

Entry Trends 2007 - A, AS, AEA Tables

GCE A level trends

Table 1 Top 10 GCE A level subjects

Subject (2006 ranking in brackets)		2007 Provisional numbers	
		% of total	Number of candidates
1	(1) English	10.58	85275
2	(3) Mathematics	7.46	60093
3	(2) General Studies	6.91	55699
4	(4) Biology	6.77	54563
5	(5) Psychology	6.46	52048
6	(6) History	5.77	46474
7	(7) Art & Design Subjects	5.27	42490
8	(8) Chemistry	5.00	40285
9	(10) Media/Film/TV Studies	3.96	31942
10	(9) Geography	3.93	31653

Table 2 Top 10 GCE A level subject increases

Subject (2006 ranking in brackets)		Changes from 2006-2007		
		% change	2006 Number of candidates	2007 P Number of candidates
1	Critical Thinking	59.24	1261	2008
2	(1) Mathematics (Further)	8.28	7270	7872
3	Science subjects	7.96	4209	4544
4	Political Studies	7.48	11345	12194
5	(8) Mathematics	7.34	55982	60093
6	(11) Spanish	6.61	6520	6951
7	(5) Religious Studies	4.40	18205	19006
8	(2) Media / Film / TV Studies	3.16	30964	31942
9	Law	1.76	15241	15510
10	(10) German	1.60	6204	6303

N.B Critical Thinking is a new category for 2007. The 'Science subjects' category was third in the top ten decreases in 2006

Table 3 Top 10 GCE A level subject decreases

Subject (2006 ranking in brackets)		Changes from 2006-2007		
		% change	2006 Number of candidates	2007 P Number of candidates
1	Irish	-14.59	329	281
2	Welsh	-11.12	953	847
3	(1) Computing	-10.00	6233	5610
4	Technology subjects	-6.78	18684	17417
5	(4) Information and Communication Technology	-5.97	14208	13360
6	(9) General Studies	-5.54	58967	55699
7	Other Modern Languages	-3.67	7009	6752
8	(8) Geography	-2.67	32522	31653
9	English	-1.58	86640	85275
10	(10) Business Studies	-1.48	30648	30193

N.B Irish was sixth and 'Other Modern Languages' category was third in the top ten increases in 2006.

GCE AS trends

Table 4 Top 10 GCE AS subjects

Subject (2006 ranking in brackets)		2007 Provisional numbers	
		% of total	Number of candidates
1	(1) English	9.35	104222
2	(2) General Studies	8.07	89900
3	(3) Psychology	7.13	79468
4	(5) Mathematics	6.94	77387
5	(4) Biology	6.60	73572
6	(6) Art & Design subjects	5.39	60122
7	(7) History	4.98	55454
8	(8) Chemistry	4.74	52835
9	(9) Media / Film / TV Studies	3.98	44392
10	(10) Business Studies	3.65	40681

Table 5 Top 10 GCE AS subject increases

Subject (2006 ranking in brackets)		Changes from 2006-2007		
		% change	2006 Number of candidates	2007 P Number of candidates
1	Critical Thinking	18.36	20048	23729
2	(1) Mathematics (Further)	18.02	6292	7426
3	(10) Mathematics	9.30	70805	77387
4	Welsh	8.52	963	1045
5	(6) Religious Studies	7.95	22653	24454
6	Economics	6.55	20753	22113
7	English	4.65	99591	104222
8	Sociology	4.06	38442	40003
9	Chemistry	3.89	50855	52835
10	(7) Other Modern Languages	3.71	7577	7858

N.B Critical Thinking is a new category for 2007. Welsh was second in the top 10 decreases in 2006

Table 6 Top 10 GCE AS subject decreases

Subject (2006 ranking in brackets)		Changes from 2006-2007		
		% change	2006 Number of candidates	2007 P Number of candidates
1	Irish	-10.50	381	341
2	Performing / Expressive Arts	-7.86	5892	5429
3	(2=) Information and Communication Technology	-6.28	21790	20422
4	(1) Computing	-5.31	9208	8719
5	Science subjects	-4.67	9801	9343
6	Communication Studies	-3.18	3368	3261
7	(4) General Studies	-2.73	92426	89900
8	Technology subjects	-1.72	23099	22702
9	Classical subjects	-0.93	7297	7229
10	(8) Geography	-0.69	37031	36777

N.B Irish was second, the 'Science subjects' category was fourth and the 'Classical subjects' category was eighth in the top 10 increases in 2006

Applied GCE trends

Table 7 Top 3 Applied GCE A level double award subjects (out of a total of 7 subjects)

Subject		2007 Provisional numbers	
		% of total	Number of candidates
1	Health & Social Care	37.37	5717
2	Applied Business	25.77	3943
3	Applied ICT	19.94	3051

Table 8 Top 3 Applied GCE A level single award subjects (out of a total of 10 subjects)

Subject		2007 Provisional numbers	
		% of total	Number of candidates
1	Applied ICT	36.08	12076
2	Applied Business	23.41	7833
3	Health & Social Care	19.07	6381

Table 9 Top 3 Applied GCE AS double award subjects (out of a total of 7 subjects)

Subject (2006 ranking in brackets)		2007 Provisional numbers	
		% of total	Number of candidates
1 (1)	Health & Social Care	41.84	6509
2 (2)	Applied Business	21.98	3419
3 (3)	Applied ICT	19.22	2990

Tables 10 & 11 Top Applied GCE AS double award increases and decreases

Given the number of subjects and the size of the entries, there are no entry changes worthy of reporting.

