

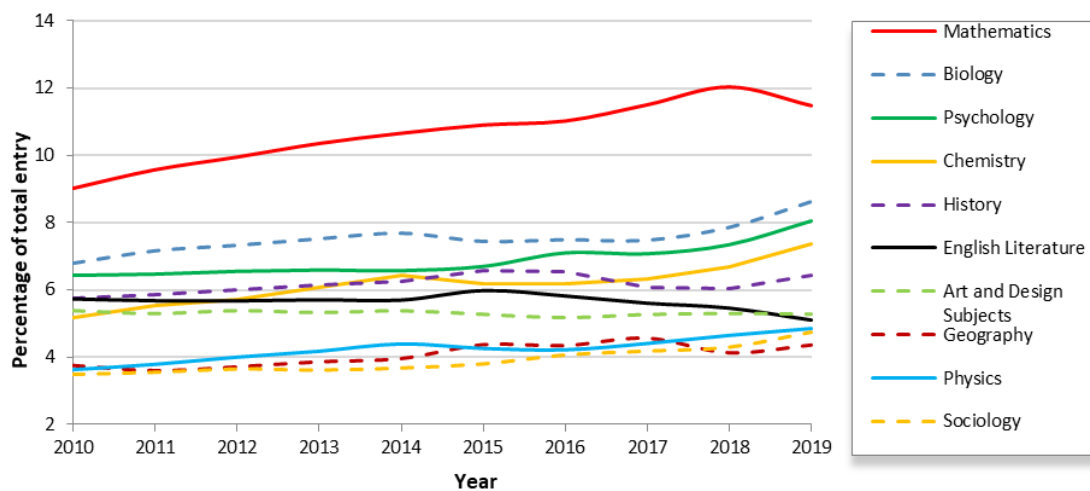
## GCE A-level trends – Summer 2019

Table 1 Top GCE A-level subjects in 2019 by entry

Ranking	Subject	% of total	Number of candidates
1 (1)	Mathematics	11.5	91895
2 (2)	Biology	8.6	69196
3 (3)	Psychology	8.1	64598
4 (4)	Chemistry	7.4	59090
5 (5)	History	6.4	51438
6 (7)	Art and Design Subjects	5.3	42307
7 (6)	English Literature	5.1	40824
8 (8)	Physics	4.9	38958
9 (9)	Sociology	4.7	38015
10 (10)	Geography	4.4	34960

(2018 ranking in brackets)

Figure 1 Top ten GCE A-level subjects as a percentage of the total entry over the period 2010 to 2019

