

ENTRY TRENDS 2008 – GCSE, Applied GCSE and Entry Level

GCSE full course trends

Chart 1 Total entry for GCSE full course subjects

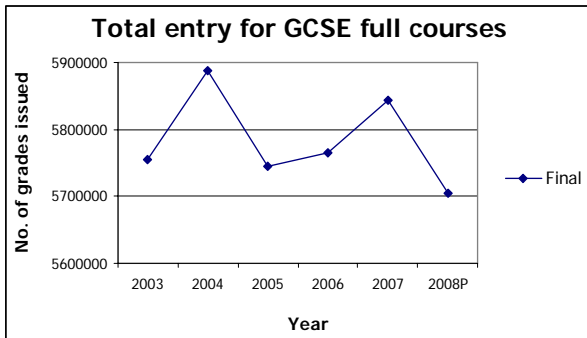


Chart 2 Cohort sizes

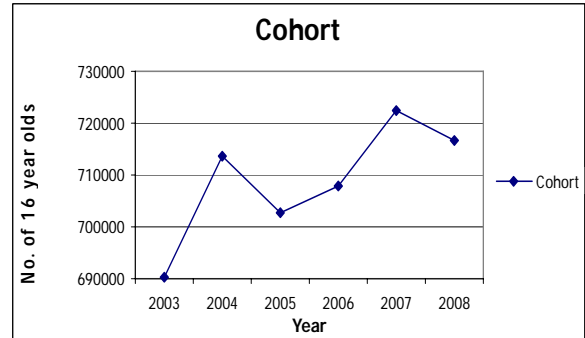


Table A Top 10 GCSE full course subjects

Subject (2007 ranking in brackets)	2008 Provisional numbers		
	% of total	Number of entries	Number of grades issued
1 (2) Mathematics	13.02	743097	738451
2 (3) English	12.76	727820	721577
3 (4) English Literature	9.85	561800	558387
4 Science (new specification)	9.56	545509	537606
5 Additional Science (new specification)	7.69	438750	433468
6 (5) Design & Technology	5.80	330904	332787*
7 (6) History	4.00	228027	226702
8 (9) Art	3.65	208138	205543
9 (8) Geography	3.60	205260	203862
10 (7) French	3.57	203551	201940

*the number of grades issued greater than entry figure

Chart 3

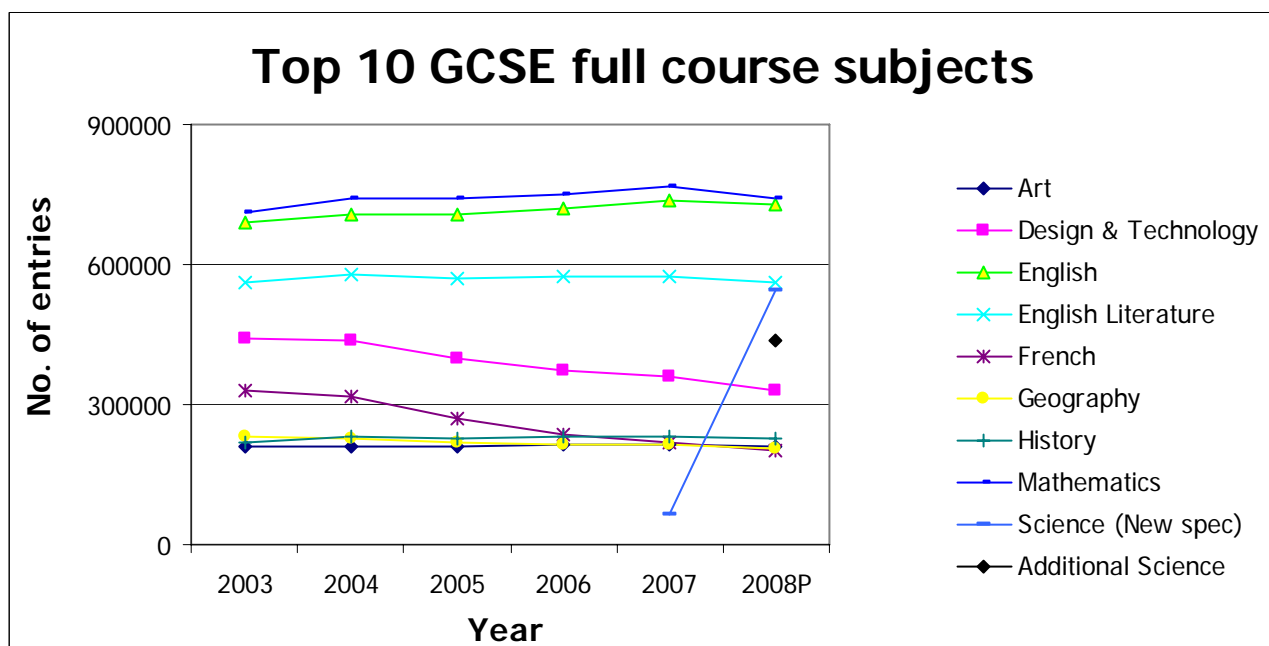


Table B Top GCSE full course subject increase (entry greater than 100,000)