Table 12 Top 3 Applied GCE AS single award subjects (out of a total of 10 subjects)

Subject		2007 Provisional numbers	
		% of total	Number of candidates
1 (3)	Applied ICT	36.67	18696
2 (2)	Applied Business	20.22	10309
3 (1)	Health & Social Care	18.31	9337

Tables 13 Top 3 Applied GCE AS single award increases

Subject (2006 ranking in brackets)		Changes from 2006-2007		
		% change	2006 Number of candidates	2007 P Number of candidates
1	Applied Science	79.52	1289	2314
2	Applied Art & Design	68.33	562	946
3	Travel & Tourism	30.10	2897	3769

Table 14 Top Applied GCE AS single award decreases

The entry for all ten Applied GCE AS single award subjects showed an increase from 2006.

AEA trends

AEA Irish has not been included in this exercise since the entry is significantly lower than that for any other of the AEA specifications.

Table 15 Top 5 AEA subjects

Subject (2006 ranking in brackets)		2007 Provisional numbers	
		% of total	Number of candidates
1	(1) English	21.70	2444
2	(2=) Mathematics	11.30	1269
3	(5) History	10.30	1162
4	(2=) Psychology	8.80	995
5	(4) Chemistry	8.20	927

Table 16 Top 3 AEA subject increases

Subject (2006 ranking in brackets)		Changes from 2006-2007		
		% change	2006 Number of candidates	2007 P Number of candidates
1	Spanish	37.89	190	262
2	Classical subjects	33.03	109	145
3	Welsh	17.65	17	20

N.B Welsh had the largest, Spanish the fourth largest and Classical subjects the third largest percentage decreases in entry in 2006.

Table 17 Top 5 AEA subject decreases

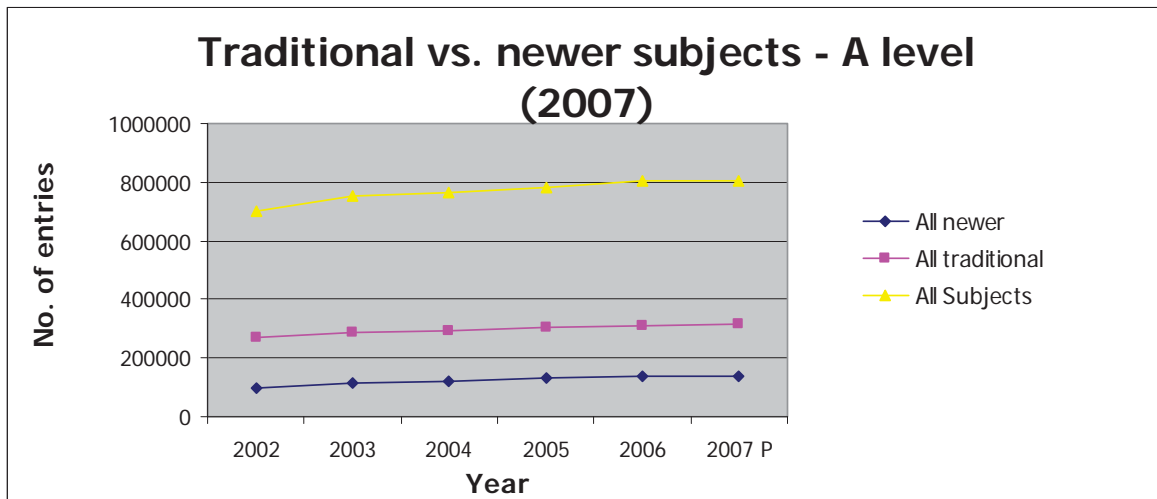
Subject (2006 ranking in brackets)		Changes from 2006-2007		
		% change	2006 Number of candidates	2007 P Number of candidates
1	Business	-27.30	315	229
2	(2) Critical Thinking	-15.20	296	251
3	Psychology	-14.45	1163	995

N.B Psychology had the fifth largest percentage increase in entry in 2006.

GCE A level Entry Trends – 2002 - 2007

All data are for the period for which the Curriculum 2000 GCE A level specifications have been awarded.

Chart 1



The group of 'traditional' A level subjects is:

Art & Design subjects, Classical subjects, Economics, English, Geography, History, Mathematics, Mathematics (Further) and Religious Studies

The group of 'newer' A level subjects is:

Law, Media/Film/TV Studies, Political Studies, Psychology and Sociology

Chart 2

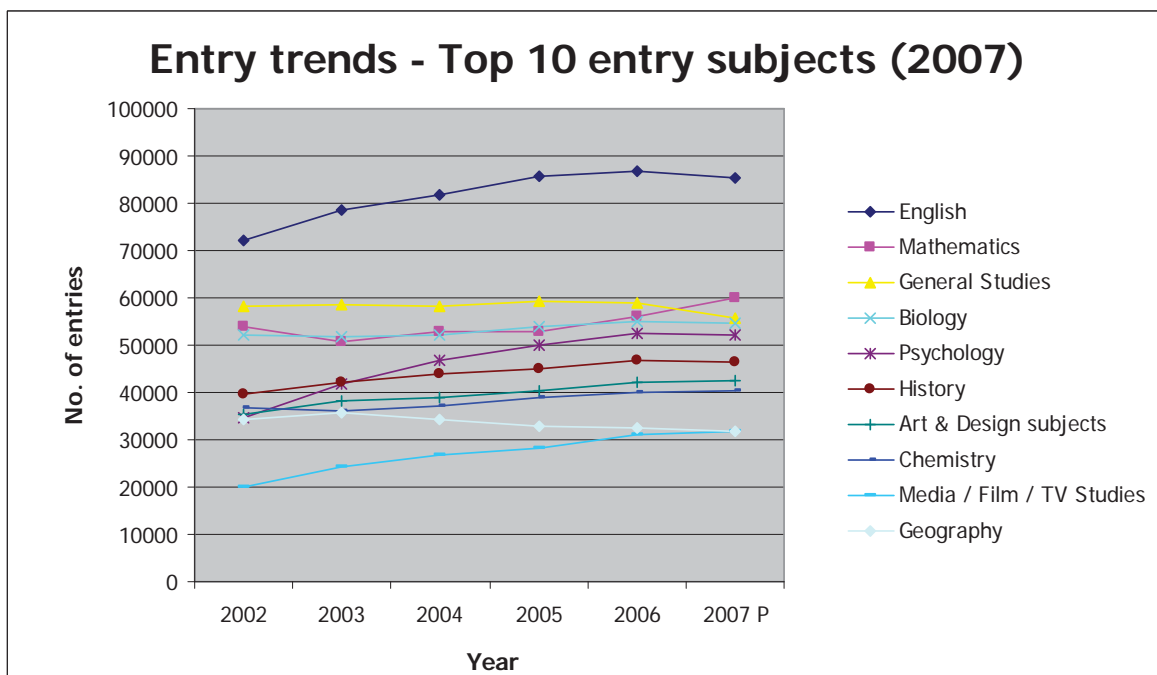


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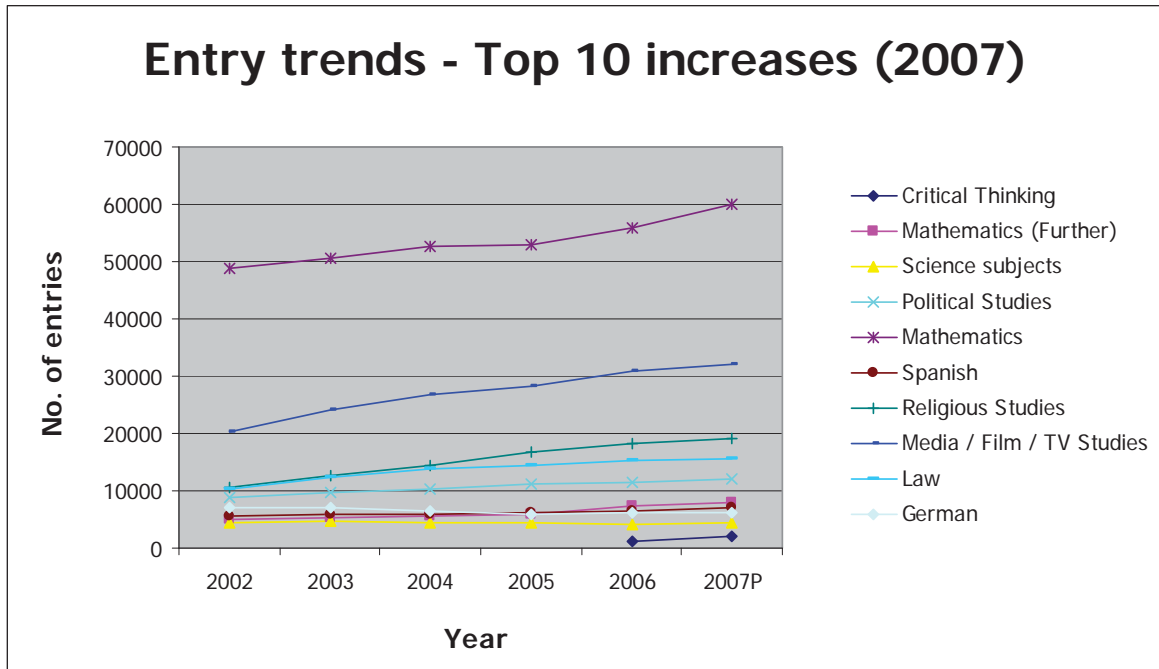