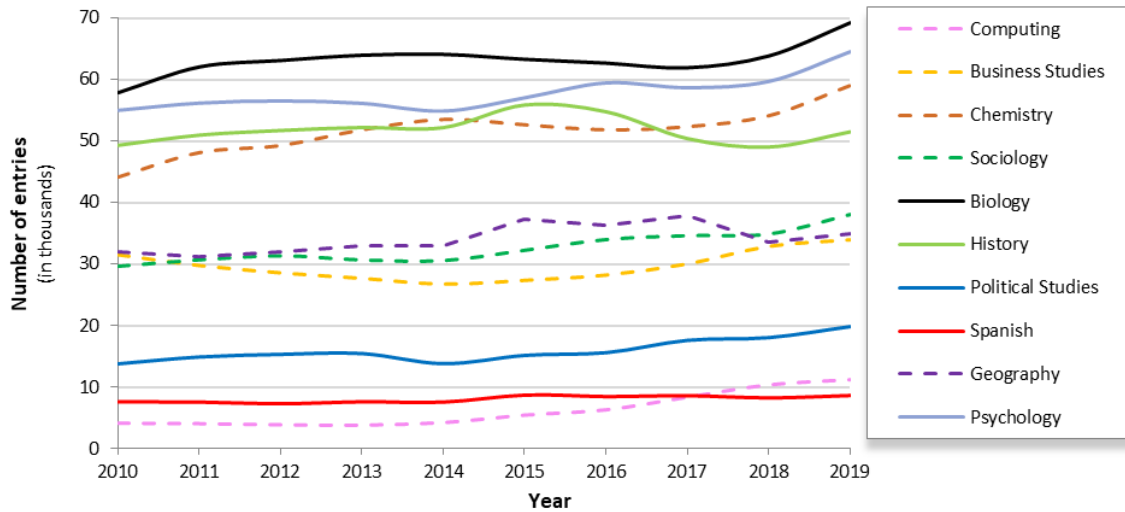


**Table 2 Top GCE A-level subject increases (changes from 2018-2019)**

Ranking	Subject	% change	2018 Number of candidates	2019 Number of candidates
1 (7)	Political Studies	9.8	17964	19729
2 (3)	Chemistry	9.2	54134	59090
3 (12)	Sociology	9.0	34873	38015
4 (5)	Biology	8.4	63819	69196
5 (10)	Psychology	8.2	59708	64598
6 (1)	Computing	8.1	10286	11124
7	History	5.1	48937	51438
8	Spanish	4.5	8255	8625
9	Geography	4.2	33538	34960
10 (2)	Business Studies	3.2	32867	33925

(2018 ranking in brackets. Subjects over 5000 candidates shown. Subjects having a year-on-year decrease in 2018 are shown as blank.)

**Figure 2 Top GCE A-level subject increases, 2019**



**Table 3 GCE A-level subject decreases (changes from 2018-2019)**

Ranking	Subject	% change	2018 Number of candidates	2019 Number of candidates
1 (2)	ICT	-72.1	5643	1572
2 (18)	All Other Subjects	-33.4	10072	6712
3 (7)	English Language	-21.8	18049	14114
4 (4)	Performing / Expressive Arts	-16.9	1520	1263
5 (8)	English Language & Literature	-15.3	9676	8197
6	Other Modern Languages	-14.3	9673	8289
7 (13)	Media / Film / TV Studies	-13.8	25384	21874
8 (23)	Mathematics (Further)	-10.1	16157	14527
9 (14)	Drama	-9.2	11239	10207
10 (9)	Classical Subjects	-9.0	5657	5148

(2018 ranking in brackets. Subjects over 1000 candidates shown. Subjects having a year-on-year increase in 2018 are shown as blank.)

