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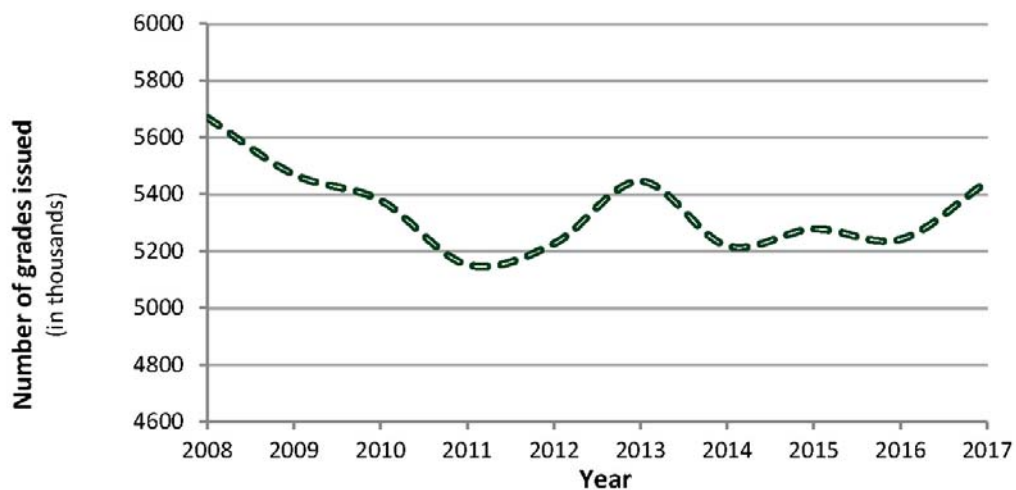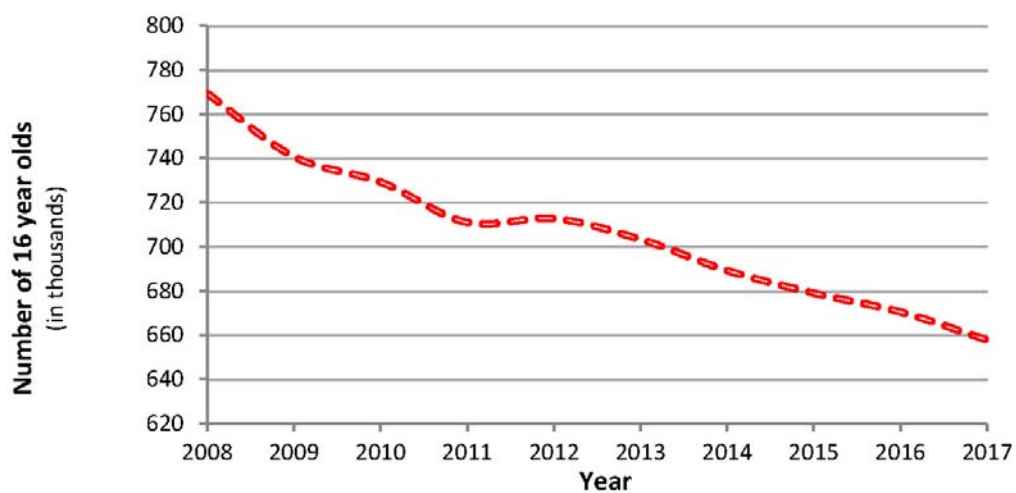# TABLES – GCSE, Project and Entry Level Trends - UK, 2017

