Appendix

TABLES – GCSE, Project and Entry Level Trends, 2016

GCSE full course trends

Chart 1   Total entry for GCSE full course subjects, 2007-2016
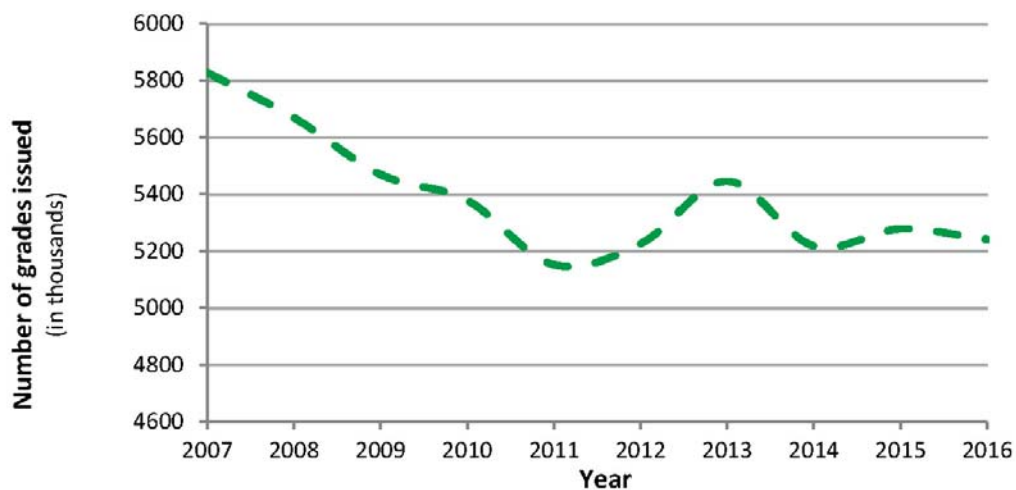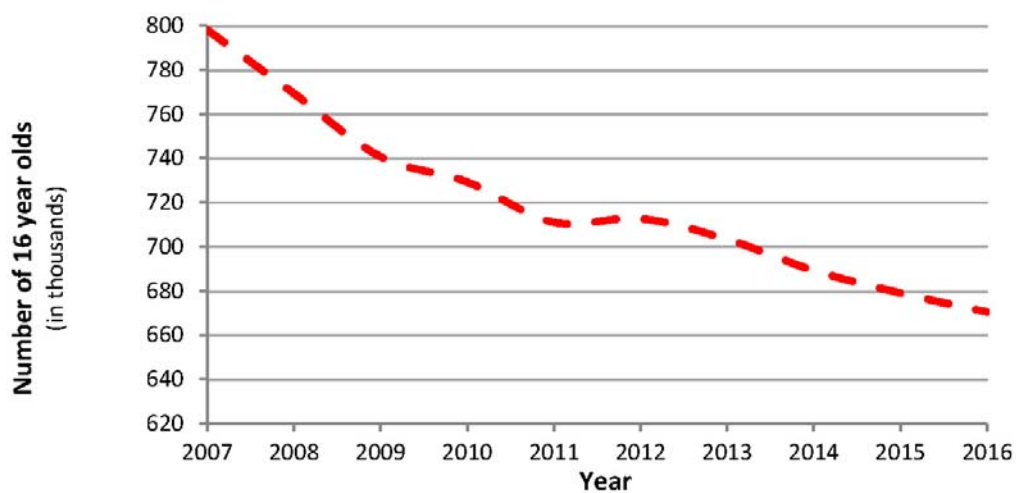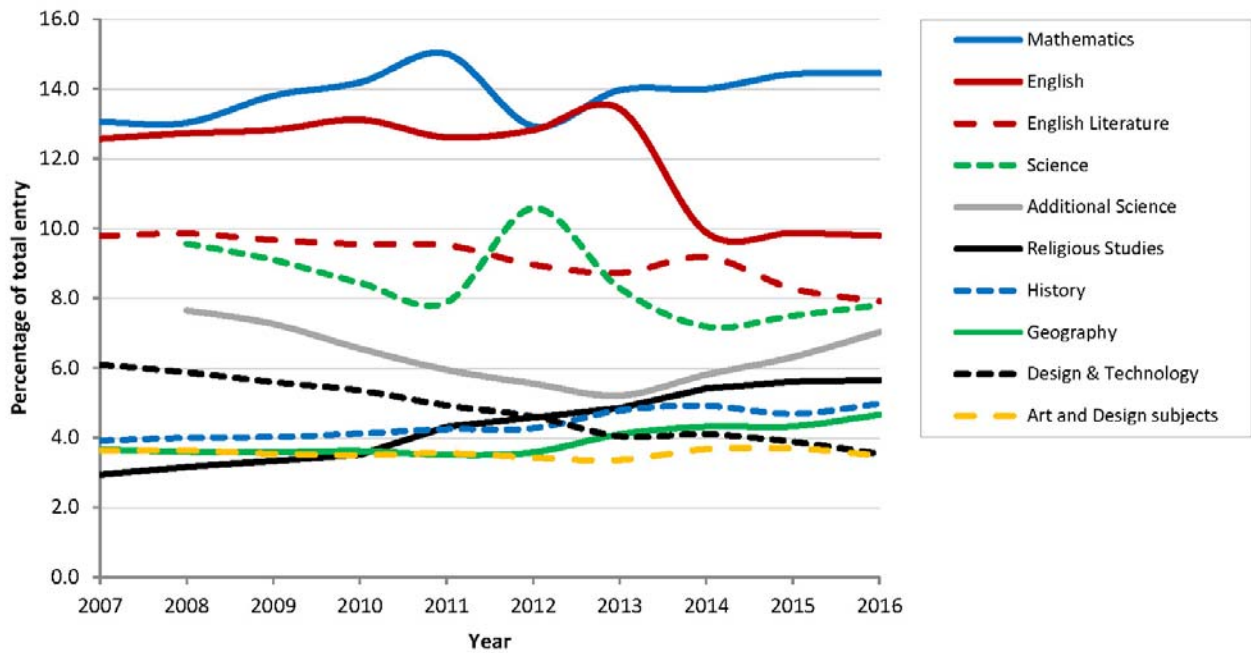