Subject (2007 ranking in brackets)		Changes from 2007-2008			
		% change	2007 Number of entries	2008 P Number of entries	2008 Number of grades issued
1	(1) Religious Studies	8.49	173492	188215	179139

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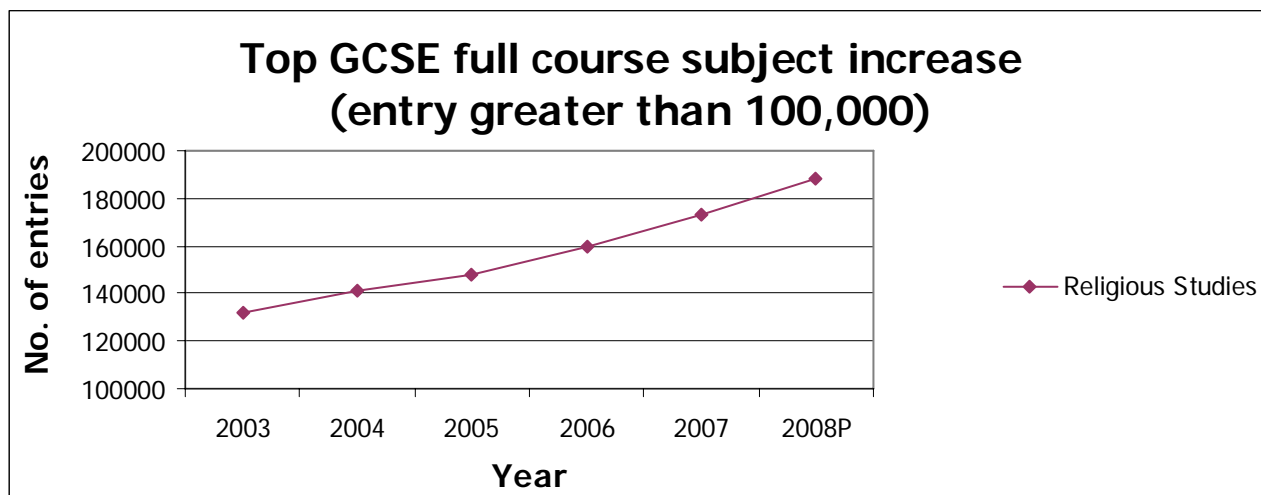


Table C Top GCSE full course subject increases

Subject (2007 ranking in brackets)		Changes from 2007-2008			
		% change	2007 Number of entries	2008 P Number of entries	2008 Number of grades issued
1	(1) Mathematics (Additional)	74.30	10253	17871	16973
2	(8) Science: Biology	35.98	63569	86442	85521
3	(9) Science: Chemistry	29.93	59503	77310	76656
4	(10) Science: Physics	29.65	58624	76007	75383
5	Other Sciences	21.37	9784	11875	11575
6	(5) Religious Studies	8.49	173492	188215	179139

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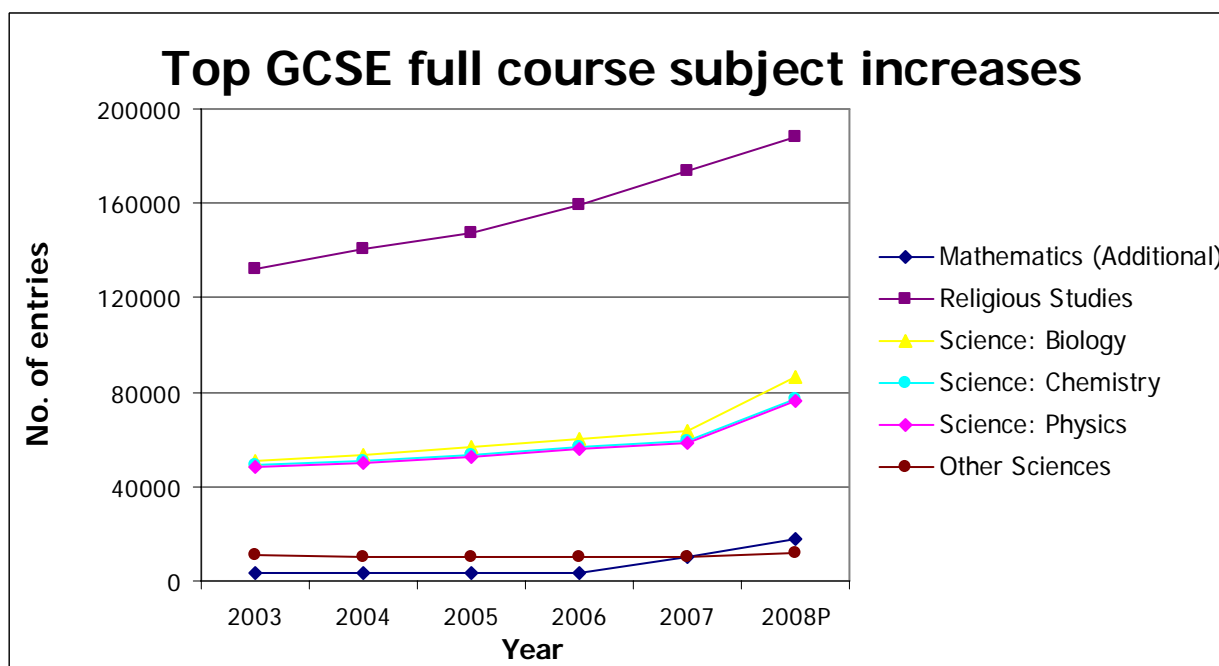