GCSE full course trends

Chart 1   Total entry for GCSE full course subjects, 2008-2017
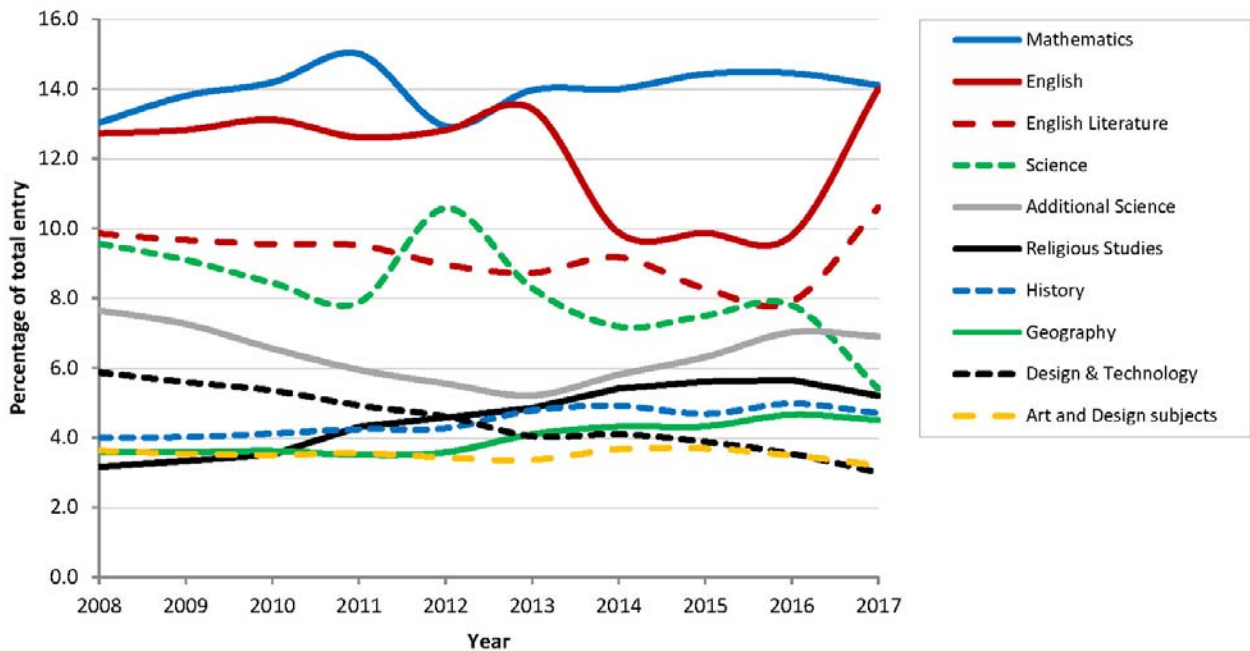

Chart 2   Cohort size 2008-2017

Table A   Top ten GCSE full course subjects in 2017

Ranking		Subject	% of total	Number of candidates
1	(1)	Mathematics	14.1	770034
2	(2)	English	14.0	760277
3	(3)	English Literature	10.6	574358
4	(5)	Additional Science	6.9	376347
5	(4)	Science	5.4	295889
6	(6)	Religious Studies	5.2	282193
7	(7)	History	4.7	255954
8	(8)	Geography	4.5	245964
9	(10)	Art and Design subjects	3.2	175792
10	(9)	Design & Technology	3.0	165815

(2016 ranking in brackets)

Chart 3   Top ten GCSE full course subjects as a percentage of the total entry over the period 2008 to 2017
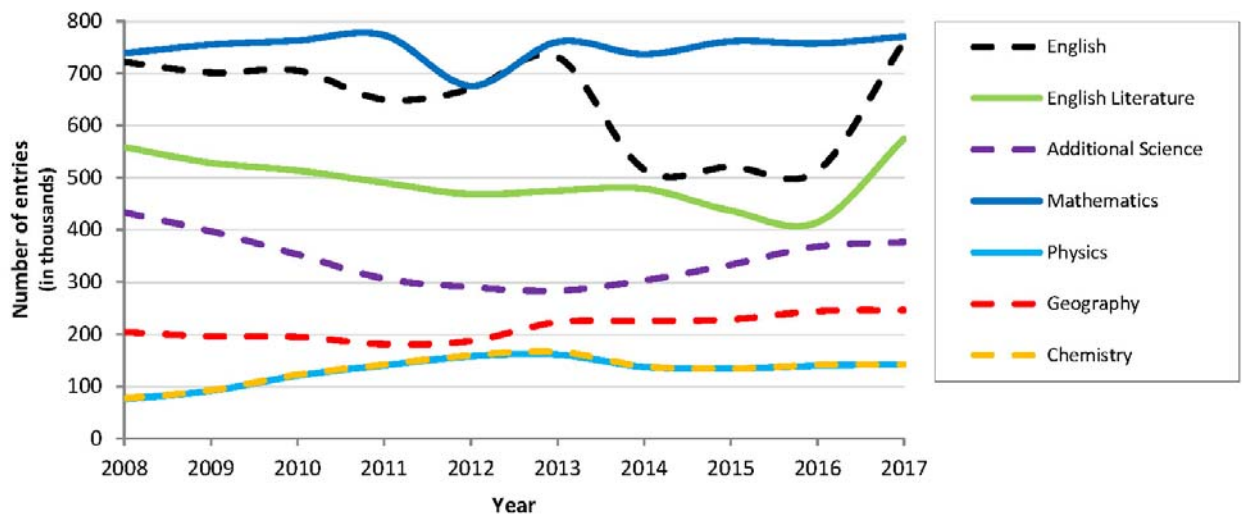
Table B   Top GCSE full course subject increases (entry greater than 100,000)
   (Changes from 2016-2017)