**Figure 3 Top GCE A-level subject decreases, 2019**

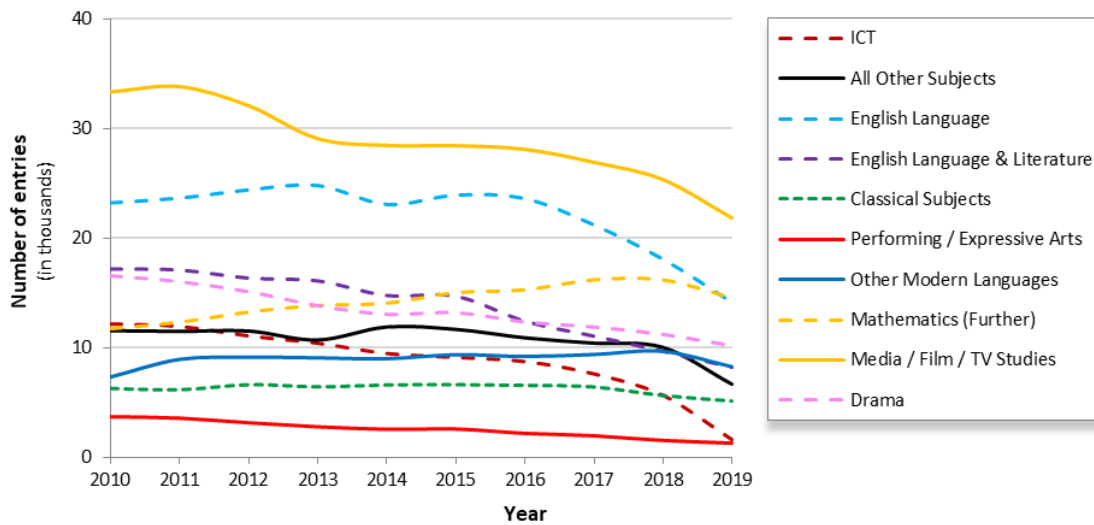


Figure 4 GCE A-level sciences, 2010-2019

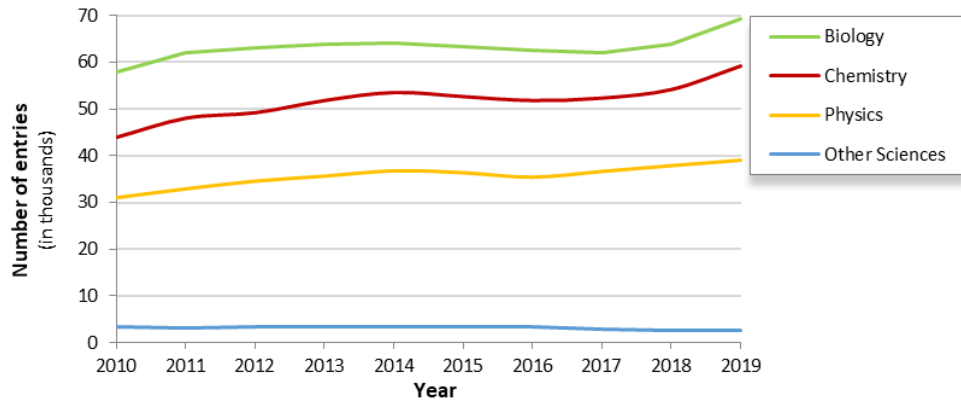
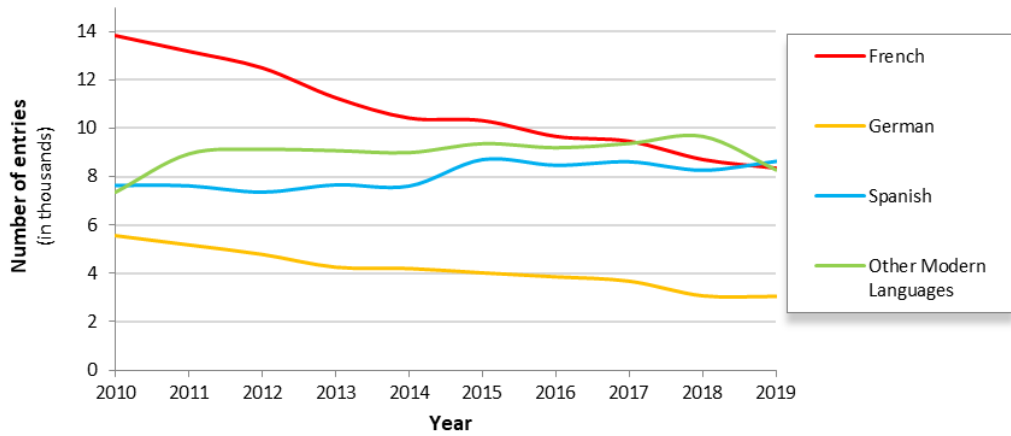