Table D Top GCSE full course subject decreases (entry greater than 100,000)

Subject (2007 ranking in brackets)		Changes from 2007-2008			
		% change	2007 Number of entries	2008 P Number of entries	2008 Number of grades issued
1	Information Technology	-23.16	101545	78024	85599*
2 (2)	Design & Technology	-7.66	358357	330904	332787*
3 (1)	French	-6.75	218295	203551	201940
4	Geography	-4.32	214538	205260	203862
5	Physical Education	-4.11	156280	149856	149068

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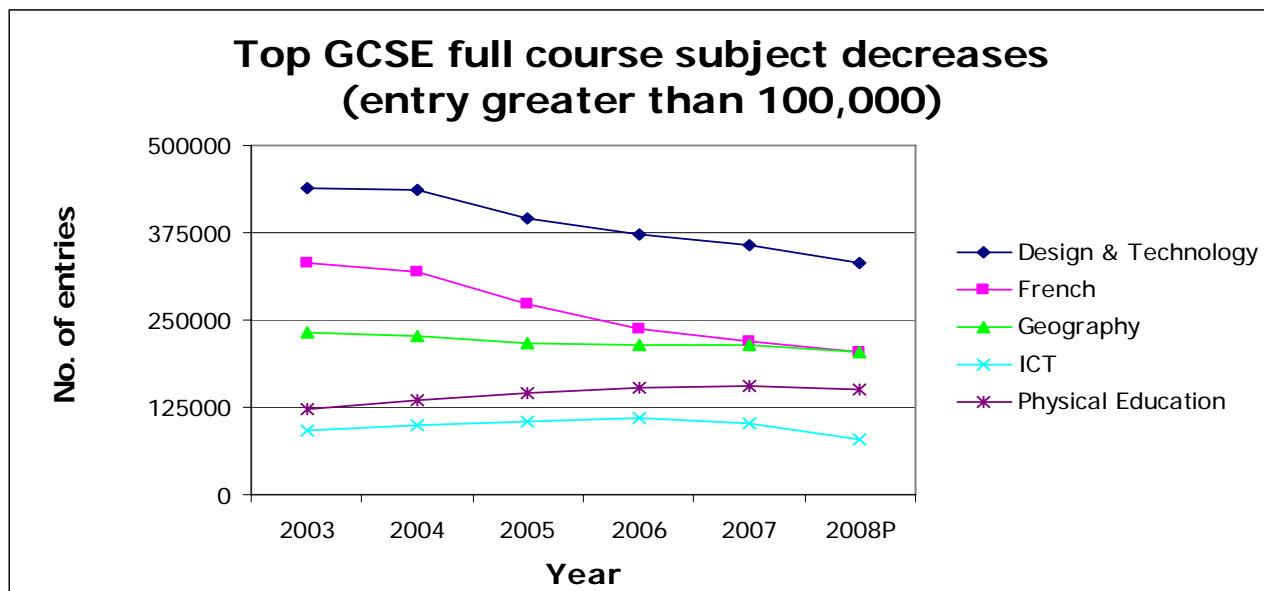
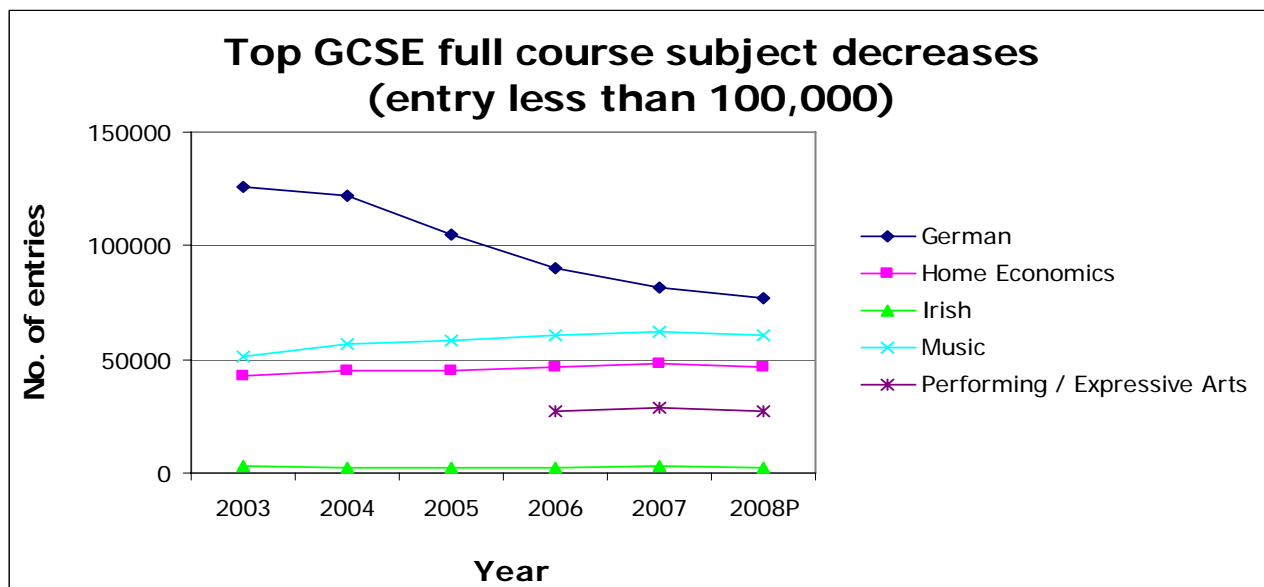