Ranking		Subject	% change	2016 Number of candidates	2017 Number of candidates
1		English	48.1	513285	760277
2		English Literature	38.6	414286	574358
3	(1)	Additional Science	2.3	368033	376347
4		Mathematics	1.7	757296	770034
5	(5)	Physics	1.6	139805	141977
6	(2)	Geography	0.8	244033	245964
7	(3)	Chemistry	0.4	141245	141867

(2016 ranking in brackets. Subjects having a year-on-year decrease in 2016 are shown as blank)

Chart 4   Top GCSE full course subject increases, 2017 (entry greater than 100,000)
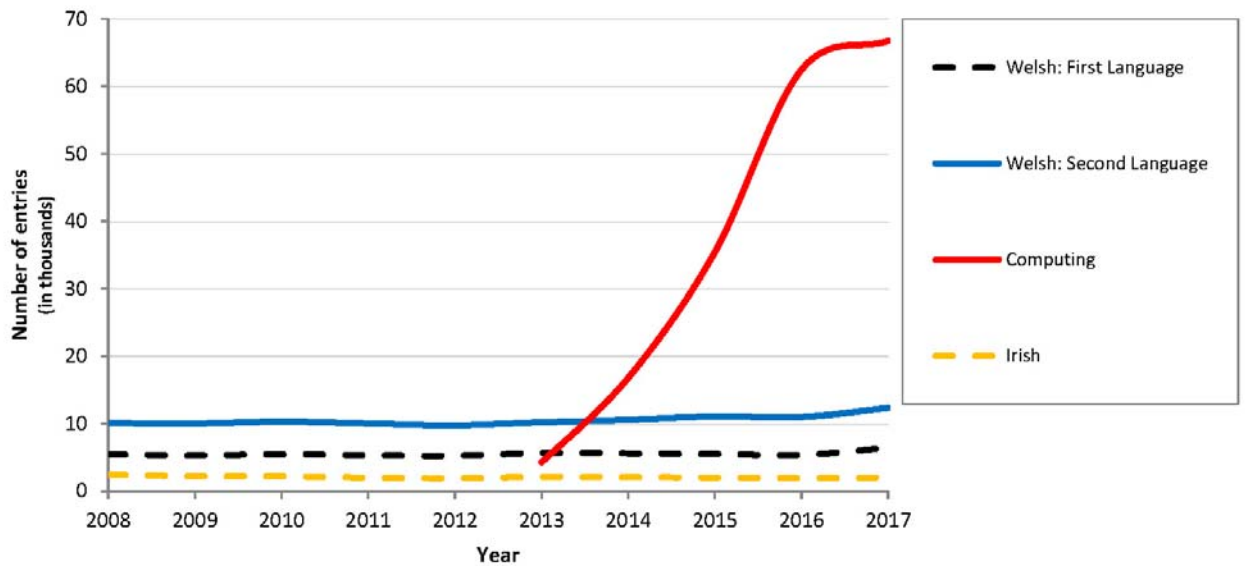
Table C   Top GCSE full course subject increases (entry less than 100,000)
(Changes from 2016-2017)

Ranking		Subject	% change	2016 Number of candidates	2017 Number of candidates
1		Welsh: First Language	20.5	5331	6422
2	(2)	Construction	16.6	592	690
3		Welsh: Second Language	12.3	10967	12311
4	(1)	Computing	6.9	62454	66751
5		Other Technology	5.9	869	920
6		Irish	4.7	1905	1995
7	(5)	Manufacturing	1.4	277	281

(2016 ranking in brackets. Subjects having a year-on-year decrease in 2016 are shown as blank.)

