

# EXAMINATIONS AND OTHER DATA

## Hertfordshire's Perspective

Details of examination results are part of a range of information which parents will gather as they look at secondary schools for their children. However, parents will learn most about a school by visiting it, talking to the staff and seeing at first hand the ways in which the pupils work.

So how should parents and other members of the community use the information about examination results which follows?

The first point to make is that it should be done with care. A school's examination results are important but they do not tell you everything about a school.

The second point is to understand that the results from one year should not be seen in isolation and that trends in a school's results over a number of years are more significant. There might be a number of factors which can make one year's results quite untypical.

The third point to remember is that schools in Hertfordshire cater for pupils of all abilities and from varying backgrounds. Results may differ depending on the abilities of pupils entering the school, the catchment area, the facilities available and the level of parental support for children's learning. This could mean that one school with lower examination results than a neighbouring school is in fact achieving more for its pupils.

Hertfordshire is working to develop value-added approaches which will provide better information about the progress made by pupils within a school.



### Rates of Authorised and Unauthorised Absence (2006)

Percentage of halfdays (sessions) missed through **authorised** absence.  
=5.5 %

Percentage of halfdays (sessions) missed through **unauthorised** absence.  
=0.9%

2007 information will be available at open evening

### 2007 National Curriculum Assessments of 14 year olds - Key Stage 3

TEST RESULTS 2007 and NATIONAL 2006										
		Percentage at each level								
		Below level 3/4*	3	4	5	6	7	8	T	A
English	School	2		7	60	28	2		1	1
	National	13		16	42	20	5		0	4
Reading	School	6		10	53	24	5		1	1
	National	17		15	39	19	6		0	3
Writing	School	2		5	64	24	4		1	1
	National	13		17	40	20	7		0	3
Mathematics	School	1	1	8	11	28	34	18	0	0
	National	8	6	14	23	27	21	9	0	3
Science	School	1	1	9	27	35	28		0	0
	National	8	5	17	31	25	15		0	3

W represents pupils who are working towards level 1, but have not yet achieved the standards needed for level 1.  
D represents pupils who are disapplied under sections 364 or 365 of the Education Act 1996.  
A represents pupils who could not be assessed due to absence, or were absent on the day of the test.  
T represents pupils working at the levels of the tests, but unable to access them.  
\* represents pupils who were not entered for the tests because they were working below level 3 in mathematics or science, or below level 4 in English; pupils awarded a compensatory level from the tests; and pupils entered for but not achieving a level from the tests.



## GCSE Results - Year 11 - 2006

Number of boys in school aged 15 at 31 August 2005 = 158

Number of boys in school aged 15 not entered for GCSEs = 0

The table below refers to the grades awarded to year 11 pupils in the Summer 2007 exams or previously,

### Year 11 GCSE Subject Summary Summer 2007 (Provisional)

Subject	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	X	TOTAL
Art	0	5	8	11	2	1	0	0	0	0	27
Biology	2	3	5	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	20
Business Studies	1	5	2	15	9	3	2	0	2	0	39
Chemistry	2	5	8	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	20
Chinese	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Economics	1	1	7	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	18
Electronics	1	3	5	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	15
English	3	28	49	54	24	4	0	2	1	0	165
English Literature	5	28	40	42	31	6	0	0	5	1	158
Food Technology	3	9	14	9	2	0	0	1	0	0	38
French	1	3	11	13	7	1	1	0	0	0	37
Geography	5	7	15	14	5	2	0	0	1	0	49
German	1	6	11	37	25	8	1	2	0	0	91
Graphics	0	1	11	12	16	5	3	0	0	0	48
History	0	11	16	17	10	14	6	3	0	0	77
ICT S/C	0	8	26	31	25	16	10	8	6	2	132
ICT Applied	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	2	1	0	19
Mathematics	2	6	54	61	34	6	2	0	10	0	174
Music	0	7	11	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	27
PE	0	11	15	10	8	2	1	0	0	0	47
Physics	4	4	8	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	20
Resistant Materials	2	12	14	20	3	1	0	0	0	0	52
RE S/C	4	28	43	45	19	14	6	0	3	0	162
Russian	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Science Double	6	28	60	72	64	16	2	0	0	0	248
Science Single	0	0	0	2	4	8	2	1	1	1	19
Spanish	1	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	8
Urdu	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1683</b>

F/C = Full Course  
S/C = Short Course



Number of pupils aged 15 at 31 August 2007 = 169

Date	Pupils	Entered for 5+ Including English & Maths		Achieving 5+A-C Including English & Maths		Entered for 5+ GCSEs		Achieving 5+A-C		Achieving 5+A-G		Entered for 1+ GCSE		Achieving 1+A-C		Achieving 1+ A-G		Achieving no passes	
		Verulam	National	Verulam	National	Verulam	National	Verulam	National	Verulam	National	Verulam	National	Verulam	National	Verulam	National	Verulam	National
2005	154					99%	93.4%	64.9%	48.9%	98%	89.5%	100%	98.8%	93.5%	73.3%	99.3%	97.2%	1%	2.8%
2006	159	99%		62.3%	45.8%	99%		69%	59.2%	95%	90.5%	100%		90%		98%	97.8%	0%	
2007	169			60%	*	96.5%	*	69%	*	95%	*	100%	*	93.5%	*	98%	*	1%	*

\* National 2006/2007 statistics not available yet.



