

Overview

As part of this year's 2021 KS4 Results Service, FFT has produced a provisional national summary analysis of KS4 GCSE results.

Based on pupil data uploaded by around 1,500 schools, the report includes:

- An early analysis of your 2021 KS4 GCSE results.
- Performance measures provided are: Average GCSE grade, English (best of Lang & Lit) APS, Maths APS, Ebacc APS, other GCSEs APS, %4+ Eng Mat & %5+ Eng Mat.
- Whole school, pupil group and subject-specific analyses.
- Comparative 2021 FFT national indicators.
- Early 'KS2 to KS4 value added progress' analysis using FFT estimates.

Analysing your results

This is a provisional evaluation of results. As with all data of this type, care should be taken when analysing your results. A full analysis of KS4 results will be available in FFT Aspire in the autumn term.

- Do pupils in my school make more or less progress than pupils with similar prior attainment from KS2 in these performance measures?
- How does attainment compare to the national average?
- Gender, prior attainment, disadvantage, SEN status and term of birth can have a significant impact on your results. Use the pupil groups section to identify the potential impact of these factors.
- Use the average GCSE grade, English (best) and Maths scatterplots to identify pupil outliers.

Use of colour in the report

It is a visual indicator to show where actual progress is above or below the progress of similar pupils nationally.

Progress

- Progress score +0.5 of a grade above the estimated performance
- Progress score -0.5 of a grade below the estimated performance

Important links & further help

[FFT Aspire](#) - access your KS4 report from the Aspire Self-evaluation menu.

[FFT Education Datalab](#) - free practical and insightful education research. Why not join over 40,000 subscribers?

[2021 FFT Year 7 Transition Service](#) - free service supporting estimates for the Year 7 autumn 2021 cohort

For further help and advice, contact the FFT Customer Success Team:

Email: support@fft.org.uk Telephone: 01446 776 262 (option 2).

FAQs

What indicators have been calculated?

Average GCSE grade: The average GCSE grade for each pupil aggregated up to cohort level.

English (best): Each pupil's best grade from English Language or English Literature.

Maths: Average Maths grade for the cohort.

Ebacc APS: Follows the DfE's approach for calculating a score for each pupil based on the 6 slots within the Ebacc pillars of English, Maths, Science x2, Humanities and Languages.

Other GCSEs: The average GCSE grade for non-Ebacc subjects.

Grade 4+ En & Ma: % of pupils who attained a grade 4 or above in both English (best) and Maths.

Grade 5+ En & Ma: % of pupils who attained a grade 5 or above in both English (best) and Maths

In line with the DfE, pupils without grades in English or Maths have been assigned '0' for those subject indicators.

How have the national figures been calculated and are they 'accurate'?

Over 1,500 schools have taken part in the KS4 full results service so far, uploading results for over 250,000 pupils.

For national attainment figures, we've taken the data supplied by these schools. **The national figures only include state-funded schools.**

How have you calculated progress from KS2 -KS4?

Progress compares the attainment of pupils in the school with the attainment of 'similar pupils' nationally. The similar pupils' attainment becomes an estimate of performance. Similar pupils are based on KS2 prior attainment, gender and month of birth.

The difference between the school's attainment and the estimate is progress, which can be a positive, negative or a neutral value. Progress is only calculated for 'matched pupils'; those with KS2 prior attainment.

Will I still get the full Aspire KS4 & KS5 interactive dashboards in the autumn?

Yes, once we have fully processed the GCSE, non-GCSE and KS5 data provided by schools, you'll receive all your regular Aspire interactive analyses of 2021 attainment and value added progress for KS4 and KS5, including Attainment 8, Progress 8, subject and pupil performance.

Please remember that the data is for internal use only and is NOT intended to be used for external accountability.