Figure 5 GCE A-level languages, 2010-2019



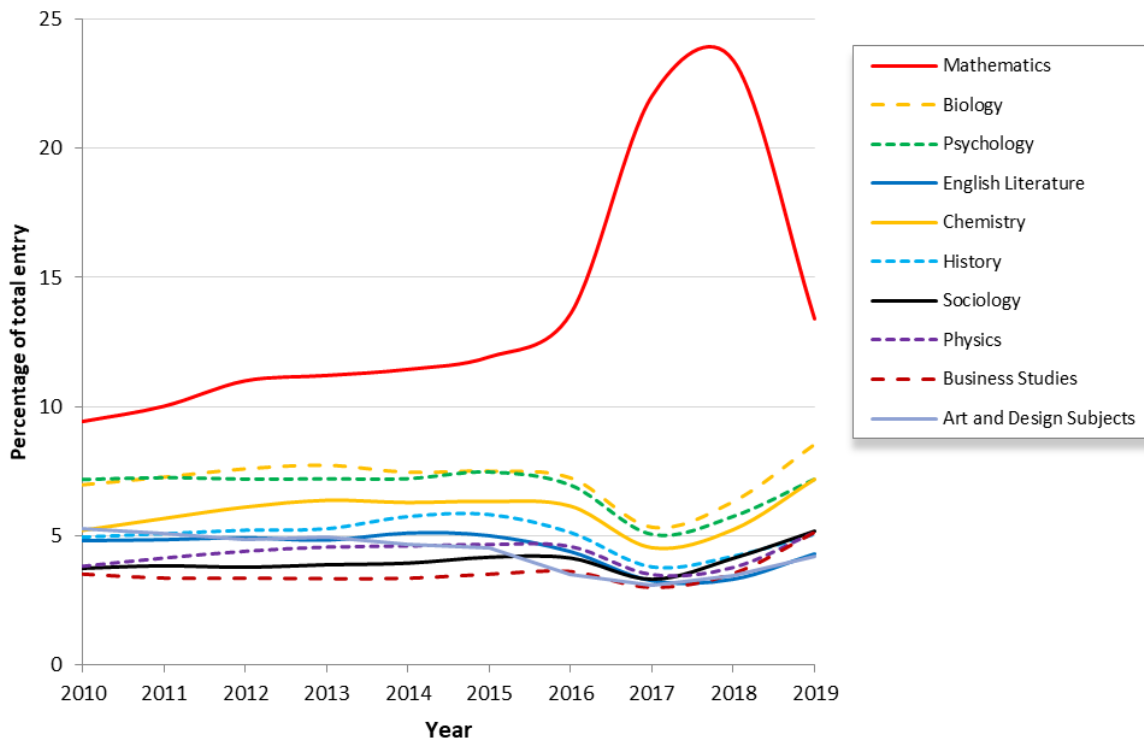
## GCE AS-level trends

Table 4 Top GCE AS-level subjects in 2019

Ranking	Subject	% of total	Number of candidates
1 (1)	Mathematics	13.4	25923
2 (2)	Biology	8.5	16499
3 (3)	Psychology	7.2	13908
4 (5)	Chemistry	7.2	13886
5 (7)	Sociology	5.2	9993
6 (8)	Physics	5.1	9892
7 (9)	Business Studies	5.1	9876
8 (6)	History	5.1	9782
9 (11)	English Literature	4.3	8313
10 (10)	Art and Design Subjects	4.2	8064

(2018 ranking in brackets)

Figure 6 Top ten AS-level subjects as a percentage of the total entry over the period 2010 to 2019



**Table 5 GCE AS-level subject decreases (changes from 2018-2019)**

Ranking	Subject	% change	2018 Number of candidates	2019 Number of candidates
1 (20)	Mathematics	-68.0	81051	25923
2 (31)	Mathematics (Further)	-68.0	18426	5898
3 (10)	Design and Technology	-63.8	6450	2337
4 (4)	All Other Subjects	-63.1	5838	2156
5	Other Modern Languages	-58.9	6085	2500
6 (15)	Political Studies	-58.9	10108	4157
7 (12)	Law	-54.8	6878	3106
8 (2)	Media / Film / TV Studies	-52.8	10927	5160
9 (27)	Other Sciences	-41.6	2234	1305
10 (3)	ICT	-39.2	3344	2033

(2018 ranking in brackets. Subjects over 1000 candidates shown. Subjects having a year-on-year increase in 2018 are shown as blank.)