Table E Top GCSE full course subject decreases (entry less than 100,000)

Subject (2007 ranking in brackets)		Changes from 2007-2008			
		% change	2007 Number of entries	2008 P Number of entries	2008 Number of grades issued
1	Irish	-13.57	2814	2432	2421
2	Performing/Expressive Arts	-5.96	28776	27061	26649
3	German	-5.42	81572	77148	76695
4	Home Economics	-4.25	48546	46482	45903
5	Music	-2.56	61885	60303	59824

Chart 7



GCSE short course trends

Table F Top GCSE short course subjects

Subject (2007 ranking in brackets)		2008 Provisional numbers			
		% of total	Number of entries	Number of grades issued	
1	(1)	Religious Studies	55.44	294557	293756
2	(3)	Citizenship Studies	17.07	90676	89018
3	(2)	ICT	15.07	80074	80840*
4	(4)	Physical Education	6.02	31986	31697
5	(5)	Welsh: Second Language	2.12	11267	10486

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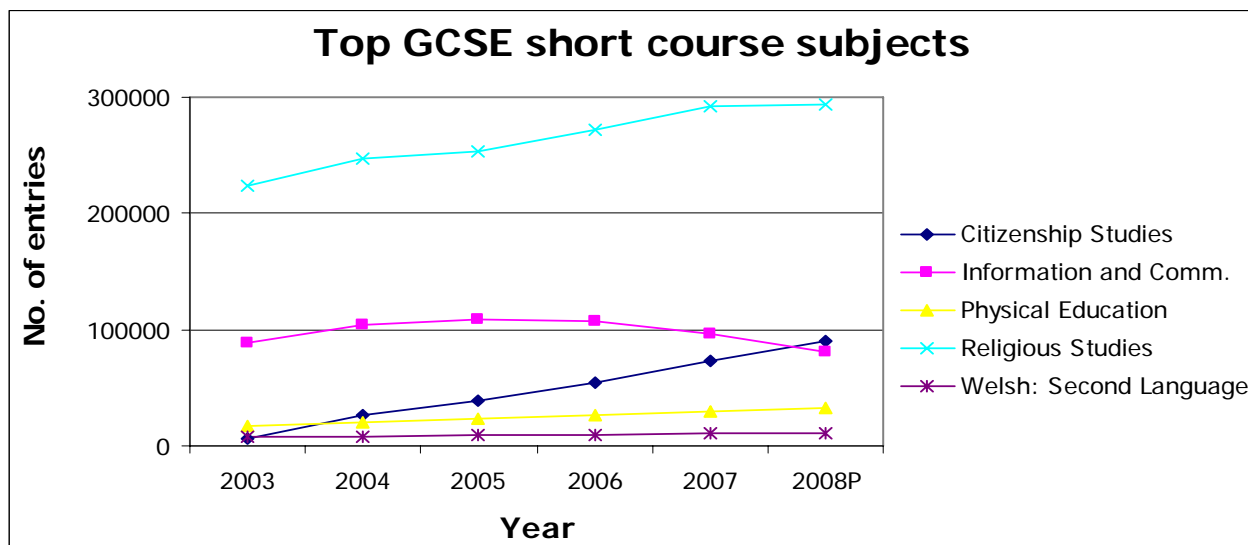


Table G Top GCSE short course subject increases (of those with more than 1.0% of entry)

Subject (2007 ranking in brackets)		Changes from 2007-2008				
		% change	2007 Number of entries	2008 P Number of entries	2008 Number of grades issued	
1	(1)	Citizenship Studies	21.60	74570	90676	89018
2	(4)	Physical Education	7.95	29631	31986	31697
3		Welsh: Second Language	7.27	10503	11267	11238
4		Art	2.39	6059	6204	5625