Chart 2   Cohort size 2007-2016

Table A   Top ten GCSE full course subjects in 2016

Ranking		Subject	% of total	Number of candidates
1	(1)	Mathematics	14.5	757296
2	(2)	English	9.8	513285
3	(3)	English Literature	7.9	414286
4	(4)	Science	7.8	408569
5	(5)	Additional Science	7.0	368033
6	(6)	Religious Studies	5.6	296010
7	(7)	History	5.0	260521
8	(8)	Geography	4.7	244033
9	(9)	Design & Technology	3.5	185279
10	(10)	Art and Design subjects	3.5	183085

(2015 ranking in brackets)

Chart 3   Top ten GCSE full course subjects as a percentage of the total entry over the period 2007 to 2016
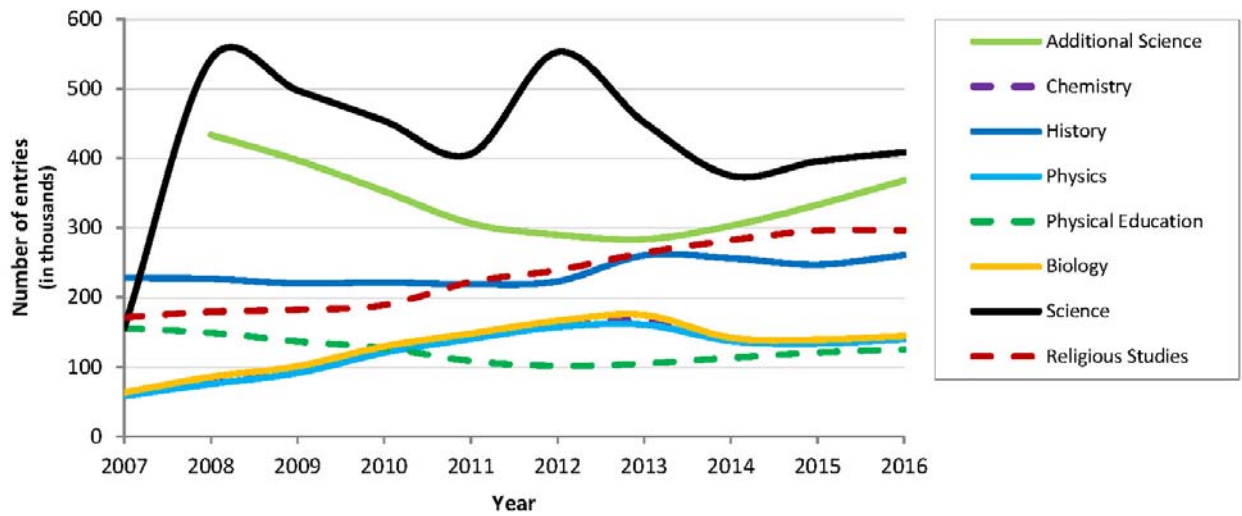
Table B   Top GCSE full course subject increases (entry greater than 100,000)
(Changes from 2015-2016)