**Figure 7 GCE AS-level subject decreases, 2019**

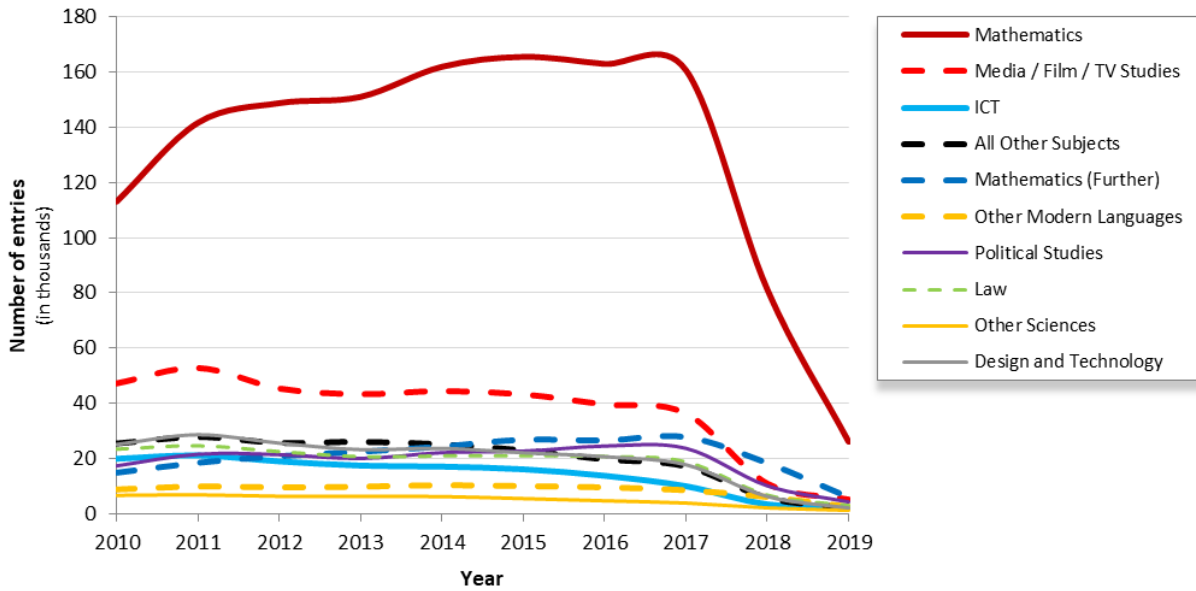


Figure 8 GCE AS-level sciences, 2010-2019

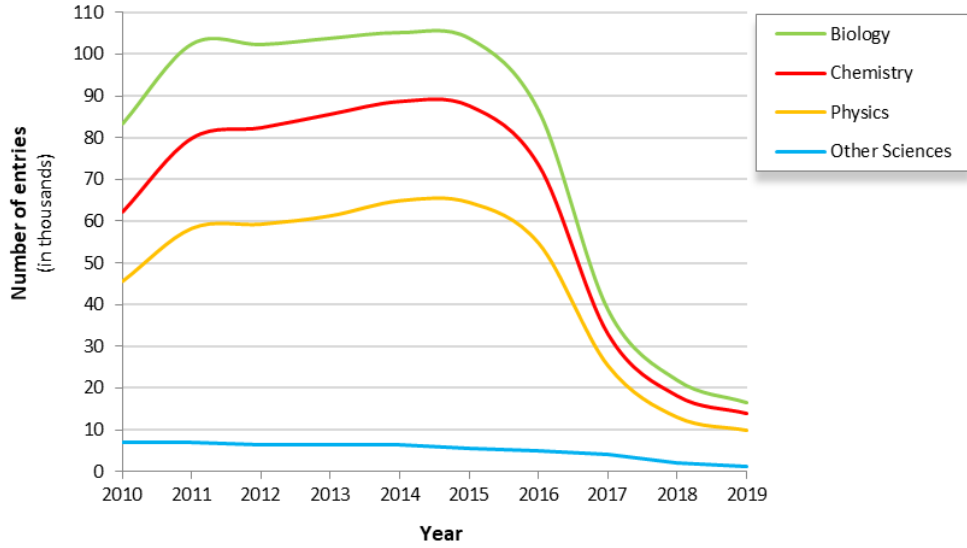
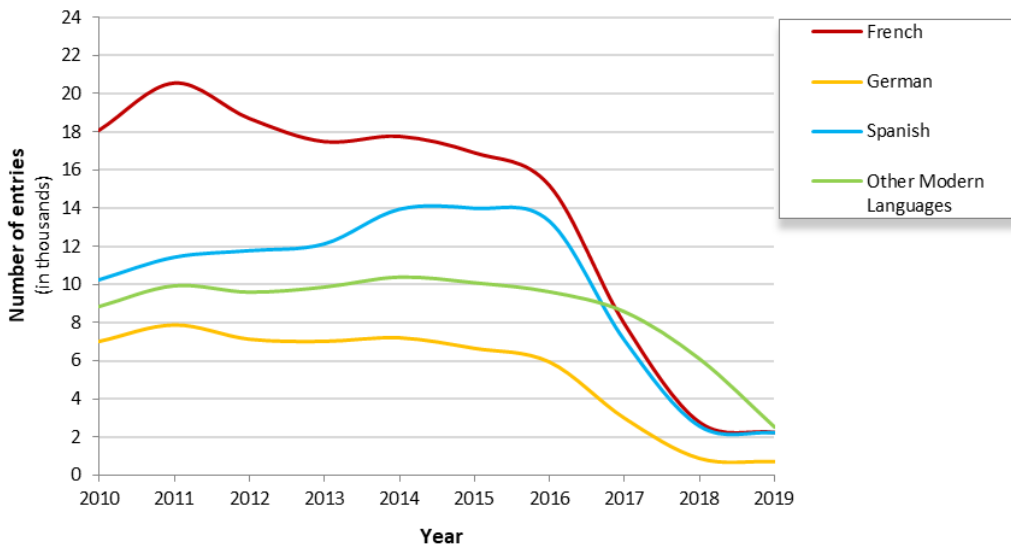


Figure 9 GCE AS-level languages, 2010-2019



## Level 3 Extended Project trend

Table 6 Changes from 2018-2019

<b>Subject</b>	<b>% change</b>	<b>2018 Number of candidates</b>	<b>2019 Number of candidates</b>
Extended Project	-3.92	40437	38852

## AEA trend

Table 7 Changes from 2018-2019

<b>Subject</b>	<b>% change</b>	<b>2018 Number of candidates</b>	<b>2019 Number of candidates</b>
AEA Mathematics	-18.7	401	326