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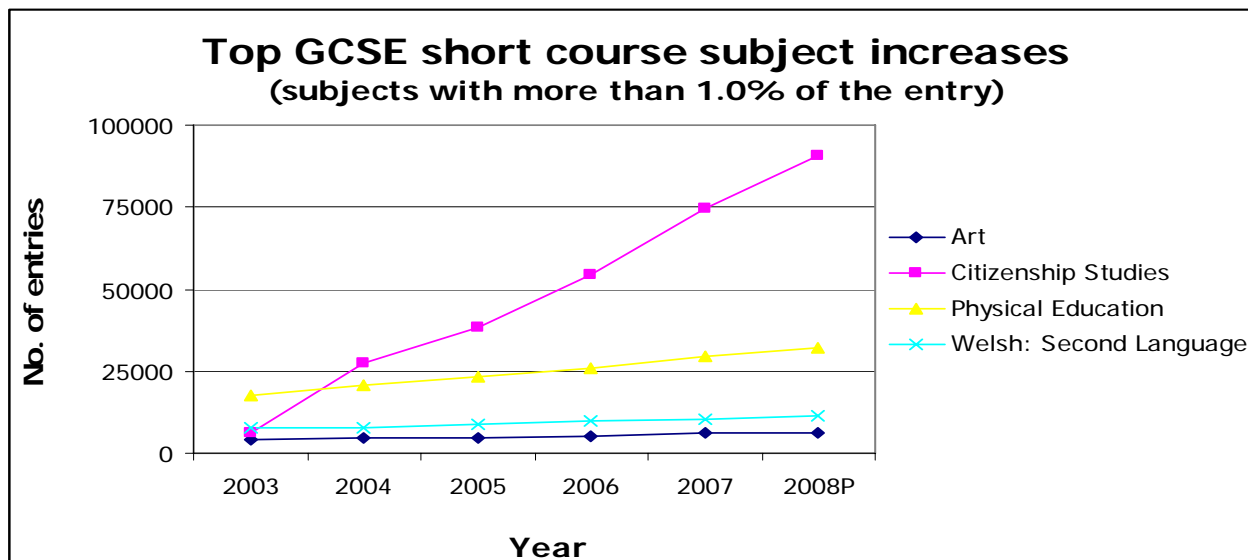
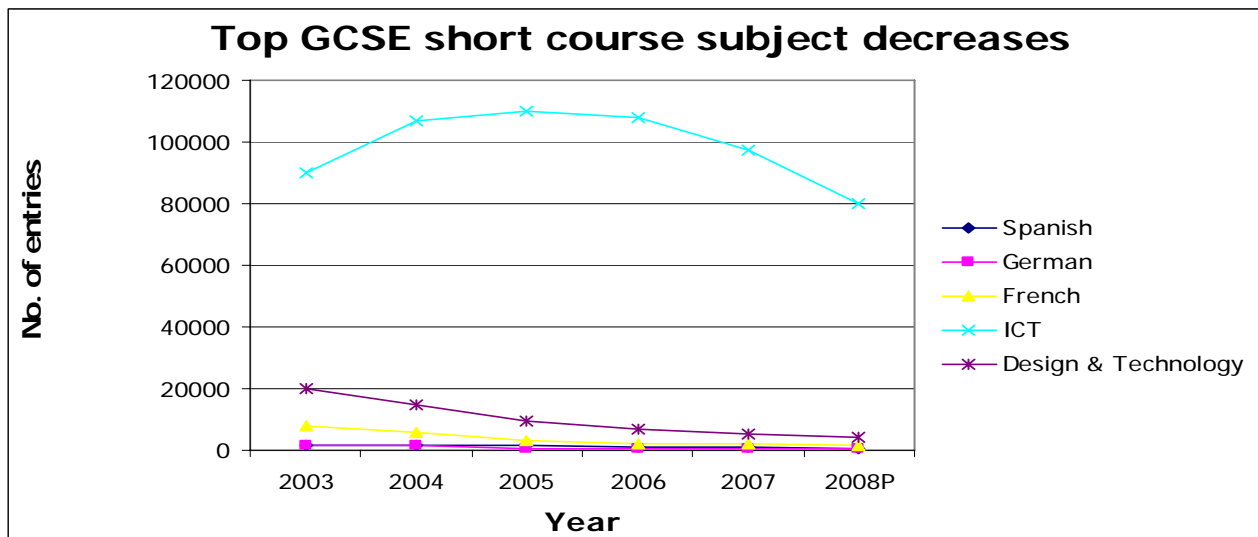


Table H Top GCSE short course subject decreases

Subject (2007 ranking in brackets)		Changes from 2007-2008			
		% change	2007 Number of entries	2008 P Number of entries	2008 Number of grades issued
1	Spanish	-48.63	1061	545	520
2 (2)	German	-47.27	567	299	297
3	French	-24.74	2223	1673	1627
4 (3)	ICT	-17.80	97418	80074	80840*
5 (1)	Design & Technology	-13.51	5114	4423	4354

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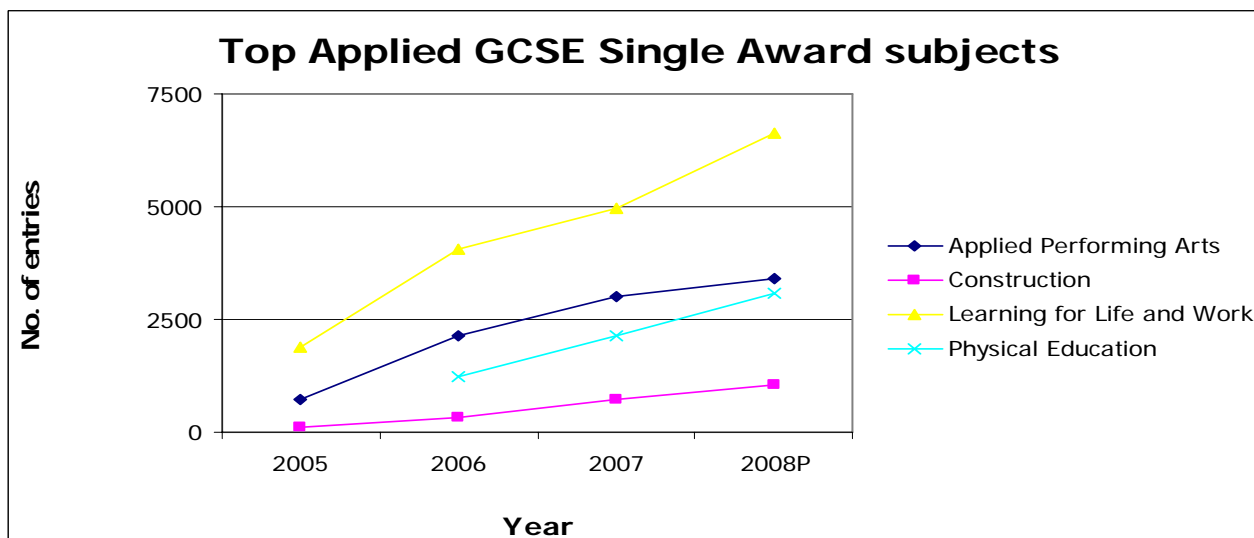