Ranking		Subject	% change	2015 Number of candidates	2016 Number of candidates
1	(2)	Additional Science	10.5	332960	368033
2	(8)	Geography	7.0	228075	244033
3		Chemistry	5.7	133618	141245
4		History	5.5	247040	260521
5		Physics	4.6	133610	139805
6	(3)	Physical Education	3.8	120544	125120
7		Biology	3.6	139199	144148
8	(4)	Science	3.3	395484	408569
9	(5)	Religious Studies	0.1	295730	296010

(2015 ranking in brackets. Subjects having a year-on-year decrease in 2015 are shown as blank.)

Chart 4   Top GCSE full course subject increases, 2016 (entry greater than 100,000)
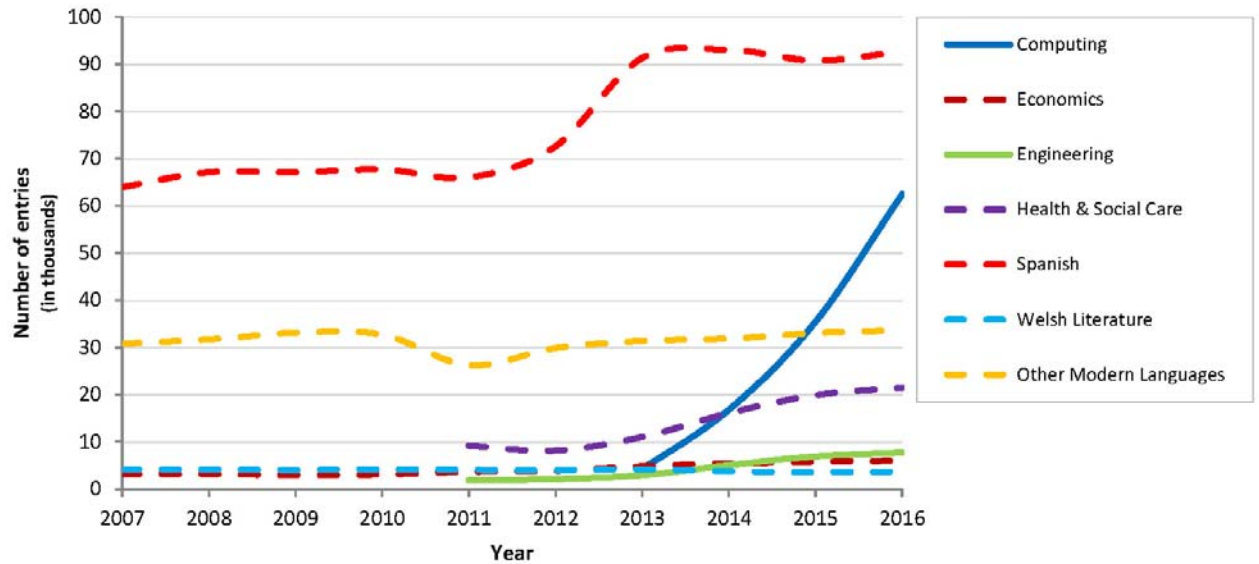
Table C   Top GCSE full course subject increases (entry less than 100,000)
(Changes from 2015-2016)

Ranking		Subject	% change	2015 Number of candidates	2016 Number of candidates
1	(1)	Computing	76.4	35414	62454
2	(2)	Engineering	11.7	6909	7714
3		Construction	8.8	544	592
4	(3)	Health & Social Care	8.1	19869	21469
5		Manufacturing	6.9	259	277
6	(6)	Economics	3.5	5779	5982
7		Welsh Literature	2.8	3603	3705
8		Spanish	2.1	90782	92681
9	(16)	Other Modern Languages	1.8	33043	33639

(2015 ranking in brackets. Subjects having a year-on-year decrease in 2015 are shown as blank.)

