

Appendix

TABLES – GCSE, Project and Entry Level Trends - UK, 2018

GCSE full course trends

Chart 1 Total entry for GCSE full course subjects, 2009-2018

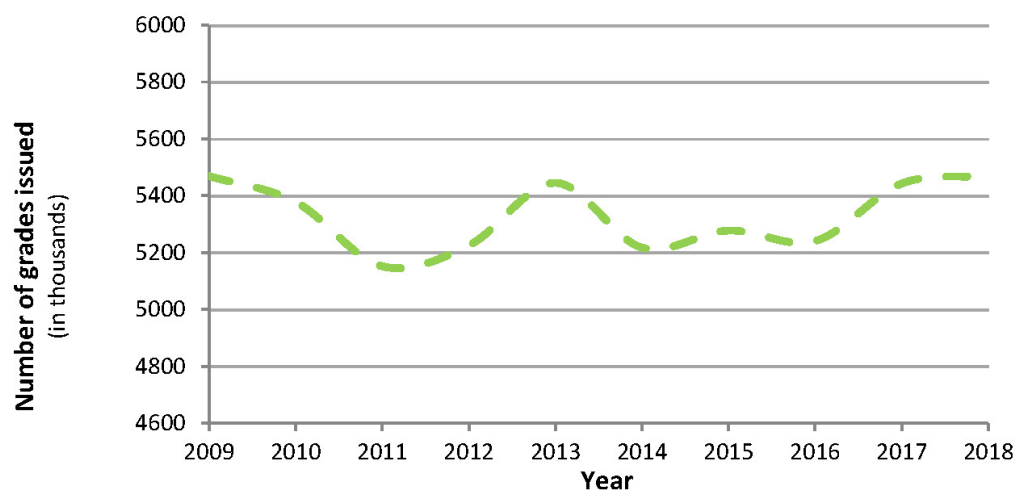


Chart 2 Cohort size 2009-2018

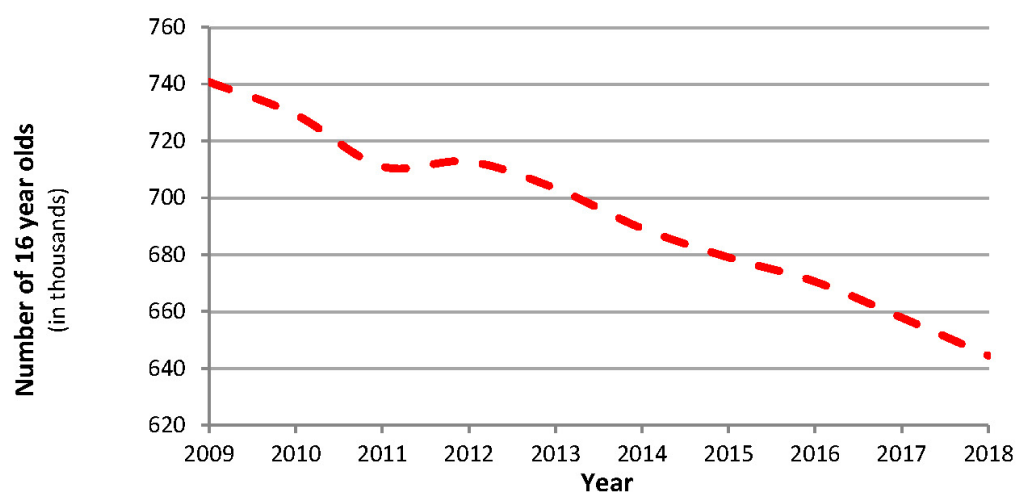
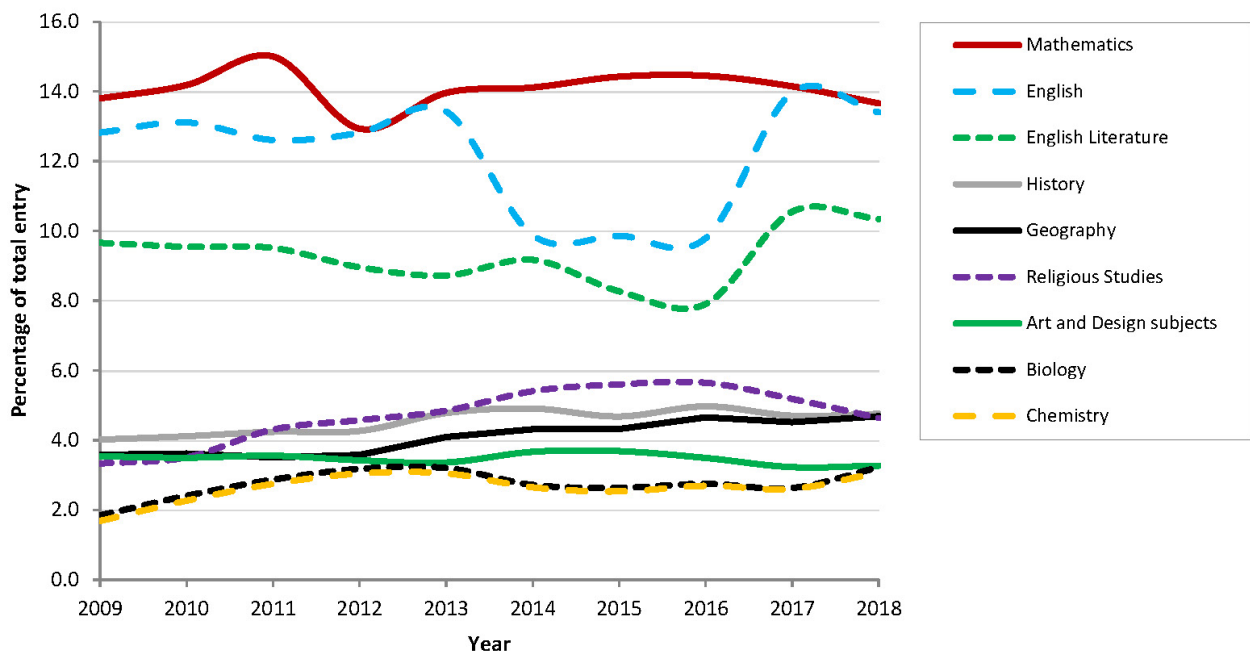


Table A Top ten GCSE full course subjects in 2018

Ranking		Subject	% of total	Number of candidates
1		Science: Double Award	14.6	801,080
2	(1)	Mathematics	13.7	747,169
3	(2)	English	13.4	733,085
4	(3)	English Literature	10.3	565,791
5	(7)	History	4.8	260,204
6	(8)	Geography	4.7	256,420
7	(6)	Religious Studies	4.6	253,618
8	(9)	Art and Design subjects	3.3	178,891
9	(11)	Biology	3.2	176,325
10	(13)	Chemistry	3.1	168,273

(2017 ranking in brackets. Previously Science: Double Award was included in the GCSE double award tables.)

Chart 3 Top ten GCSE full course subjects as a percentage of the total entry over the period 2009 to 2018



(Note that the most popular subject, Science: Double Award, has been excluded from this chart. This is the first year since 2007 that it has been available in England and Wales.)

Table B Top GCSE full course subject increases (entry greater than 100,000)
(Changes from 2017-2018)

Ranking	Subject	% change	2017 Number of candidates	2018 Number of candidates
1	Biology	23.0	143,340	176,325
2 (7)	Chemistry	18.6	141,867	168,273
3 (5)	Physics	17.2	141,977	166,462
4 (6)	Geography	4.3	245,964	256,420
5	Art and Design subjects	1.8	175,792	178,891
6	History	1.7	255,954	260,204

(2017 ranking in brackets. Subjects having a year-on-year decrease in 2017 are shown as blank.)