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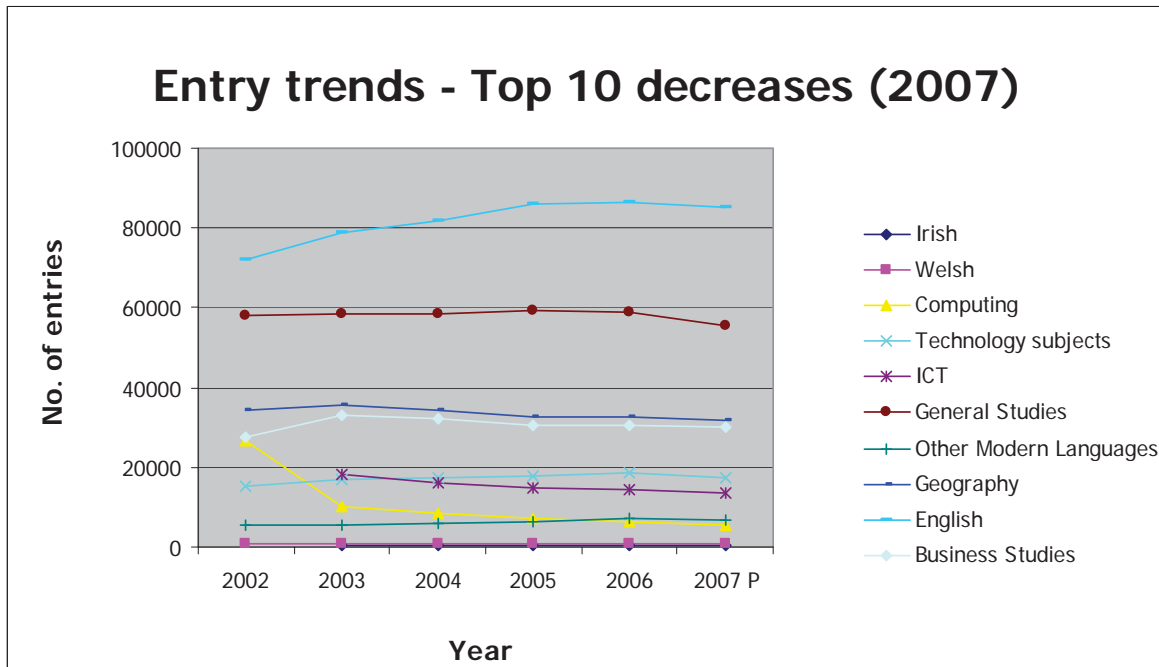


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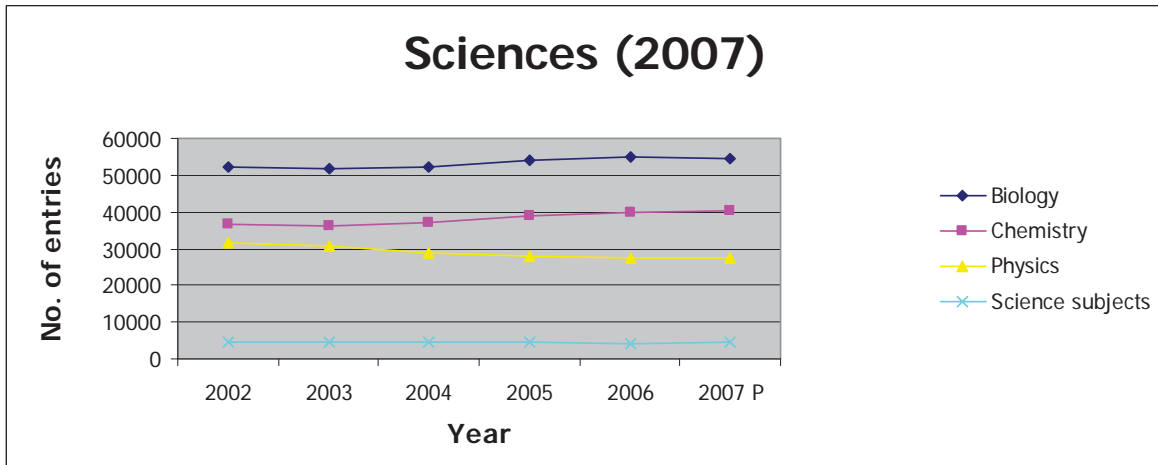
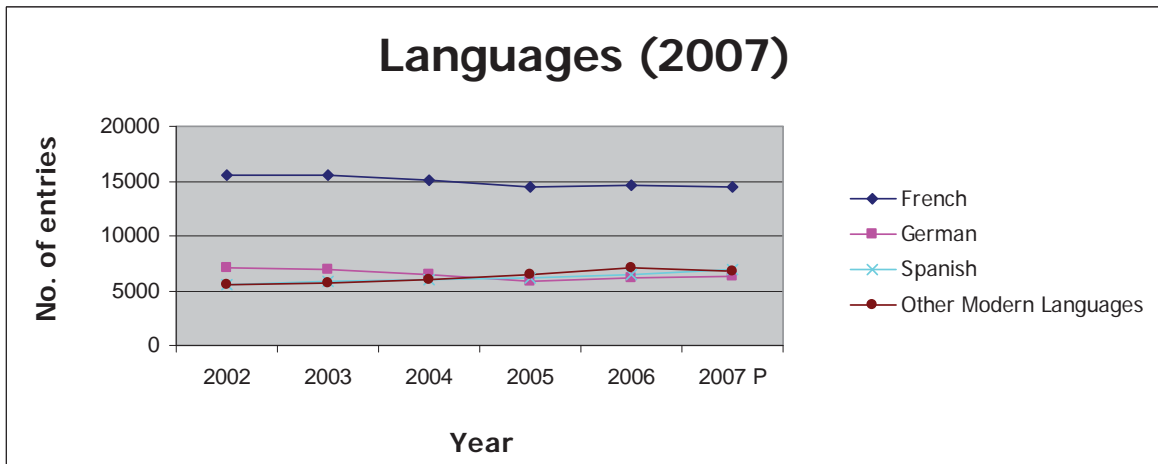