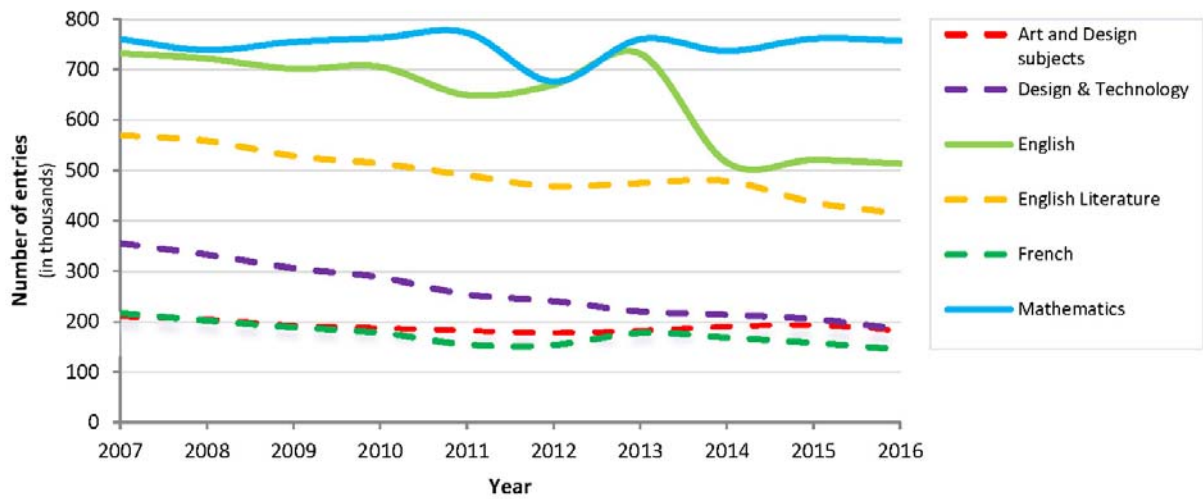**Chart 5   Top GCSE full course subject increases, 2016 (entry less than 100,000*)**

*Entries less than 1000 excluded.

Table D   Top GCSE full course subject decreases (entry greater than 100,000)
(Changes from 2015-2016)

Ranking		Subject	% change	2015 Number of candidates	2016 Number of candidates
1	(3)	Design & Technology	-9.5	204788	185279
2	(2)	French	-8.1	157699	144892
3		Art and Design subjects	-5.9	194637	183085
4	(1)	English Literature	-5.1	436546	414286
5		English	-1.4	520524	513285
6		Mathematics	-0.5	761230	757296

(2015 ranking in brackets. Subjects having a year-on-year increase in 2015 are shown as blank.)

Chart 6   Top GCSE full course subject decreases, 2016 (entry more than 100,000)
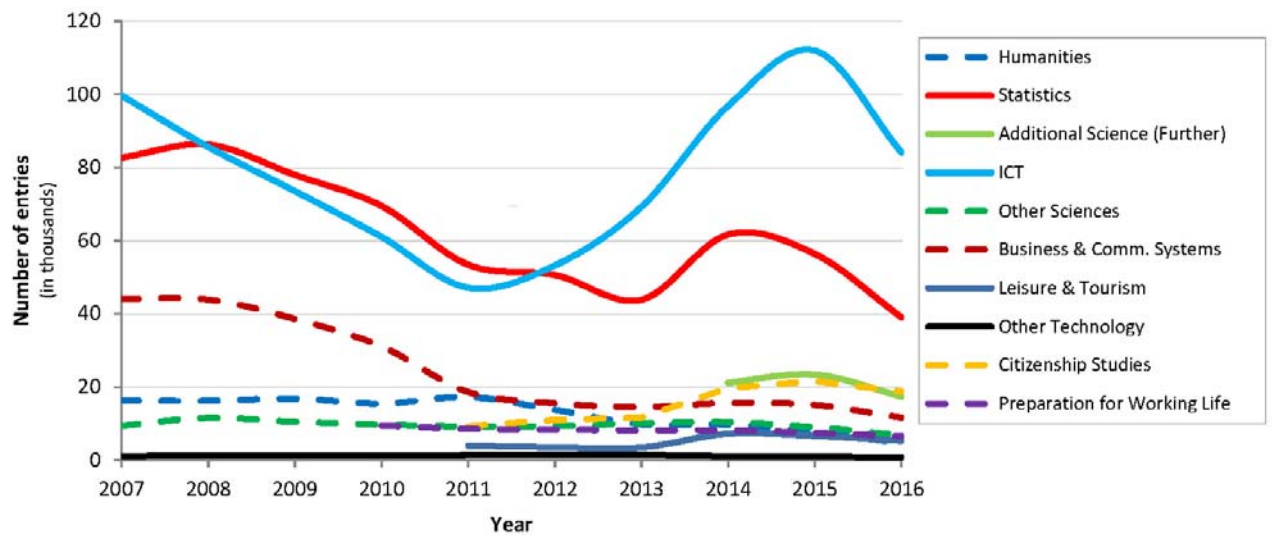
Table E   GCSE full course subject decreases (entry less than 100,000)
(Changes from 2015-2016)

