding allocation data available for 2018/19

Qualification type cohort [Guidance](#)

		Number of learners	% of learners
Level 3 qualification	A level	121	77
	Applied General	98	62
	Tech Level	0	0
Level 2 qualification	Tech Certificate	0	0
Learners not taking any L3 or L2 DfE approved qualification		19	12
Total learners at end of study programmes		157	

- Proportion studying DfE approved L3 vocational qualifications: Applied general **100%** and Tech level **0%**

Areas of interest

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Level 3 value added [Guidance](#)

- A sentence for this measure has not been triggered because either the number of learners or entries is fewer than 11 or the criteria have not been met.

Level 3 value added by subject [Guidance](#)

- The value-added score for qualifications of A level size and above was significantly **above** the national average in both 2018 and 2019 for the following subjects: **Product design**.

- The value-added score for qualifications of applied general was significantly **above** the national average in both 2018 and 2019 for the following subjects: **Business stds- BTEC Nat Ex Cer** .

Completion and attainment Guidance

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English and mathematics progress Guidance

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Attainment Guidance

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Retention Guidance

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Destinations Guidance

- The proportion of learners who were in sustained education or employment/training was significantly **higher** than national.

Learner groups Guidance

- No sentences have been generated for learner groups.

Learner context

Learner characteristics (end of KS4) Guidance

Disadvantaged:	29% of learners were disadvantaged. 2 children were looked after.
Special educational needs (SEN):	11% of learners were SEN support. 2% of learners were SEN statement or EHC plan.
English as an additional language (EAL):	5% of learners were EAL.

Ethnicity Guidance

The largest ethnic groups with 5% or more were:

- **White British** - 90%

There were learners from **7** of the 17 ethnic groups.

GCSE English/mathematics Guidance

Learners without grade 4 or above in GCSE English/mathematics at end of key stage 4:

- 11 in English
- 26 in mathematics
- 5 in both English and mathematics

Prior attainment Guidance

Average prior attainment grade distribution at KS4. Percentage of learners in each band by qualification type.

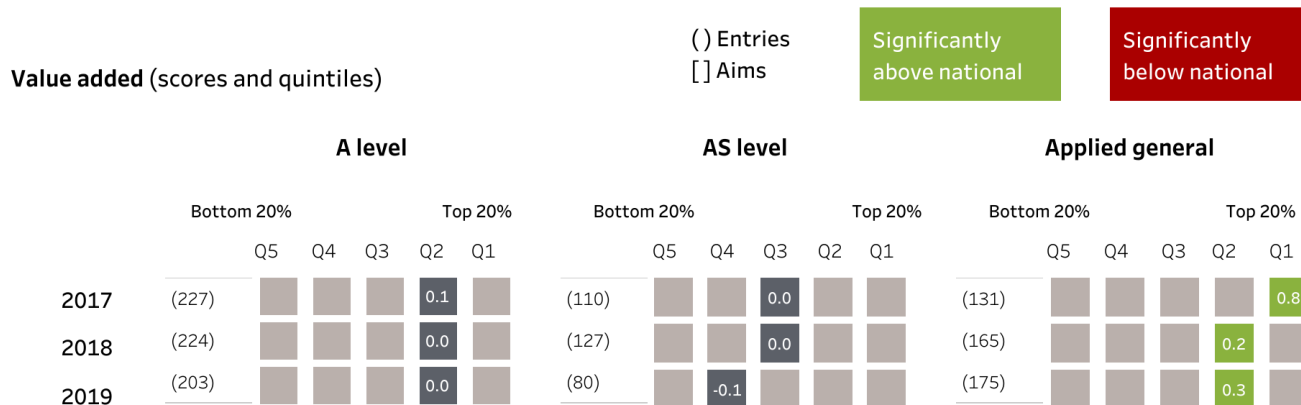
Well above national

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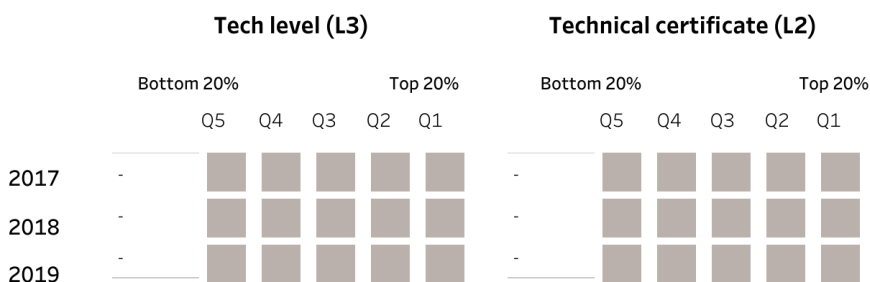
	A level %	Applied general %	Tech level %
GCSE grades U-2	0	0	-
GCSE grade 3	2	0	-
GCSE grade 4	42	25	-
GCSE grades 5-6	40	61	-
GCSE grades 7-9	16	14	-

Trends over time for study programmes [Guidance](#)

Quintiles are based on value-added scores for A level, AS level and applied general, and completion and attainment scores for tech levels (level 3) and technical certificates (level 2). Data is shown for all learners.



Completion & attainment (scores and quintiles)



English and mathematics progress table [Guidance](#)

Overall score 1/3 of a grade or more below nat..