Applied GCSE Single Award trend

Table I Top Applied GCSE Single Award subjects

Subject (2007 ranking in brackets)		2008 Provisional numbers		
		% of total	Number of entries	Number of grades issued
1 (1)	Learning for Life and Work	41.18	6647	6613
2 (2)	Applied Performing Arts	21.02	3394	3310
3 (4)	Physical Education	19.05	3076	3005
4	Construction	6.45	1041	1030

Chart 11



Applied GCSE Double Award trends

Table J Top Applied GCSE Double Award subjects

Subject (2007 ranking in brackets)		2008 Provisional numbers			
		% of total	Number of entries	Number of grades issued	
1	(1)	Health & Social Care	24.71	29919	29604
2	(2)	Applied Science	18.02	21821	21638
3	(4)	Applied Business	14.80	17924	19512*
4	(3)	Applied ICT	12.63	15298	16062*
5	(5)	Leisure & Tourism	11.91	14423	14265

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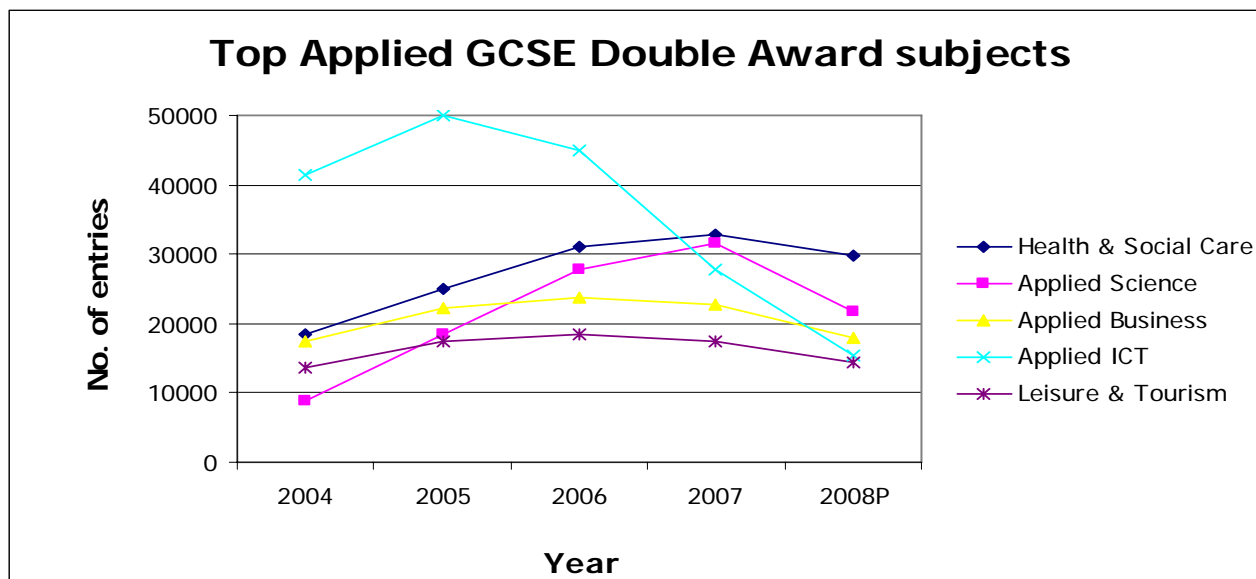


Table K Applied GCSE Double Award subject increases

Subject (2007 ranking in brackets)		Changes from 2007-2008			
		% change	2007 Number of entries	2008 P Number of entries	2008 Number of grades issued
1	Media	393.75	48	237	234
2	Hospitality	111.45	166	351	334
3	Physical Education	49.94	815	1222	1205
4	(1) Applied Performing Arts	25.05	1421	1777	1752