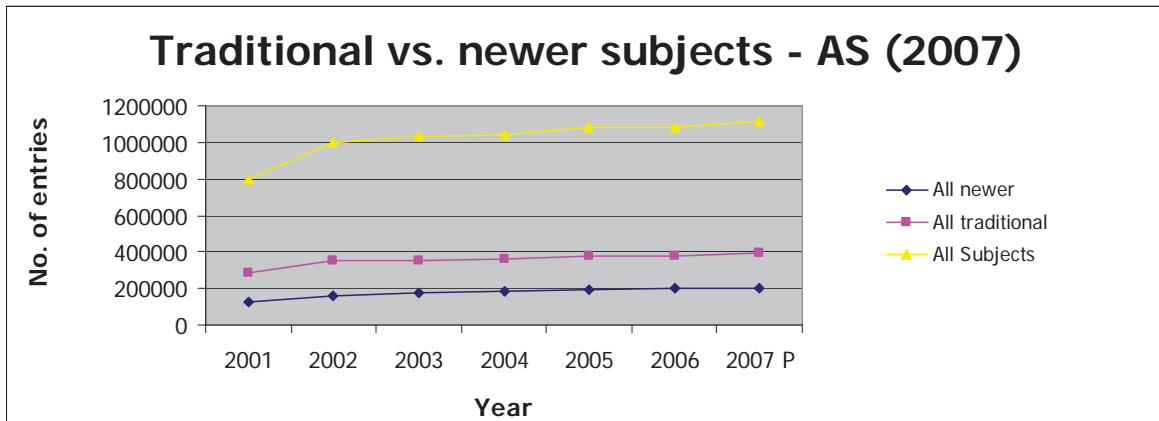
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GCE AS Entry Trends – 2001 - 2007

All data are for the period for which the Curriculum 2000 GCE AS specifications have been awarded.

Chart 7



The group of 'traditional' AS subjects is:

Art & Design subjects, Classical subjects, Economics, English, Geography, History, Mathematics, Mathematics (Further) and Religious Studies

The group of 'newer' AS subjects is:

Law, Media/Film/TV Studies, Political Studies, Psychology and Sociology

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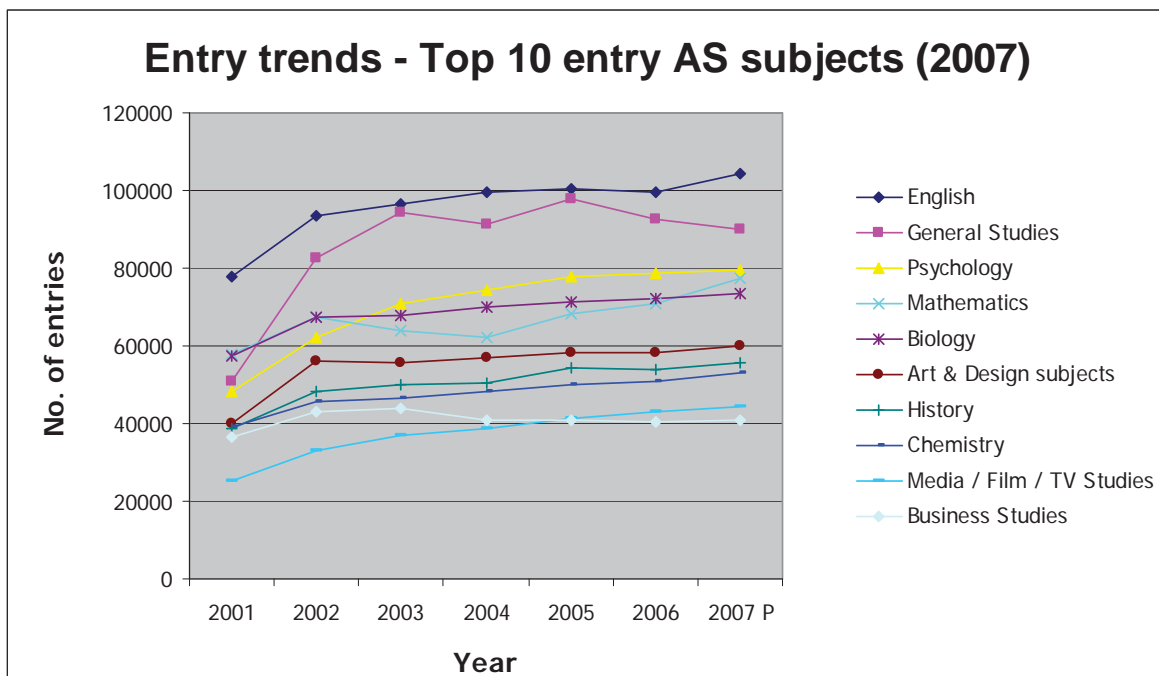


