

A level trends - Summer 2024, UK

Table 1 Top GCE A-level subjects in 2024 by entry

| Ranking | | Subject | % of total | Number of Entries |
|---------|------|-------------------------|------------|----------------------|
| 1 | (1) | Mathematics | 12.1 | 107,427 |
| 2 | (2) | Psychology | 8.9 | 78,556 |
| 3 | (3) | Biology | 8.4 | 74,367 |
| 4 | (4) | Chemistry | 7.1 | 62,583 |
| 5 | (5) | History | 5.3 | 47,297 |
| 6 | (7) | Business Studies | 5.1 | 44,961 |
| 7 | (6) | Sociology | 5.0 | 44,359 |
| 8 | (8) | Art and Design Subjects | 4.9 | 43,668 |
| 9 | (10) | Physics | 4.9 | 43,114 |
| 10 | (9) | Economics | 4.6 | 40,451 |

(2023 ranking in brackets)

Figure 1 Top ten GCE A level subjects as a percentage of the total entry over the period 2015 to 2024

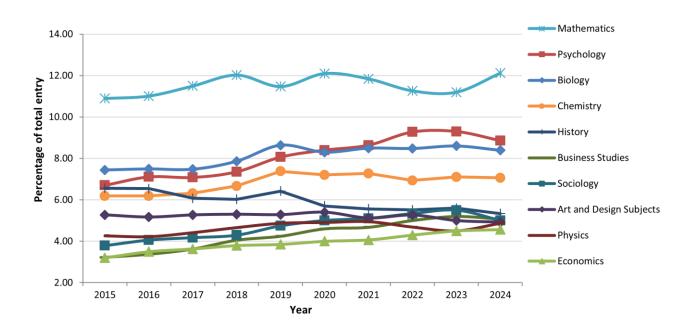


Table 2 Top GCE A level subject increases (changes from 2023-2024)

| Rar | nking | Subject | % Change | 2023 Number of Entries | 2024 Number of Entries |
|-----|-------|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | | Further Mathematics | 19.9 | 15,080 | 18,082 |
| 2 | | Physics | 12.3 | 38,379 | 43,114 |
| 3 | (1) | Computing | 11.3 | 18,306 | 20,370 |
| 4 | (15) | Mathematics | 10.9 | 96,853 | 107,427 |
| 5 | (10) | English Literature | 8.0 | 36,743 | 39,673 |
| 6 | | French | 6.8 | 7,063 | 7,544 |
| 7 | | English Language & Literature | 5.7 | 7,352 | 7,773 |
| 8 | (4) | Economics | 3.3 | 39,141 | 40,451 |
| 9 | (7) | Chemistry | 2.1 | 61,284 | 62,583 |
| 10 | | Spanish | 1.6 | 8,110 | 8,238 |

(2023 ranking in brackets. Subjects over 5000 entries shown. Subjects having a year-on-year decrease in 2023 are shown as blank.)

Figure 2 Top GCE A level subject increases, 2024

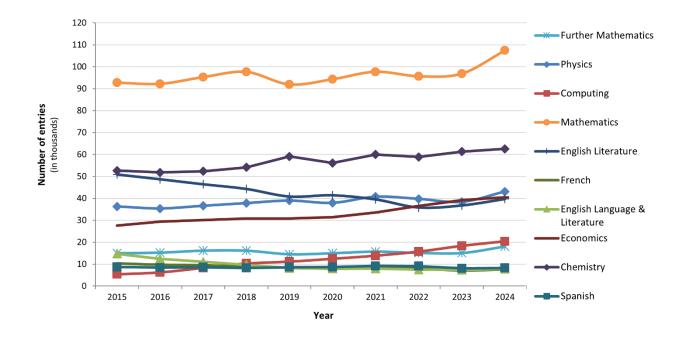


Table 3 GCE A level subject decreases (changes from 2023-2024)

| Ranking | | Subject | % Change | 2023 Number of Entries | 2024 Number of Entries |
|---------|-----|---------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | | Sociology | -6.5 | 47,436 | 44,359 |
| 2 | (3) | Drama | -5.9 | 9,200 | 8,654 |
| 3 | | Geography | -5.1 | 38,264 | 36,314 |
| 4 | | Psychology | -2.4 | 80,493 | 78,556 |
| 5 | | History | -2.2 | 48,378 | 47,297 |
| 6 | (7) | Religious Studies | -1.4 | 16,853 | 16,622 |
| 7 | | Physical Education | -1.3 | 13,658 | 13,475 |
| 8 | • | Political Studies | -1.1 | 22,163 | 21,926 |
| 9 | (4) | English Language | -1.0 | 13,394 | 13,260 |
| 10 | • | Media / Film / TV Studies | -0.9 | 23,193 | 22,990 |

(2023 ranking in brackets. Subjects over 5000 entries shown. Subjects having a year-on-year increase in 2023 are shown as blank.)