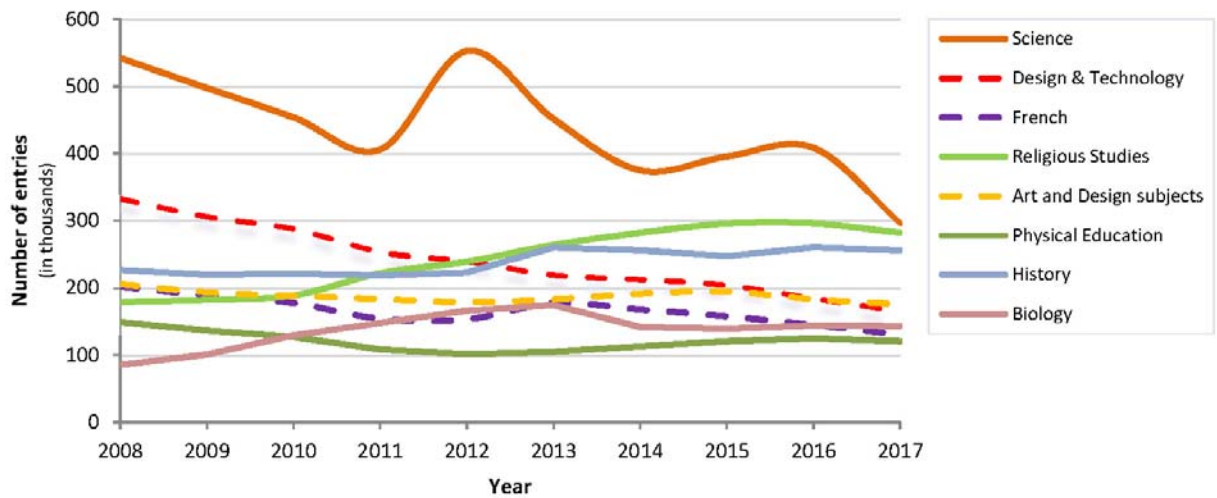**Chart 5   Top GCSE full course subject increases, 2017 (entry less than 100,000*)**

*Entries less than 1000 excluded.

Table D   Top GCSE full course subject decreases (entry greater than 100,000)
(Changes from 2016-2017)

Ranking		Subject	% change	2016 Number of candidates	2017 Number of candidates
1		Science	-27.6	408569	295889
2	(1)	Design & Technology	-10.5	185279	165815
3	(2)	French	-9.9	144892	130509
4		Religious Studies	-4.7	296010	282193
5	(3)	Art and Design subjects	-4.0	183085	175792
6		Physical Education	-3.6	125120	120613
7		History	-1.8	260521	255954
8		Biology	-0.6	144148	143340

(2016 ranking in brackets. Subjects having a year-on-year increase in 2016 are shown as blank.)

Chart 6   Top GCSE full course subject decreases, 2017 (entry more than 100,000)
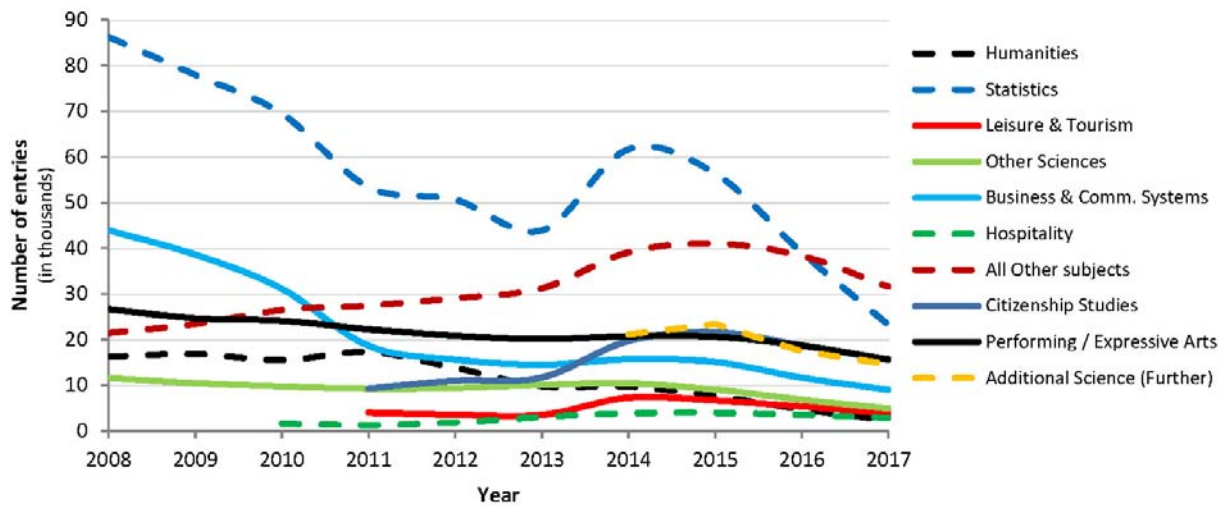
Table E   GCSE full course subject decreases (entry less than 100,000)
(Changes from 2016-2017)