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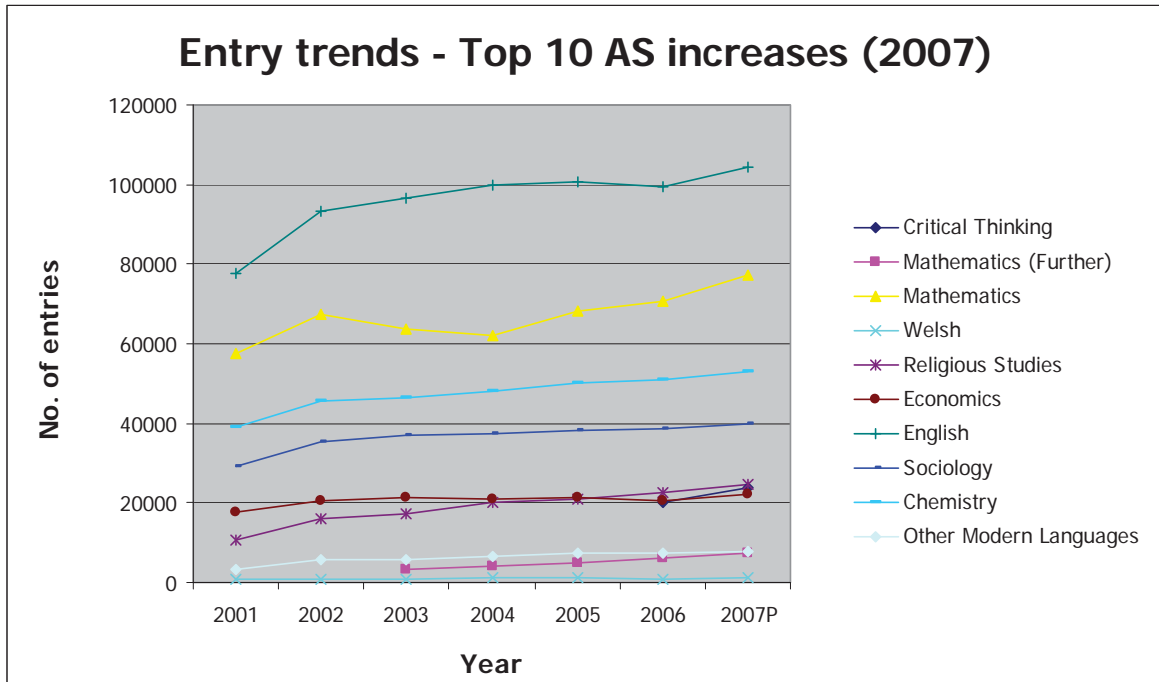


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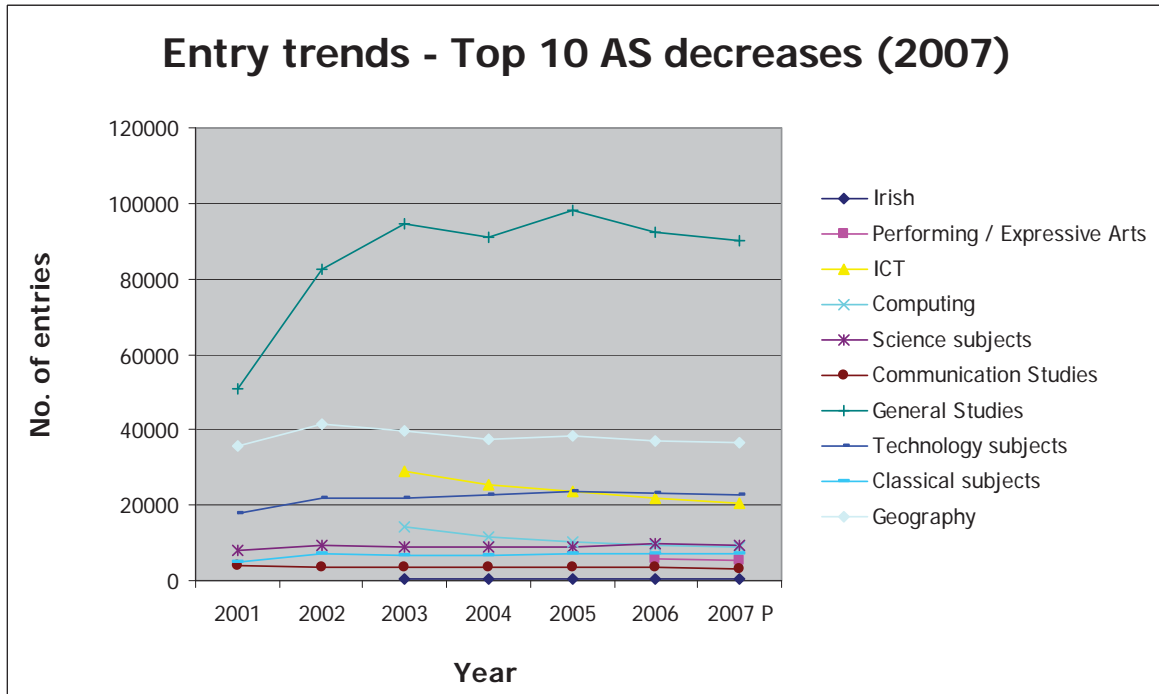


