

The Norwood School Results

GCSE results

Y11 2015

Whilst analysing our GCSE results this year we hope that it is helpful to put the year group that took into context, both Nationally and within the context of the school.

Prior attainment – this is a measure of the average point scores that this year's Yr 11 came into Year 7 with. You can see from the % attainment band grid that, as a year group we had a considerably larger than national average group of lower ability students and, at the other end of the scale a far smaller number of more able.

Average fine point scores

School 25.1 National 27.6 Difference -2.5

% by prior attainment band

Attainment band	School	National
Low	33.9	16.3
Middle	52.5	49.1
High	13.6	34.7

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	Actual	Target
5A*-C inc E + M	45%	60%
5A*-C	60%	70%

Excellent Progress

We think that it would be helpful for parents to see beyond the initial face value of our GCSE results and having put this particular year group into some kind of context, we think that it is only right to share the successes in individual subjects and to highlight the excellent progress made by students in these areas. We would like to recognise the enormous efforts and work done by both staff and pupils to reach these levels of progress. We set aspirational targets of each pupil – who we expect to make at least 3 levels of progress in each subject – this is the national expectation. We are incredibly proud that so many pupils across the curriculum have made an incredible 4 levels of progress.

70% of subjects achieved 3 levels of progress or above.

30% of subjects achieved 4 levels of progress.

Subject	%3L	%4L	%A*-C
Biology	96	53	92
Chemistry	100	86	100
Physics	91	53	92
Core Science	79	30	69
French	79	32	66
Spanish	98	66	98
Art	100	73	91
Citizenship	84	60	68
Photography	97	67	95
RE	97	47	77
Statistics	94	75	100
Textiles	100	91	95
BTEC Applied Science	100	57	87
BTEC HSC	90	67	82
BTEC Action	97	77	97
BTEC Dance	100	83	77
BTEC Sport	100	83.3	95

Subjects below 70% 3L and 30% 4L progress but close

Subject	%3L	%4L	%A*-C
Additional science	74	26	64
Geography	61	30	40
BCS	62	39	35
Graphics	74	28	56
English Lit	59	25	48

As a parent, you may be aware that there have been considerable changes with regards the grade boundaries in English and Maths this year. This has undoubtedly had an impact on our lower ability learners, who historically would have achieved C's or above. Schools across the country have reported fluctuating results.

	With old grade boundary	With new grade boundary
Maths	63%	55%
English	78%	61%

For more details on recent results trends and national comparisons -
<http://www.education.gov.uk/cgi-bin/schools/performance/school.pl?urn=100624&superview=sec>

A Level and Sixth Form Results 2015

70% of last year's Upper Sixth secured their first choice University and have moved onto a wide range of courses and establishments – including Russell Group Universities. The remaining 30% chose to secure employment or have successfully gained places on apprenticeship schemes.

Year 13 results held up very well and are broadly comparable to 2014. BTEC Level 3 results are similar to 2014. We will shortly be adding key facts from the progress reports ALPS.

A level

A*-B 38.1%

A*-C 77.8%

A*-E 98.4%

It might be worth noting that there were fewer entries in 2014 and the range of subjects was relatively small, by contrast, entries this year 2015 included more entries in the more rigorous subjects, i.e. Biology, physics, chemistry, history, and economics. We are proud that we managed to maintain a very similar %A*-B figure in line with last year, with this wider range of subjects.

The results achieved for % A-C (78%) is slightly better than last year (76%). This has meant that many more students secured their university places or apprentices.

AS

	2015
A-B	20%
A-C	44.1%
A-E	88.3%

The overall %A-E (88.3%) is very similar to 2014 (88.1%) and is likely to be marginally better than National average (typically 86-87%%).

Yr 13 BTEC

	2015
Dist*-Dist	68%
Dist*- M	83%

Dist* - P	100%
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