Figure 3 Top GCE A level subject decreases, 2024

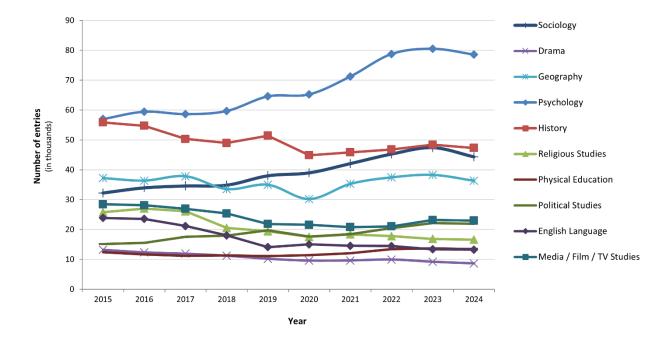


Figure 4 GCE A level sciences, 2015-2024

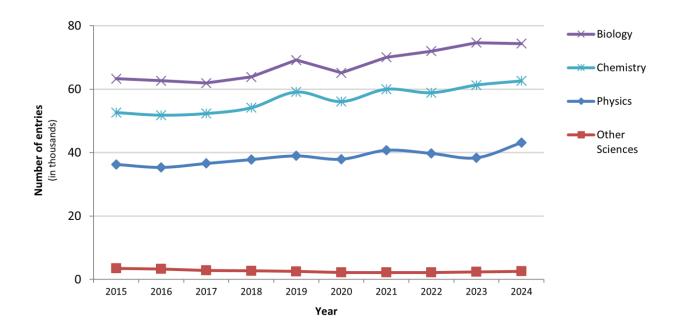
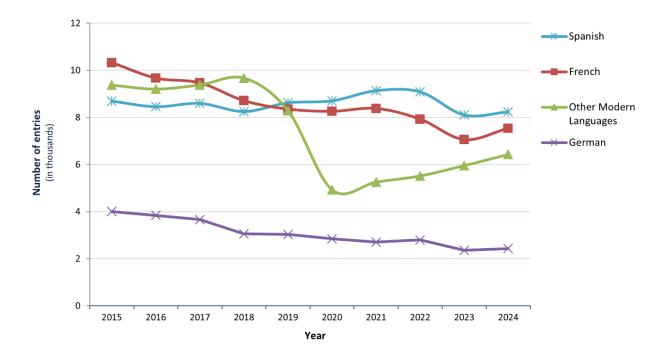


Figure 5 GCE A level languages, 2015-2024



AS level trends - Summer 2024, UK

Table 4 Top GCE AS level subjects in 2024

| Ran | king | Subject | % of total | Number of Entries |
|-----|------|---------------------|------------|----------------------|
| 1 | (1) | Mathematics | 12.4 | 17,454 |
| 2 | (2) | Biology | 9.1 | 12,833 |
| 3 | (3) | Chemistry | 7.6 | 10,621 |
| 4 | (4) | Psychology | 6.3 | 8,827 |
| 5 | (6) | Physics | 5.6 | 7,845 |
| 6 | (5) | Business Studies | 5.3 | 7,414 |
| 7 | (7) | Sociology | 4.9 | 6,900 |
| 8 | (8) | History | 4.8 | 6,785 |
| 9 | 10) | Further Mathematics | 4.2 | 5,927 |
| 10 | (9) | English Literature | 3.9 | 5,489 |

(2023 ranking in brackets)

Figure 6 Top ten AS level subjects as a percentage of the total entry over the period 2015 to 2024