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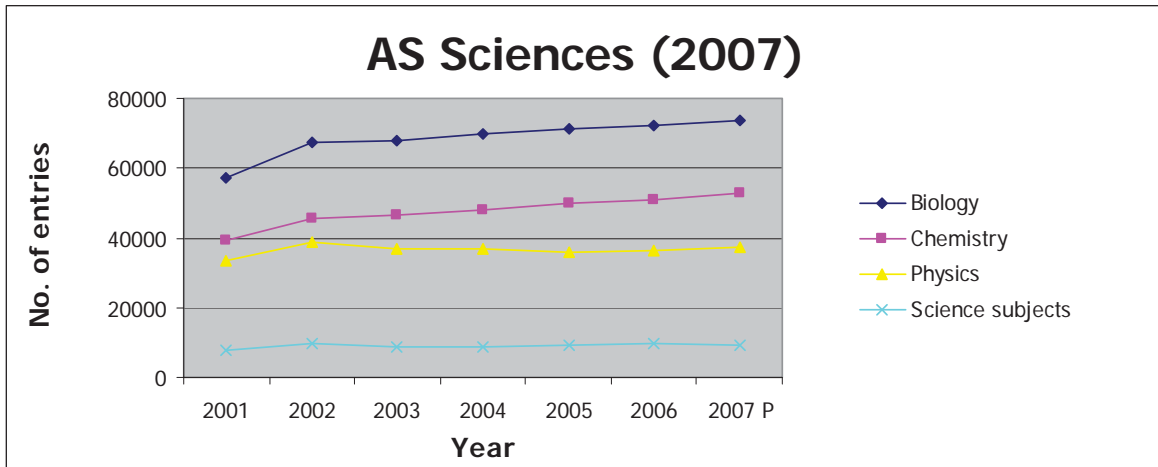
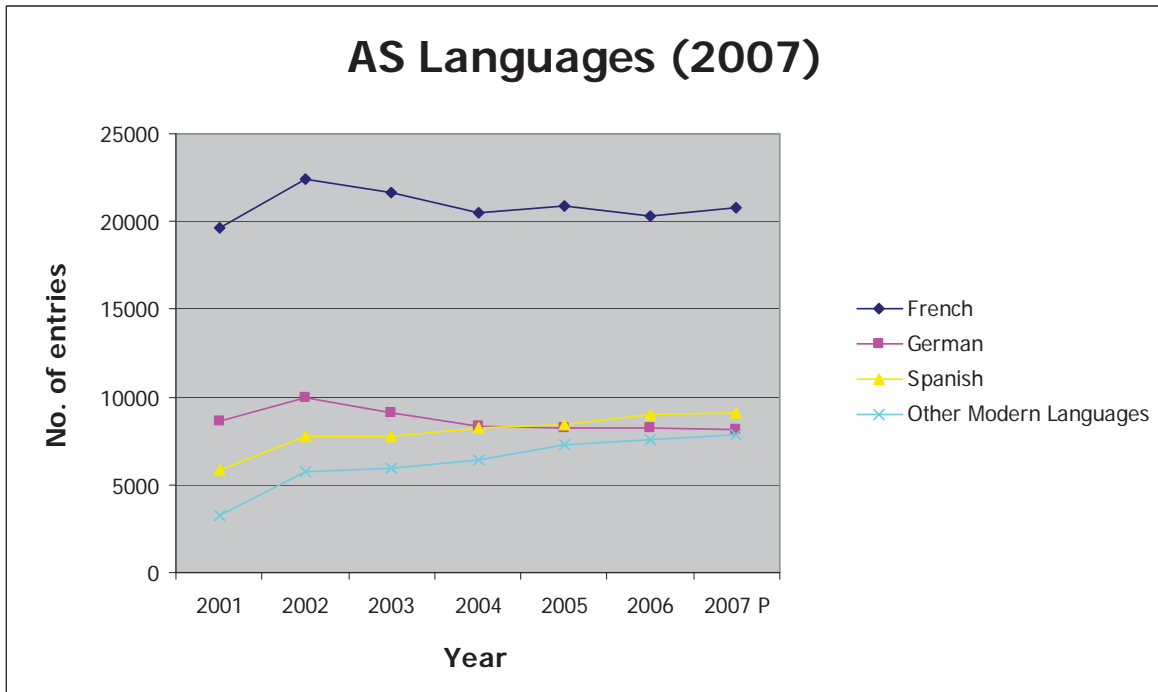


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AEA Entry Trends – 2002 - 2007

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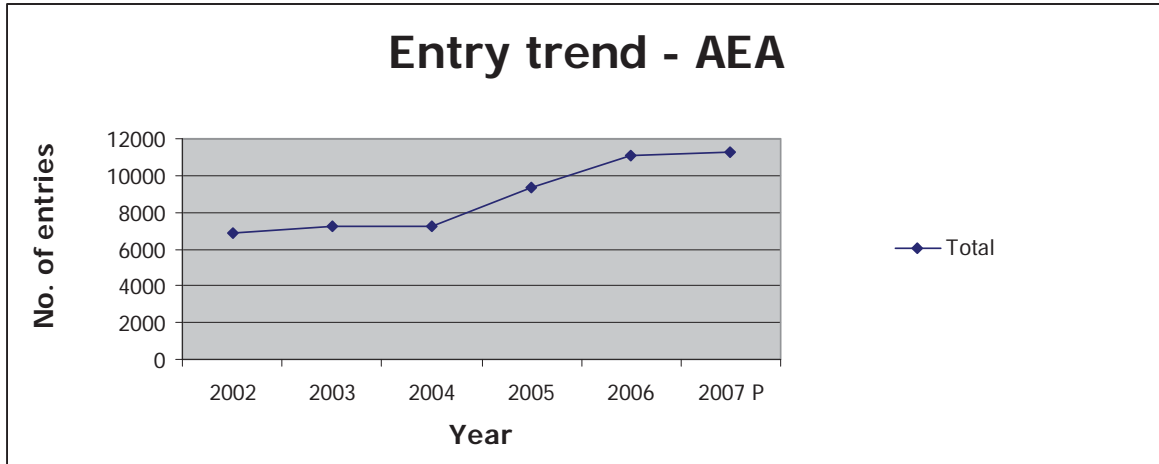