Chart 4 Top GCSE full course subject increases, 2018 (entry greater than 100,000)

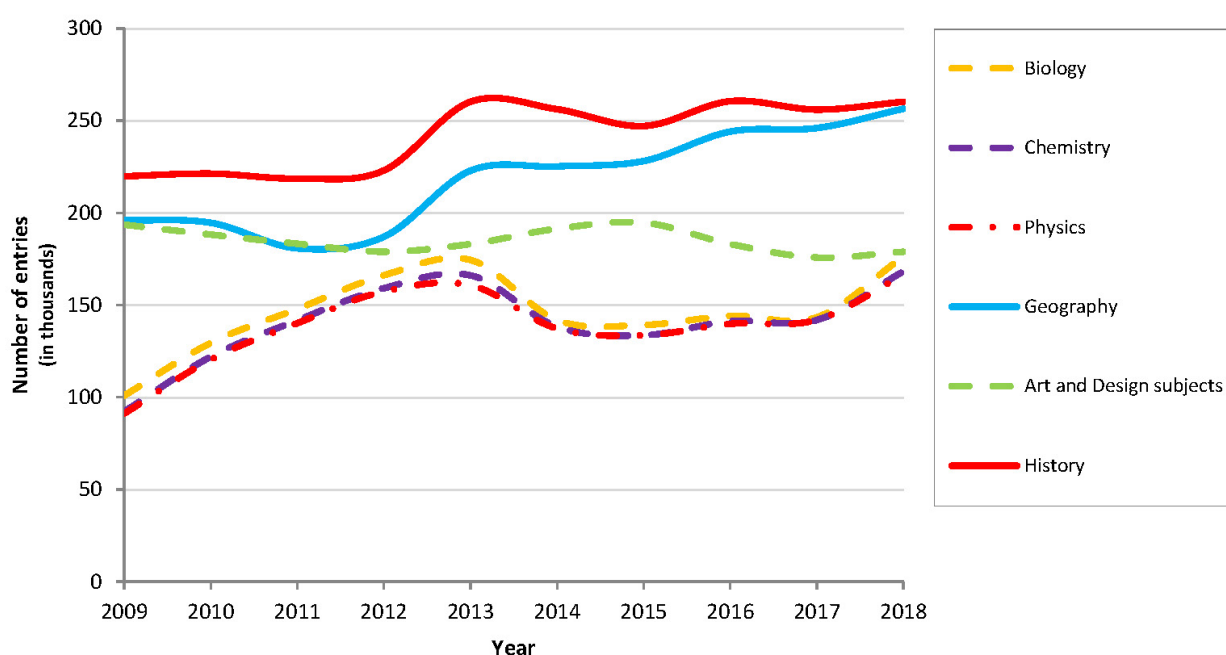
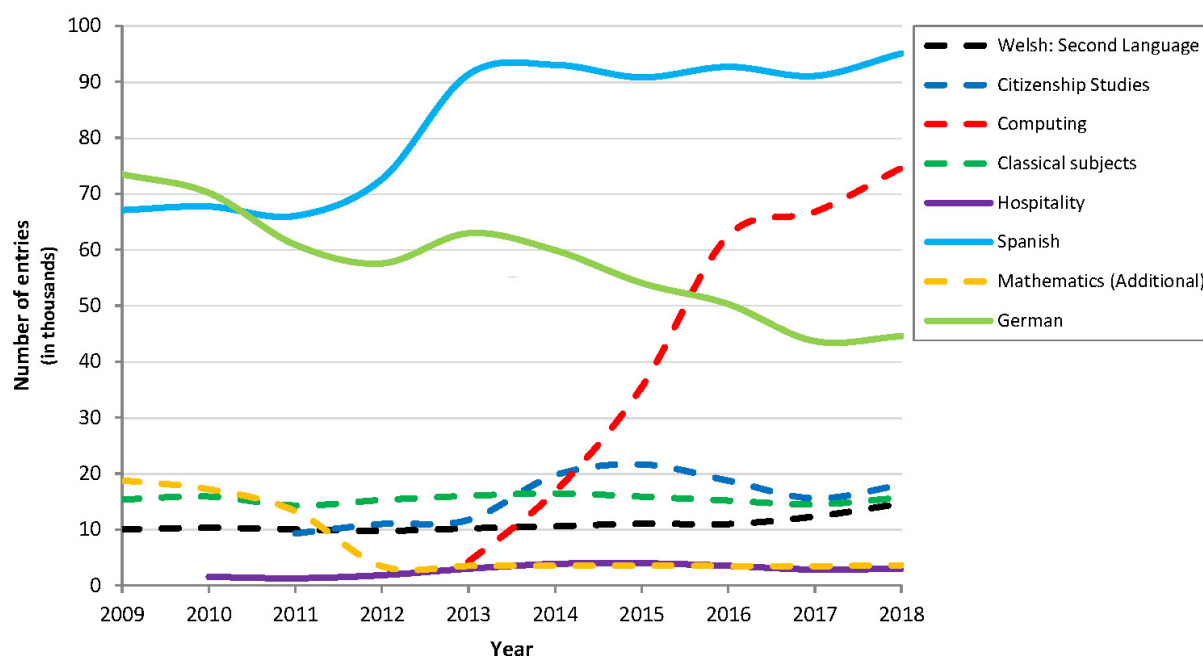