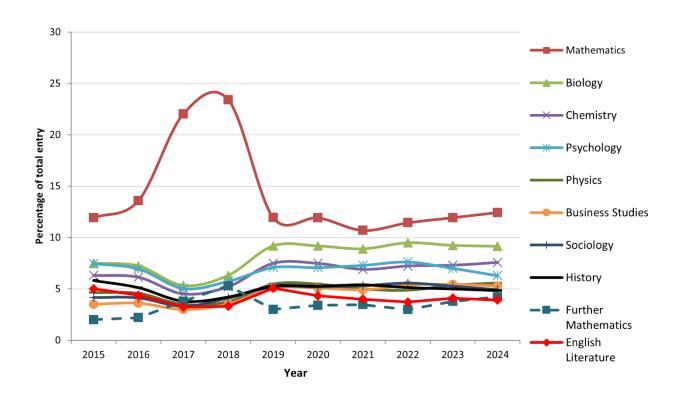


Table 5 GCE AS level subject decreases (changes from 2023-2024)

| Ra | nking | Subject | % change | 2023 Number of Entries | 2024 Number of Entries |
|----|-------|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | (3) | Psychology | -10.8 | 9,891 | 8,827 |
| 2 | | English Language | -8.6 | 1,412 | 1,291 |
| 3 | | English Language & Literature | -7.4 | 1,142 | 1,057 |
| 4 | (5) | Sociology | -7.0 | 7,416 | 6,900 |
| 5 | | Law | -5.6 | 2,578 | 2,433 |
| 6 | | Computing | -5.4 | 2,594 | 2,453 |
| 7 | | English Literature | -5.3 | 5,797 | 5,489 |
| 8 | | Political Studies | -5.1 | 3,308 | 3,139 |

(2023 ranking in brackets. Subjects over 1000 entries shown. Subjects having a year-on-year increase in 2023 are shown as blank.)

Figure 7 GCE AS level subject decreases, 2024

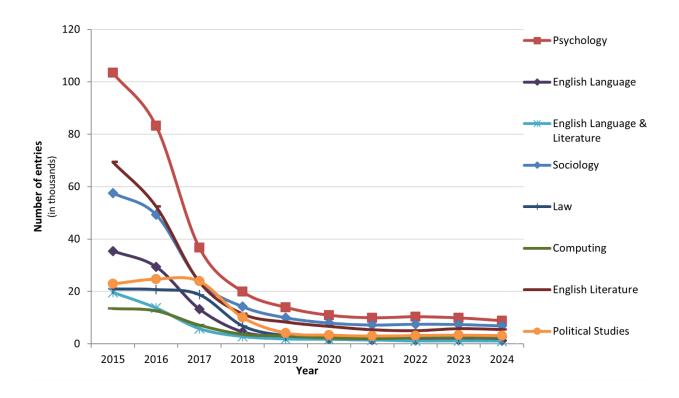


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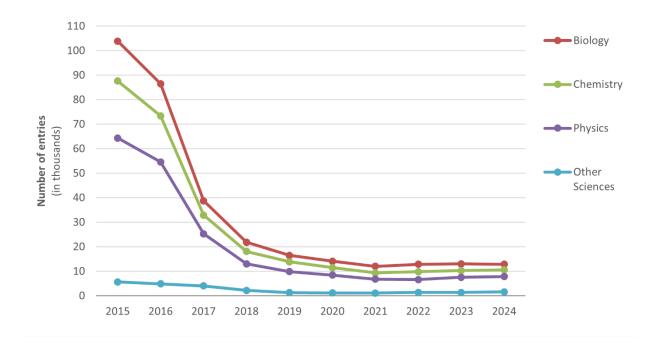
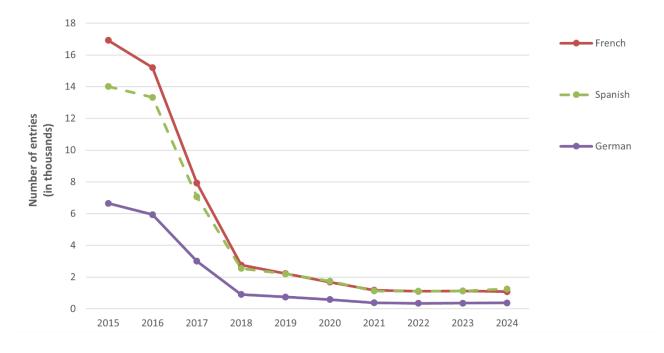


Figure 9 GCE AS level languages, 2015-2024



Level 3 Extended Project trend

Table 6 Changes from 2023-2024

| Subject | % change | 2023 Number of Entries | 2024 Number of Entries |
|------------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Extended Project | 2.7% | 37,110 | 36,114 |

AEA trend

Table 7 Changes from 2023-2024

| Subject | % change | 2023 Number of Entries | 2024 Number of Entries |
|-----------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| AEA Mathematics | 17.9 | 319 | 376 |