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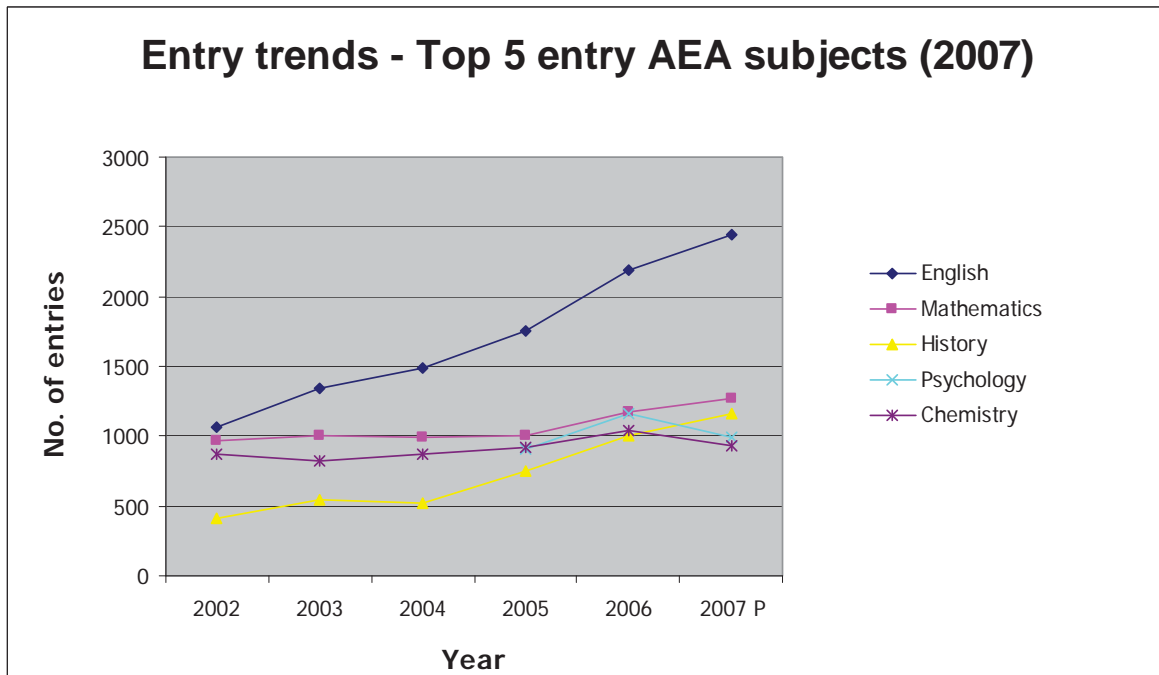


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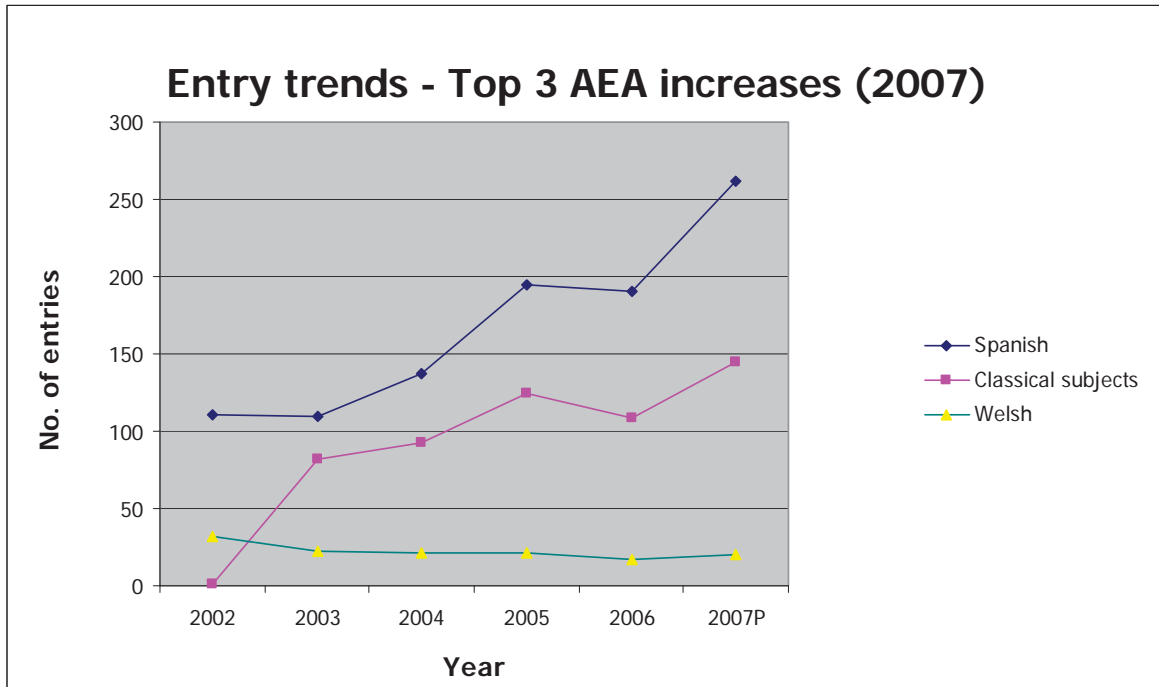


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