Ranking		Subject	% change	2015 Number of candidates	2016 Number of candidates
1	(1)	Humanities	-37.4	7574	4741
2	(6)	Statistics	-30.7	56355	39034
3		Additional Science (Further)	-25.6	23389	17409
4		ICT	-24.8	111934	84120
5	(3)	Other Sciences	-24.4	9027	6824
6	(11)	Business & Comm. Systems	-22.8	15094	11652
7	(7)	Leisure & Tourism	-20.0	6650	5323
8	(5)	Other Technology	-14.9	1021	869
9		Citizenship Studies	-13.4	21628	18720
10	(8)	Preparation for Working Life	-12.4	7486	6555

(2015 ranking in brackets. Subjects having a year-on-year increase in 2015 are shown as blank.)

Chart 7 Top GCSE full course subject decreases, 2016 (entry fewer than 100,000)
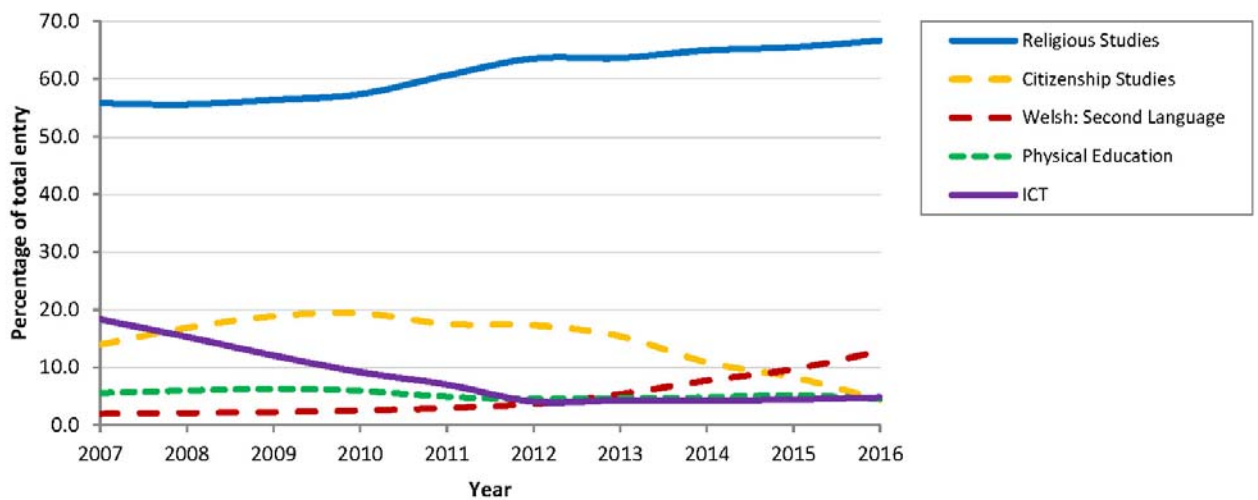
GCSE short course trends

Table F   Top GCSE short course subjects in 2016

Ranking		Subject	% of total	Number of candidates
1	(1)	Religious Studies	66.7	75590
2	(3)	Welsh: Second Language	12.8	14526
3	(5)	ICT	4.8	5466
4	(4)	Physical Education	4.6	5168
5	(3)	Citizenship Studies	4.5	5059

Chart 8   Top five GCSE short course subjects as a percentage of the total entry over the period 2007 to 2016

GCSE double award trends

Table G   Top GCSE double award subjects in 2016

Ranking		Subject	% of total	Number of candidates
1	(1)	Science: Dbl Awd	50.7	7065
2	(3)	Business	11.6	1615
3	(2)	Health & Social Care	9.1	1272
4	(4)	Engineering	9.1	1264
5	(6)	Media	6.1	851

(2015 ranking in brackets)

Entry Level trends

Table H   Top Entry Level subjects in 2016

Ranking		Subject	% of total	Number of candidates
1	(1)	Mathematics	20.9	11041
2	(3)	English	16.3	8597
3	(2)	Science	15.9	8409
4	(5)	ICT	11.3	5957
5	(4)	Physical Education	8.7	4587

(2015 ranking in brackets)

Project Trends

Table I   Changes from 2015-2016

Subject	% change	2015 Number of candidates	2016 Number of candidates
Level 1 Project	-13.5	975	843
Level 2 Project	-14.2	5631	4829