Table C Top GCSE full course subject increases (entry less than 100,000)
(Changes from 2017-2018)

Ranking		Subject	% change	2017 Number of candidates	2018 Number of candidates
1	(3)	Welsh: Second Language	19.0	12,311	14,646
2		Citizenship Studies	15.5	15,553	17,963
3	(4)	Computing	11.8	66,751	74,621
4	(2)	Construction	10.6	690	763
5		Classical subjects	8.3	14,480	15,685
6		Hospitality	7.0	2,818	3,015
7		Spanish	4.4	91,040	95,080
8		Mathematics (Additional)	4.1	3,455	3,597
9		German	2.0	43,649	44,535
10	(5)	Other Technology	0.1	920	921

(2017 ranking in brackets. Subjects having a year-on-year decrease in 2017 are shown as blank.)

Chart 5 Top GCSE full course subject increases, 2018 (entry less than 100,000*)



*Entries less than 1,000 excluded.

Table D Top GCSE full course subject decreases (entry greater than 100,000)
(Changes from 2017-2018)

Ranking		Subject	% change	2017 Number of candidates	2018 Number of candidates
1	(1)	Design & Technology	-23.3	165,815	127,232
2	(4)	Religious Studies	-10.1	282,193	253,618
3		English	-3.6	760,277	733,085
4		Mathematics	-3.0	770,034	747,169
5	(5)	French	-2.9	130,509	126,750
6		English Literature	-1.5	574,358	565,791

(2017 ranking in brackets. Subjects having a year-on-year increase in 2017 are shown as blank.)

Chart 6 Top GCSE full course subject decreases, 2018 (entry more than 100,000)