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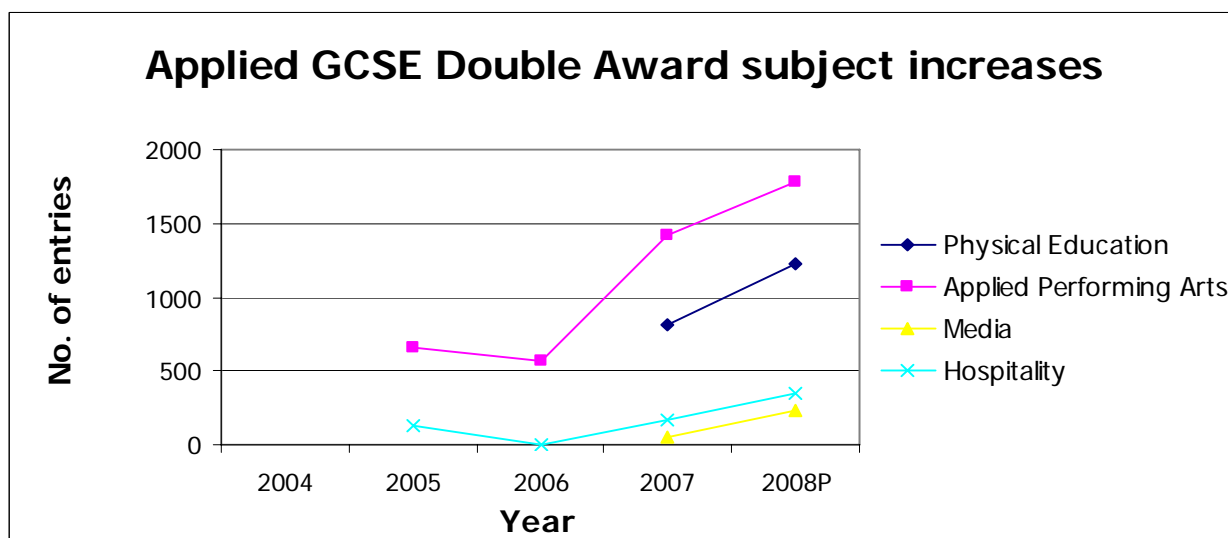
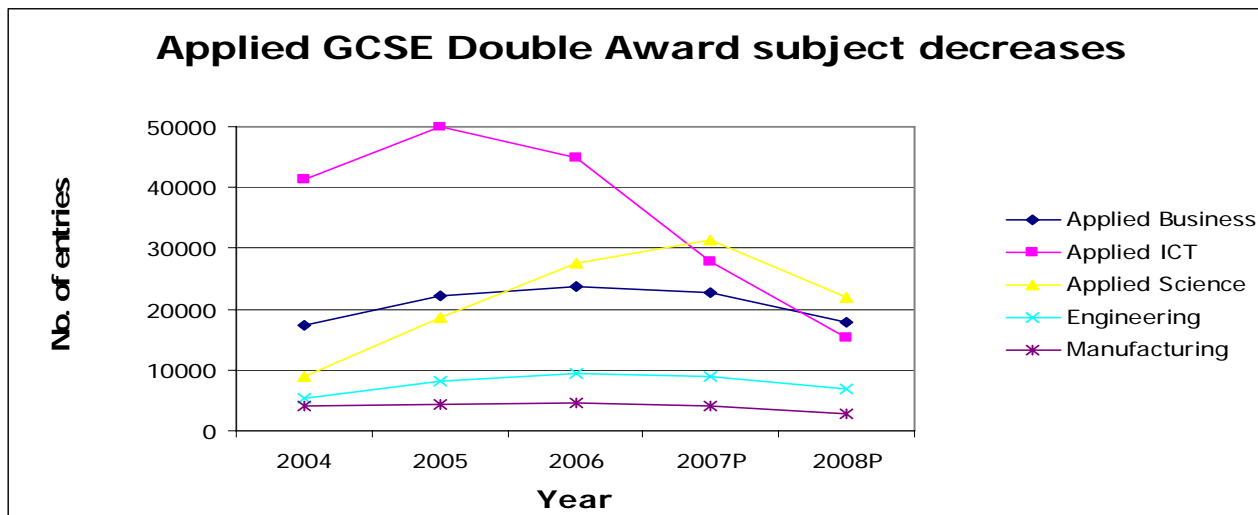


Table L Applied GCSE Double Award subject decreases

Subject (2007 ranking in brackets)		Changes from 2007-2008			
		% change	2007 Number of entries	2008 P Number of entries	2008 Number of grades issued
1 (1)	Applied ICT	-45.14	27884	15298	15340*
2	Applied Science	-30.72	31497	21821	19996
3 (2)	Manufacturing	-26.65	3973	2914	2744
4 (3)	Engineering	-22.22	8882	6908	6287
5	Applied Business	-21.04	22701	17924	18331

Chart 14



Entry Level trends

Table M Top Entry Level subjects

Subject (2007 ranking in brackets)		2008 Provisional numbers		
		% of total	Number of entries	Number of grades issued
1 (1)	English	17.94	23892	21675
2 (3)	Mathematics	12.52	16671	15112
3 (2)	Science Single Award	11.70	15587	14053
4 (4)	Physical Education	9.83	13094	12455
5	ICT	8.15	10859	9703

