

# and A-levels at fee schools

A-LEVEL pass rates soared to a record 97.2 per cent this year. Now, a week after state schools published their results, the Independent Schools Council (ISC) reveals the extent to which fee-paying schools beat the national average.

The ISC surveyed 468 schools - the bulk of the UK's major independent schools. In all, 99.4 per cent of A-level entries received a pass grade, the same as in 2007, while 50.7 per cent of entries were awarded the top A-grade, 0.7 points up on last year and almost double the national average of 25.9 per cent. Our table shows how the top 200

independent schools in London and the South-East shared in that success. It breaks down into four columns, the first showing whether the school is single-sex or mixed. The second shows the number of exam candidates in the final year of the sixth form. The third column, on which schools are ranked, shows the percentage of A-level passes at grades A and B. Where schools are tied, the school with the largest number of candidates comes first, as it is more difficult to maintain high performance the more pupils are involved. The fourth column shows the average points scored by each pupil in A-

level and AS-level combined. Universities use these points to award places. The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service gives 120 points for an A-grade at A-level and 60 points for the same grade at AS.

Location is shown in bold. The top school in our table is City of London School For Girls, Barbican, where 99.6 per cent of entries were graded A or B. In second place was Magdalen College School, Oxford, where 99.6 per cent of entries achieved the top two grades but with fewer candidates.