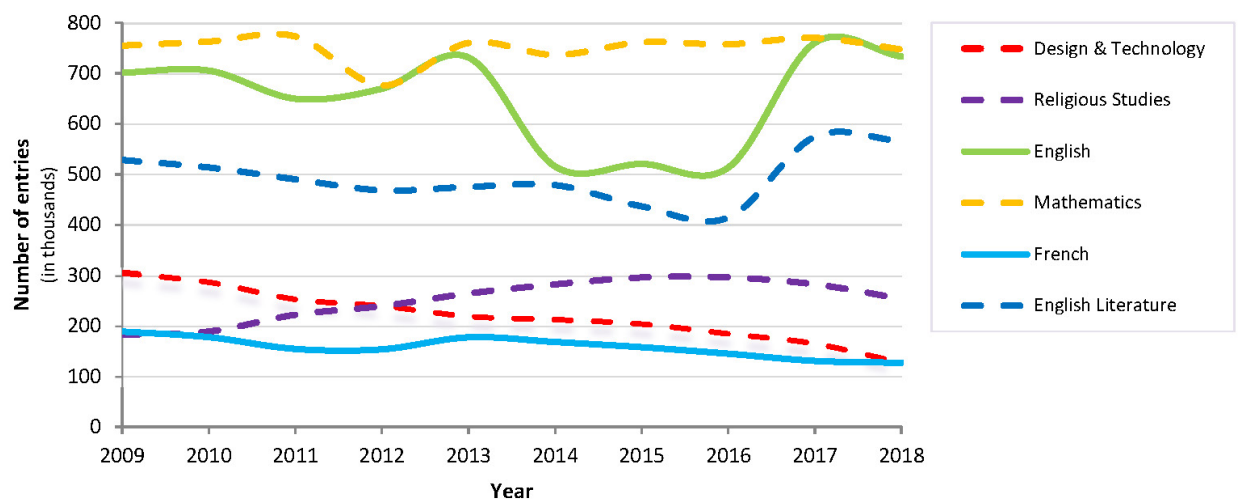
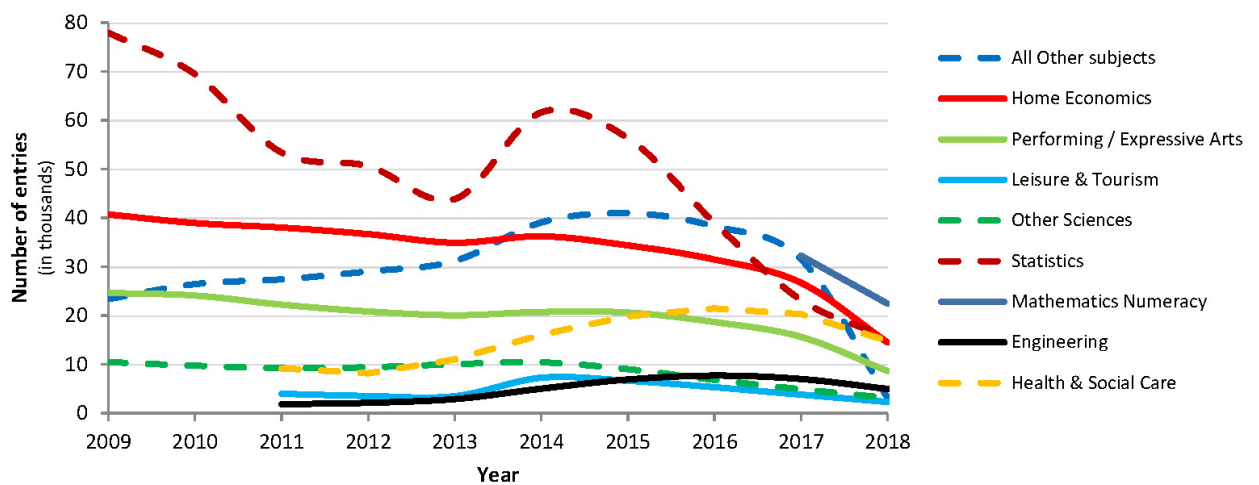


Table E GCSE full course subject decreases (entry less than 100,000)
(Changes from 2017-2018)

Ranking		Subject	% change	2017 Number of candidates	2018 Number of candidates
1	(6)	All Other subjects	-90.0	31,555	3,151
2		Manufacturing	-49.1	281	143
3	(8)	Home Economics	-45.7	26,722	14,505
4	(7)	Performing / Expressive Arts	-44.7	15,641	8,646
5	(2)	Leisure & Tourism	-39.5	3,809	2,306
6	(3)	Other Sciences	-36.4	4,905	3,119
7	(1)	Statistics	-33.0	23,215	15,562
8		Mathematics Numeracy	-30.4	32,260	22,448
9		Engineering	-29.1	7,011	4,972
10		Health & Social Care	-27.0	20,306	14,822

(2017 ranking in brackets. Subjects having a year-on-year increase in 2017 are shown as blank.)