Overall score 3/4 of a grade or more above na..

English

Key stage 4 prior attainment	Outcomes - learners at the end of 16-18 studies				
	Prior attainment qualification type	Learners in scope	% That Gained Grade 4 And Above ¹	% That Improved Grade	Average progress score
All other grades	2	0%	50%	0.5	100%
GCSE grade D and level 2 ESOL and functional skills	9	89%		0.9	100%
Total	11	73%	82%	0.8	100%

Mathematics

Key stage 4 prior attainment	Outcomes - learners at the end of 16-18 studies				
	Prior attainment qualification type	Learners in scope	% That Gained Grade 4 And Above ¹	% That Improved Grade	Average progress score
All other grades	8	13%	75%	0.9	100%
GCSE grade D and level 2 functional skills and use of maths an..	18	61%		0.7	100%
Total	26	46%	65%	0.7	100%

Notes:

1. Grade 4 in the reformed GCSE grading system or grade C in the previous grading system.
2. Includes AQA use of maths and freestanding maths (FSM).

Retention Guidance

Cohort and the number not retained by qualification types. Data is shown for all learners.

☐ Not retained

		A level	Applied general	Tech level (L3)	Technical certificate (L2)
Retained	2018	88 [17]	83 [11]	-	-
	2019	44 [10]	107 [12]	-	-

		A level	Applied general	Tech level (L3)	Technical certificate (L2)
Retained for second year	2018	88 [26]	83 [13]	-	-
	2019	44 [13]	107 [17]	-	-

		A level	Applied general	Tech level (L3)	Technical certificate (L2)
Retained and assessed	2018	88 [17]	83 [19]	-	-
	2019	44 [10]	107 [17]	-	-

Definitions:

Retained – Students who complete their main programme of study. Introduced in 2016.

Retained for second year (level 3 only) – Students who return and complete a second year, completing an aim of size equivalent to at least one A level. Introduced in 2017.

Retained and assessed – Students who complete their main programme of study and are assessed at the end of their course. Introduced in 2017.

Attainment Guidance

() Entries
[] Cohort

	A level APS					Best 3 A levels APS					A level AAB %					
	Bottom 20%		Top 20%			Bottom 20%		Top 20%			Bottom 20%		Top 20%			
	Q5	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q5	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q5	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	
2018	(290)	■	■	■	■	[37]	■	■	■	■	[37]	■	■	■	■	■
2019	(248)	■	■	■	■	[33]	■	■	■	■	[33]	■	■	■	■	■

	Applied general APS					Tech level (L3) APS					Tech certificate (L2) APS					
	Bottom 20%		Top 20%			Bottom 20%		Top 20%			Bottom 20%		Top 20%			
	Q5	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q5	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q5	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	
2018	(170)	■	■	■	■	(-)	■	■	■	■	(-)	■	■	■	■	■
2019	(172)	■	■	■	■	(-)	■	■	■	■	(-)	■	■	■	■	■

Note: A level AAB is the percentage of A level learners attaining AAB in at least two facilitating subjects.

Destinations Guidance

Level studied on completion of study programmes	Learners in scope	% sustained education or employment/training	% apprenticeships	% any education (of which % higher education)	% activity not captured (% national)	% destination not sustained (% national)
Level 3	145	91%	10%	65% (59%)	2% (4%)	7% (8%)
Level 2	6	83%	0%	67% (0%)	0% (6%)	17% (19%)
Entry/level 1 and other	0	-	-	-	- (13%)	- (30%)
Total	151	91%	9%	65%	2% (6%)	7% (13%)

Level 3 VA by subject Guidance

Entries - Value added score significantly above national

Entries - Value added score significantly below national

A level size subjects	Entries	
	2019	2018
Med/film/TV	26	30
Psychology	22	22
Biology	21	19
Geography	18	9
English lit	16	13
English	15	18
Sociology	12	18
Maths	11	20
Product design	11	15
Physics	10	8
Religious stds	9	7
Chemistry	8	11
History	7	13
Govt & pol	6	7
Spanish	6	4
Art & des	3	5
DT textiles	1	0
Maths further	1	5

Level 3 VA by subject

Entries - Value added score significantly above national

Entries - Value added score significantly below national

Applied general subjects	Entries	
	2019	2018
Business stds- BTEC Nat Ex Cer	35	26
Sports studies- BTEC Nat Ex Cer	30	27
Comp Arch/Sys- BTEC Nat Ex Cer	28	41
Multimedia- BTEC Nat Ex Cer	18	0
Computer use- BTEC Nat Ex Cer	10	9
App sciences- BTEC Nat Ex Cer	9	6
Business stds- BTEC Nat Cert	9	5
Health studies- BTEC Nat Ex Cer	8	12
Health studies- BTEC Nat Dip	6	5
Comp Arch/Sys- BTEC Nat Cert	4	4
Music tech Elec- VRQ 1	4	0
Nutrition/diet- VRQ 1	4	0
Perf arts- BTEC Nat Ex Cer	4	8
Health studies- BTEC Nat Cert	3	0
App sciences- BTEC Nat Cert	1	0
Comp/IT techni- BTEC Nat Cert	1	0
Nutrition/diet- VRQ 0.5	1	0

Note: Subjects are shown in descending order of the latest year entry. Data based on ten or fewer entries is displayed in grey.