		Girls, Boys, Mixed	No. of candidates	% pass A, B grades	Avg combined AS & A-level points		Girls, Boys, Mixed	No. of candidates	% pass A, B grades	Avg combined AS & A-level points		Girls, Boys, Mixed	No. of candidates	% pass A, B grades	Avg combined AS & A-level points		
1	City of London School For Girls, London	G	70	99.6	447	68	Lancing College, Lancing	M	117	83.9	414	135	St Martha's Senior School, Hertfordshire	G	20	69.1	373
2	Magdalen College School, Oxford	B	68	99.6	458	69	Trinity School, Croydon	B	111	83.7	390	136	Rye St Antony School, Oxford	G	27	68.7	344
3	Wycombe Abbey School, High Wycombe	G	86	99.0	505	70	Northwood College, Northwood	G	63	83.7	362	137	Greenacre School, Banstead	G	22	68.7	321
4	Westminster School, London	M	189	98.8	499	71	Queen's Gate School, London	G	40	83.6	354	138	Dame Alice Harpur School, Bedford	G	75	68.3	318
5	St Paul's Girls' School, London	G	102	98.3	456	72	St Gabriel's, Newbury	G	37	83.3	381	139	St Mary's School, Gerrards Cross	G	16	68.0	341
6	The North London Collegiate School, Edgware	G	89	98.0	455	73	St Francis' College, Letchworth Garden City	G	36	83.3	406	140	Mount School, London	G	12	67.6	303
7	Guildford High School for Girls, Guildford	G	93	97.3	433	74	The Marist Senior School, Ascot	G	18	83.3	356	141	Reed's School, Cobham	B	91	66.7	321
8	Haberdashers' Aske's for Girls, Borehamwood	G	117	96.1	407	75	Berkhamsted Collegiate School, Berkhamsted	M	142	83.2	365	142	Mander Portman Woodward, London	M	279	66.2	232
9	The Lady Eleanor Holles School, Hampton	G	95	96.0	426	76	Alton Convent School, Alton	G	23	83.1	385	143	Royal Russell School, Croydon	M	77	65.9	339
10	St Catherine's School, Guildford	G	79	95.8	415	77	Heathfield School GDST, Pinner	G	47	83.0	357	144	Bedales School, Petersfield	M	76	65.1	316
11	St Mary's School Ascot, Ascot	G	55	95.6	433	78	Cambridge Tutors College, Croydon	M	106	82.8	386	145	Croham Hurst School, South Croydon	G	27	65.1	337
12	St Mary's School Calne, Calne	G	41	94.7	423	79	The Godolphin School, Salisbury	G	61	82.7	366	146	St James Ind for Senior Boys, Twickenham	B	19	64.3	284
13	The Godolphin and Latymer School, London	G	84	94.2	404	80	Haileybury, Hertford	M	91	82.4	372	147	St Edmund's College, Ware	M	61	63.6	323
14	Brighton College, Brighton	M	126	94.0	418	81	Immanuel College, Bushey	M	66	82.4	354	148	Northamptonshire Grammar School, Northants	M	33	63.0	315
15	University College School, London	B	104	93.7	409	82	Brighton and Hove High School GDST, Brighton	G	30	82.4	396	149	Cokethorpe School, Witney	M	57	62.7	301
16	St Albans High School for Girls, St Albans	G	81	93.3	420	83	Wellington College, Crowthorne	M	174	82.3	365	150	Kent College, Canterbury	M	74	62.4	355
17	Royal Grammar School, Guildford	B	129	92.9	416	84	Wodean School, Brighton	G	84	82.2	427	151	Moira House Girls School, Eastbourne	G	35	62.3	356
18	Notting Hill & Ealing High School GDST, London	G	78	92.9	405	85	Kent College Pembury, Tunbridge Wells	G	49	81.8	341	152	St Joseph's Convent School, Reading	G	20	62.3	322
19	The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys', Borehamwood	B	157	92.8	402	86	Burgess Hill School for Girls, Burgess Hill	G	44	81.8	382	153	Taunton School, Taunton	M	85	61.9	330
20	Harrow School, Harrow	B	153	92.8	432	87	Old Palace School of John Whitgift, Croydon	G	61	81.6	385	154	The Royal School Hampstead, London	G	14	61.5	260
21	Hampton School, Hampton	B	163	92.7	463	88	Northampton High School GDST, Northampton	G	69	81.5	359	155	Combe Bank School, Sundridge	G	15	61.4	305
22	South Hampstead High School GDST, London	G	60	92.5	415	89	Dauntsey's School, Devizes	M	109	81.2	385	156	The Oratory School, Reading	B	59	61.1	329
23	Wimbleton High School GDST, London	G	76	92.2	408	90	St George's College Weybridge, Addlestone	M	83	81.0	396	157	Friends' School, Saffron Walden	M	15	61.0	281
24	St Swithun's School, Winchester	G	70	92.0	411	91	Francis Holland School Clarence Gate, London	G	39	81.0	382	158	Farlington School, Horsham	G	31	60.4	314
25	City of London School, London	B	133	91.8	420	92	The Arts Educational School London, London	M	22	80.6	316	159	Salesian College, Farnborough	B	32	60.2	324
26	Oxford High School GDST, Oxford	G	77	91.7	458	93	Bromley High School GDST, Bromley	G	69	80.4	382	160	Lavant House, Chichester	G	13	60.0	315
27	Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood	B	146	91.5	413	94	Churcher's College, Petersfield	M	57	80.4	381	161	The Swaminarayan School, London	M	10	60.0	311
28	Downe House, Thatcham	G	82	91.4	420	95	Colfe's School, London	M	80	80.0	371	162	Felsted School, Dunmow	M	69	59.9	316