Ranking		Subject	% change	2016 Number of candidates	2017 Number of candidates
1	(1)	Humanities	-51.7	4741	2290
2	(2)	Statistics	-40.5	39034	23215
3	(7)	Leisure & Tourism	-28.4	5323	3809
4	(5)	Other Sciences	-28.1	6824	4905
5	(6)	Business & Comm. Systems	-23.0	11652	8977
6	(11)	Hospitality	-19.4	3497	2818
7	(16)	All Other subjects	-17.6	38301	31555
8	(9)	Citizenship Studies	-16.9	18720	15553
9	(13)	Performing / Expressive Arts	-16.3	18676	15641
10	(3)	Additional Science (Further)	-16.1	17409	14606

(2016 ranking in brackets.)

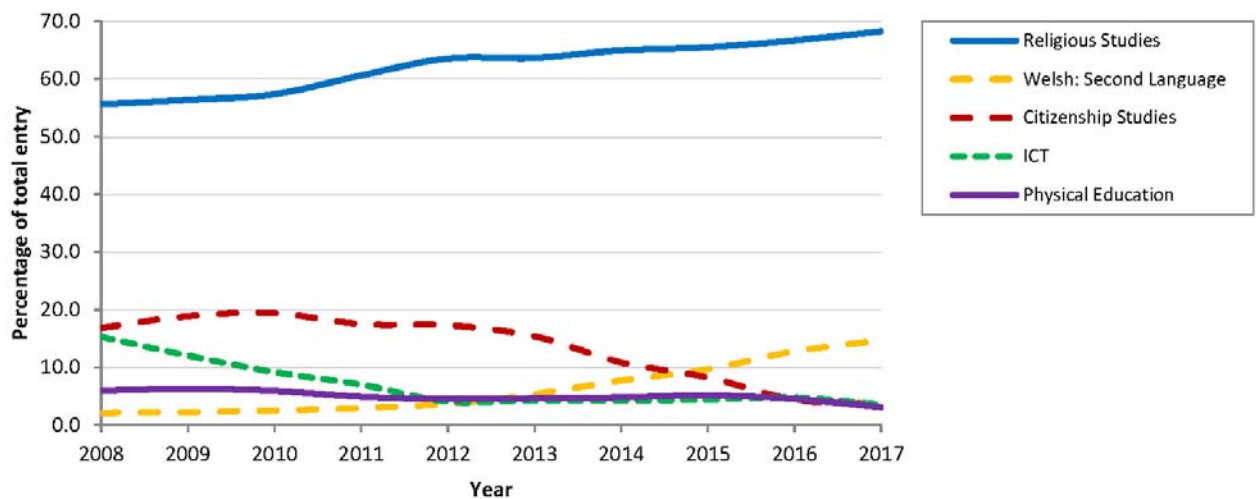**Chart 7 Top GCSE full course subject decreases, 2017 (entry fewer than 100,000)**

GCSE short course trends

Table F   Top GCSE short course subjects in 2017

Ranking		Subject	% of total	Number of candidates
1	(1)	Religious Studies	68.2	57844
2	(2)	Welsh: Second Language	14.7	12452
3	(4)	Citizenship Studies	3.7	3108
4	(3)	ICT	3.6	3019
5	(6)	Physical Education	3.1	2636

(2016 ranking in brackets)

Chart 8   Top five GCSE short course subjects as a percentage of the total entry over the period 2008 to 2017

GCSE double award trends

Table G   Top GCSE double award subjects in 2017

Ranking		Subject	% of total	Number of candidates
1	(1)	Science: Dbl Awd	61.5	7127
2	(3)	Business	12.6	1460
3	(2)	Health & Social Care	7.2	830
4	(4)	Engineering	5.4	631
5	(7)	Hospitality	2.9	338

(2016 ranking in brackets)

Entry Level trends

Table H   Top Entry Level subjects in 2017

Ranking		Subject	% of total	Number of candidates
1	(1)	Mathematics	31.3	14374
2	(3)	English	22.9	10521
3	(2)	Science	17.1	7838
4	(5)	ICT	9.2	4207
5	(4)	Physical Education	5.2	2407

(2016 ranking in brackets)

Project Trends

Table I   Changes from 2016-2017

Subject	% change	2016 Number of candidates	2017 Number of candidates
Level 1 Project	-23.1	843	648
Level 2 Project	-29.7	4829	3393