

Our **second set of GCSE results** demonstrates the **impressive attainment and progress** our year 11 students make – frequently **well above national standards!**

Headline Measure	Ark Academy 2014/15	National Comparison	Ark Academy Summer 2 2015/16
Attainment 8 score	5.5	Available in Oct '16	5.3
Progress 8 score	0.5	Average = 0	+0.5 (approx.)
A*-C in English & Maths	-	Available in Oct '16	70%
5A*-C (incl EN+MA)	66%	57% (2014)	67%
5A*-B (incl EN+MA)	34%	Not available	39%
Ebacc (English Baccalaureate)	45%	24% (2014)	37%
English KS2 to 4 % making 3+ levels (expected) progress	77%	70%	86%
English KS2 to 4 % making 4 +levels progress	29%	-	48%
Maths KS2 to 4 % making 3+ levels (expected) progress	93%	65%	88%
Maths KS2 to 4 % making 4 +levels progress	61%	-	56%

- Ark Academy students have performed extremely well in new headline measures across all GCSE subjects. Our school's estimated **progress 8** score is **+0.5**, meaning that in effect, students made **half a grade more progress across the board** than their peers. It also places Ark Academy in the **top 7% of schools in the country** for progress. (For more information on new headline measures, have a look at the DfE publications & video on this page: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/progress-8-school-performance-measure>)
- The new **Attainment 8** measure is also **very positive**, with average attainment across the school at **5.3** (or a grade C average). Attainment in mathematics -our specialist subject - is for the second year running **significantly above national level** with **81% of students achieving a A*-C** and **31% achieving A*-A** (the provisional national averages for 2016 are 60% A*-C and 16% A*-A).
- Our students have made excellent progress in English this year; **88%** of students made the **expected 3 levels of progress** and almost **half the year group** made **4 levels of progress** from their entry in KS2. Pleasingly, **70%** of students achieved both a **C+ in English language or Literature** and in **maths**.
- The number of students attaining **5A*-B** or higher (including English & maths) has increased 5 percentage points on last year with **39% of students** achieving these grades, many of whom have enrolled in **Ark Academy Sixth Form**. The percentage of students achieving **5A*-C** (including English & maths) has also increased to 69%.
- Students have again excelled in the EBacc pathway with **39% achieving A*-C in all EBacc subjects** – against the most recent national average of 24%.
- We are very proud of the **progress and attainment** of our **disadvantaged students**. There is little or no gap between these students and their peers in new headline measures; progress 8 for pupil premium students is **+0.5** and attainment on average is a **5.1** (equivalent to an average grade C). The percentage point gap in attainment measures is typically between 6 and 8% for Ark students, again significantly above national standards (for example, the percentage of pupil premium students achieving 5A*- B is 35% including English & maths and for non pupil premium students it is 43%).

Number of GCSEs achieved by our wonderful year 11 students:

12 A*-C	7	4%
11 A*-C	29	16%
10 A*-C	52	29%
9 A*-C	79	44%
8 A*-C	94	53%
7 A*-C	104	58%
6 A*-C	121	68%
5 A*-C	130	73%

Subject headlines at each attainment threshold:

	Y11 Attainment at A*-C	Y11 Attainment at A*- B	Y11 Attainment at A*-A
English	64%	30%	10%
English Literature	73%	52%	19%
Maths	81%	52%	31%
Maths Additional	50%	41%	28%
Science	59%	14%	3%
Science Additional	64%	25%	3%
Biology	100%	91%	46%
Chemistry	100%	86%	52%
Physics	100%	82%	41%
Art & Design	31%	13%	
Business Studies	82%	54%	11%
Drama	50%	17%	
Performing Arts	71%	18%	6%
Food	31%	23%	0%
Graphics	69%	38%	38%
Resistant Materials	67%	50%	8%
Textiles	79%	57%	21%
Geography	72%	50%	30%
History	57%	40%	18%
IT	74%	58%	32%
French	77%	31%	16%
Spanish	62%	38%	29%
Media	93%	68%	15%
Music	89%	33%	11%
PE	57%	26%	14%
RE	71%	54%	33%

Congratulations to all of our students and staff on their persistence & hard work in the run up to the GCSE exams and of course, their fantastic results!