## A LEVEL EXAMINATIONS

### GCE A Level - Year 13 (Upper 6th Form) – 2007 Consortium Results (Provisional)

2007 Subject	Number						Entries
	A	B	C	D	E	U	
Art & Design	3	4	8	4	1	3	23
Art & Design: Photography	11	14	6	4	0	0	35
Art & Design: Textiles	2	4	2	0	0	0	8
AVCE Art & Design	4	4	3	0	0	0	11
Applied Business	0	0	1	2	4	0	7
AVCE Information Technology	0	2	1	0	1	0	4
Biology	7	7	12	9	10	0	45
Business Studies	2	4	4	5	4	2	21
Business Studies & Economics	6	11	6	6	1	1	31
Chemistry	7	7	8	4	2	0	28
Computer Studies/Computing	1	1	0	2	4	0	8
Critical Thinking	0	1	1	2	1	0	5
D & T Food Technology	0	3	0	3	0	0	6
D & T Product Design	6	8	5	3	1	0	23
Dance	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Drama	11	18	13	2	0	0	44
Economics	4	1	0	0	0	0	5
English Language & Literature	6	6	9	4	3	2	30
English Literature	7	24	23	13	4	0	71
Financial Studies	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Fine Art	0	3	3	0	0	0	6
French	8	6	3	4	1	1	23
Further Mathematics	3	5	1	1	0	0	10
General Studies	2	1	3	2	4	0	12
Geography	12	26	19	9	5	0	71
German	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
Health & Social Care S&D Awards	3	3	4	2	1	0	13
History	8	12	18	7	1	0	46
IT	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Latin	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Law	0	0	2	1	0	1	4
Leisure & Recreation	0	0	1	4	0	0	5
Mathematics	26	11	11	2	1	0	51
Media Film & TV Studies	3	12	18	8	3	1	45
Music	5	5	3	0	1	0	14
Music Technology	1	1	3	0	1	0	6
Physics	9	10	3	6	2	0	30
Politics	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Psychology	6	9	15	20	1	2	53
Religious Studies	0	12	8	6	0	0	26
Science: Electronics	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Science: Environmental	1	1	0	0	1	1	4
Sociology	15	15	8	8	2	1	49
Spanish	2	2	4	2	1	0	11
Sport/PE Studies	3	8	10	1	4	1	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>924</b>

## Upper Sixth AS Level Examinations

These results include AS examinations sat in the Lower Sixth where students did not continue with a course into the Upper Sixth as well as courses started and completed in the Upper Sixth.

<b>Subject Totals</b>	<b>Total Entry</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>U/X</b>
<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	24	1	9	5	8	0	1
<b>Business Studies</b>	17	11	2	2	1	1	0
<b>Computer Studies</b>	14	0	0	0	2	5	7
<b>Critical Thinking</b>	43	1	10	16	10	4	2
<b>Economics</b>	12	2	5	2	2	0	1
<b>English &amp; Media</b>	43	11	8	13	7	4	0
<b>General Studies</b>	140	3	10	17	37	33	40
<b>Health &amp; Soc Care</b>	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
<b>Humanities</b>	28	2	6	7	7	4	2
<b>Languages</b>	13	1	4	3	2	1	2
<b>Law</b>	6	0	0	0	1	1	4
<b>Leisure &amp; Tourism</b>	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
<b>Mathematics</b>	27	1	3	7	3	6	7
<b>Music</b>	5	2	1	0	1	1	0
<b>Psychology</b>	11	0	0	1	4	2	4
<b>Science</b>	44	1	2	4	7	13	17
<b>Sociology</b>	10	0	2	0	4	3	1
<b>Sport/PE Studies</b>	9	0	0	1	2	4	2
<b>Technology</b>	6	0	0	1	0	3	2
<b>World Development</b>	13	4	4	4	0	0	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	469	40	66	84	99	87	93

## School Performance Information for Advanced Level Examinations

*Students aged\* 16, 17 or 18 at the end of two years of study towards Advanced Level Qualifications, i.e. GCE and AVCE.*

*(\*on roll on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in January having reached the age of 16, 17 or 18 in the relevant school year)*

**Average point score per student: 714**