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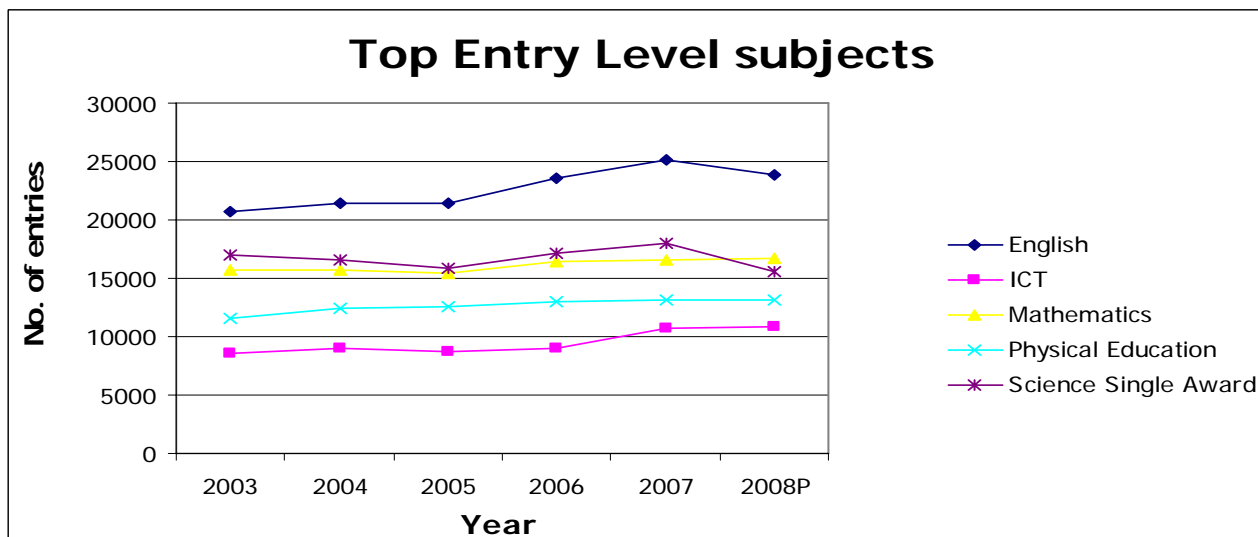


Table N Entry Level increases

Subject (2007 ranking in brackets)		Changes from 2007-2008			
		% change	2007 Number of entries	2008 P Number of entries	2008 Number of grades issued
1	Other Modern Languages	129.55	88	202	168
2	Irish	94.74	19	37	37
3	Media / Film / TV Studies	21.22	377	457	348
4	Music	20.32	374	450	425
5	Drama	19.57	705	843	778

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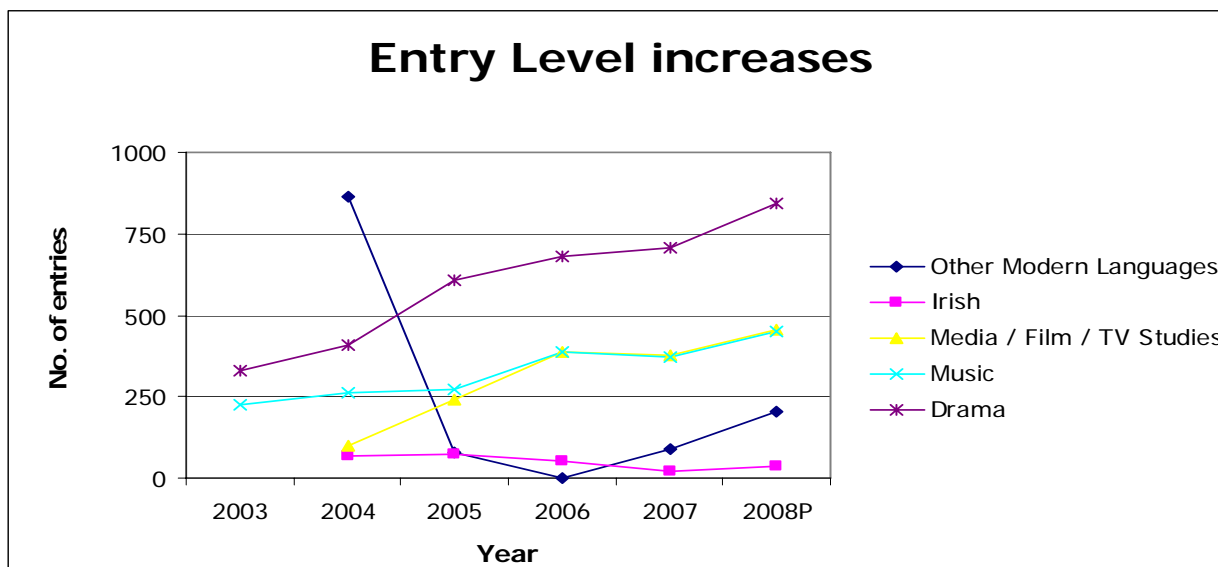


Table O Top 4 Entry Level decreases

Subject (2007 ranking in brackets)		Changes from 2007-2008			
		% change	2007 Number of entries	2008 P Number of entries	2008 Number of grades issued
1 (4)	Science: Double Award	-63.56	1482	540	516
2	Welsh Second Language	-26.06	568	420	411
3 (3)	French	-17.90	9707	7969	7465
4 (2)	History	-14.33	3795	3251	2848
5	Science: Single Award	-13.08	17932	15587	14053

Chart 17