Chart 7 Top GCSE full course subject decreases, 2018 (entry fewer than 100,000*)



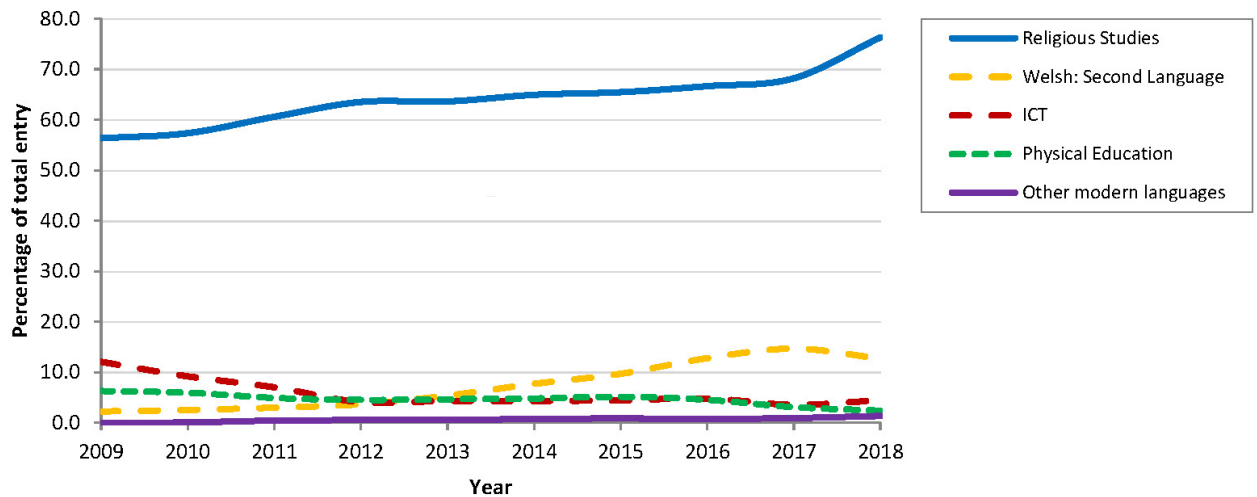
*Entries fewer than 5,000 entries in 2017 excluded.

GCSE short course trends

Table F Top GCSE short course subjects in 2018

Ranking	Subject	% of total	Number of candidates
1 (1)	Religious Studies	76.3	37,954
2 (2)	Welsh: Second Language	12.7	6,326
3 (4)	ICT	4.5	2,226
4 (5)	Physical Education	2.4	1,194
5 (8)	Other modern languages	1.4	676

Chart 8 Top five GCSE short course subjects as a percentage of the total entry over the period 2009 to 2018



GCSE double award trends

Table G Top GCSE double award subjects in 2018

Ranking	Subject	% of total	Number of candidates
1 (1)	Business	40.4	1,138
2 (3)	Health & Social Care	22.8	643
3 (2)	Engineering	15.9	449
4 (4)	ICT	9.8	275
5 (7)	Media	8.1	228

(2017 ranking in brackets. Note that last year Science: Dbl Award was ranked 1. This has now been moved to the Full Course tables due to reform.)

Entry Level trends

Table H Top Entry Level subjects in 2018

Ranking	Subject	% of total	Number of candidates
1 (1)	Mathematics	32.2	16,004
2 (3)	English	24.2	12,044
3 (2)	Science	21.5	10,718
4 (5)	ICT	5.8	2,902
5 (4)	Physical Education	3.7	1,860

(2017 ranking in brackets)

Project Trends

Table I Changes from 2017-2018

Subject	% change	2017 Number of candidates	2018 Number of candidates
Level 1 Project	15.7	648	750
Level 2 Project	11.1	3,393	3,771