

# Qualifications report 2023

## Headlines

- Exceptional overall achievement demonstrated by indicative value-added score of +0.90
- 93% achieve a standard pass in GCSE English, 91% a standard pass in GCSE mathematics
- 90% of students achieved 'standard' GCSE passes at grade 4 or above in both English and mathematics.
- 68% of students achieved the 'strong pass' threshold achieving grade 5 and above in both English and mathematics. 82% achieved a strong pass in English and 73% in mathematics
- Exceptionally strong attainment across the EBacc 'pillars' by all students resulting in an EBacc average point score of 5.42
- 32% of the GCSE cohort achieved 5 or more 9-7 grades and 73% achieved 5 or more grades 9-5 Almost every subject achieved above 80%+ 9-4 at GCSE
- The school's indicative Attainment 8 score is 58.20 points, which means students achieved an average of grade 6 (B) in their subjects
- A level results were extremely strong for the school with A\*-B, 52% A\*-C at 86%, and 99% A\*-E.

## Year 11 - Key Stage 4

2023 again saw really strong attainment at GCSE in our challenging curriculum which can be compared to pre-pandemic levels of performance now that rigorous grade thresholds have been re-established nationally

Indicator	2023	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
5 grades 9-4 including English and maths	87%	82%	85%	85%	78%	72%
English (9-4)	93%	88%	91%	93%	84%	81%
English (9-5)	82%	75%	80%	81%		
Maths (9-4)	91%	86%	93%	93%	87%	85%
Maths (9-5)	73%	65%	77%	70%		
Both English and Maths (9-5)	68%	57%	67%	65%		
Attainment 8	58.2	54.4	57.7†	57.3†	56.60	56.03
2 grades 9-4 in science subjects	85%	85%	87%	78%	70%	57%
1 grade 9-4 in Modern Foreign Language	60%	42%	40%	54%	49%	58%
% Achieving English Baccalaureate grade 5+	34%	26%	27%	23%		
English Baccalaureate Entries	89%	82%	70%	35%		
Average English Baccalaureate APS per pupil	5.42	4.90	5.18			

† Points values in 2017 changed with the introduction of reformed GCSEs

## Year 11 - Key Stage 4 Progress

\*Our valued-added score calculated by the Fischer Family Trust for 2023 is +0.90. We look forward to being able to publish a Progress 8 score once the national data for these are made available.

## Sixth Form Attainment

The vast majority of students in the Bennett Sixth Form (80%) take a full suite of at least three A level courses. At A level results were again very strong at each of the main thresholds, with 52% of entries achieving A\*-B, 83% achieving A\*-C and 99% A\*-E. 80% of students achieved at least 3 A levels at A\*-E, and 82% 2 A levels A\*-E in a context where the remaining 41 students were all highly successful in completing a two A level equivalent Cambridge Technical Diploma, the majority at the Double Distinction level.

The average points score per A level entry was 36.01 points per entry, a B- grade on average. Average grades by qualification type are shown below

Qualification Type	Average Grade	Average points per entry
A level	B-	36.01
Technical	Distinction+	40.00
Applied General	Distinction-	35.03

#### Grade distribution – A level Grades

The table shows that strong attainment in A level results has been well sustained in the context of the return to pre-pandemic thresholds for awarding grades nationally.

	2023	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
%A*-B	52	52	46	58	57	45
%A*-C	83	79	76	83	85	75
%A*-E	99	99	99	99	100	99