29	Eltham College, London	B	99	91.3	384	96	Ibstock Place School, London	M	45	80.0	341	163	Davies Laing and Dick College, London	M	163	59.7	282
30	School of St Helen and St Katharine, Abingdon	G	94	91.3	403	97	The King Alfred School, London	M	38	79.5	336	164	Pangbourne College, Reading	M	51	59.7	292
31	Reigate Grammar School, Reigate	M	116	90.7	392	98	St Margaret's School, Bushey	G	45	78.9	373	165	Stonar School, Melksham	G	20	59.0	301
32	Hurtwood House, Dorking	M	123	90.5	379	99	Sutton High School GDST, Sutton	G	47	78.2	351	166	Heathfield St Mary's School, Ascot	G	28	58.3	316
33	Headington School, Oxford	G	117	90.5	414	100	The Royal Masonic for Girls, Rickmansworth	G	82	77.6	353	167	Padworth College, Reading	M	28	58.3	298
34	Highgate School, London	M	133	90.4	391	101	Battle Abbey School, Battle	M	31	77.3	366	168	St Mary's Hall, Brighton	G	19	58.3	331
35	Putney High School GDST, London	G	70	90.4	395	102	Streatham & Clapham High School GDST, London	G	38	76.9	362	169	Brigidine School Windsor, Windsor	G	12	58.1	283
36	Dulwich College, London	B	203	90.3	399	103	Croydon High School GDST, South Croydon	G	75	76.8	366	170	St John's College, Southsea	M	31	57.6	317
37	Benenden School, Cranbrook	G	83	89.9	427	104	d'Overbroeck's College, Oxford	M	117	76.7	369	171	Dover College, Dover	M	37	57.4	250
38	Yehudi Menuhin School, Cobham	M	14	89.7	242	105	St Leonards-Mayfield School, Mayfield	G	54	76.4	343	172	Sydenham High School GDST, London	G	36	57.4	305
39	Queenswood, Hatfield	G	57	89.6	408	106	Ashford School, Ashford	M	61	76.2	381	173	St Columba's College, St Albans	B	78	57.3	328
40	St Helen's School, Northwood	G	70	89.3	398	107	Our Lady's Abingdon School, Abingdon	G	36	76.0	331	174	Beechwood Sacred Heart, Tunbridge Wells	M	24	57.3	317
41	Francis Holland School, London	G	28	89.0	409	108	The Royal School, Haslemere	G	16	76.0	349	175	Sherrardswood School, Welwyn	M	9	57.1	241
42	Alleyn's School, London	M	136	88.9	402	109	Wychwood School, Oxford	G	18	75.8	388	176	The Princess Helena College, Hitchin	G	21	56.7	299
43	Oundle School, Peterborough	M	213	88.2	429	110	Bedford High School for Girls, Bedford	G	93	75.6	377	177	St Lawrence College, Ramsgate	M	43	56.1	306
44	Sir William Perkins's School, Chertsey	G	66	88.2	414	111	Forest School, London	M	118	75.3	363	178	King's School, Rochester, Rochester	M	55	54.2	293
45	St James Senior Girls' School, London	G	23	88.2	373	112	St Edward's School, Oxford	M	120	75.2	369	179	Emanuel School, London	M	68	51.9	291
46	Bishop's Stortford College, Bishop's Stortford	M	112	87.8	376	113	Bedford Modern School, Bedford	M	132	75.1	517	180	Prior's Field School, Godalming	G	24	49.4	320
47	Tudor Hall School, Banbury	G	42	87.8	370	114	Notre Dame Senior School, Cobham	G	35	74.8	363	181	Warminster School, Warminster	M	39	48.5	326
48	Charterhouse, Godalming	M	179	87.7	415	115	St Edmund's School, Canterbury, Canterbury	M	58	74.3	341	182	Hampshire Collegiate School, Romsey	M	31	48.4	280
49	Farnborough Hill, Farnborough	G	23	87.7	404	116	St John's School, Leatherhead	B	95	73.9	347	183	Bethany School, Cranbrook	M	54	48.3	259
50	Caterham School, Caterham	M	120	87.6	410	117	Queen Anne's School, Reading	G	46	73.4	346	184	St Michael's College, Worcs	M	10	46.4	246
51	Tormead School, Guildford	G	71	87.6	388	118	Christ's Hospital, Horsham	M	131	73.2	353	185	Licensed Victuallers' School, Ascot	M	69	46.0	261
52	Bancroft's School, Woodford Green	M	109	87.3	404	119	St Teresa's School, Dorking	G	33	73.1	354	186	Sutton Valence School, Maidstone	M	66	46.0	279
53	Abingdon School, Abingdon	B	135	86.9	434	120	Lewes Old Grammar School, Lewes	M	20	73.1	374	187	Sibford School, Banbury	M	29	46.0	201
54	King's School, Canterbury	M	164	86.8	420	121	More House School, London	G	19	72.4	327	188	Halliford School, Shepperton	B	32	45.4	304
55	King Edward VI School, Southampton	M	128	86.5	372	122	Luckley-Oakfield School, Wokingham	G	30	72.3	354	189	Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover	M	46	44.5	284
56	St Albans School, St Albans	B	114	86.5	394	123	Reading Blue Coat School, Reading	B	92	72.2	354	190	Seaford College, Petworth	M	48	44.4	261
57	Surbiton High School, Kingston-upon-Thames	G	89	86.2	400	124	Leighton Park School, Reading	M	58	72.0	324	191	Portland Place School, London	M	15	44.4	257
58	City of London Freemen's School, Ashted	M	102	86.0	393	125	Purcell School of Music, Watford	M	36	71.8	324	192	Bearwood College, Wokingham	M	34	43.9	257
59	The Portsmouth Grammar School, Portsmouth	M	138	85.7	390	126	Queen's College London, London	G	41	71.5	352	193	St David's School, Ashford	G	23	41.5	243
60	St George's School, Ascot	G	36	85.7	382	127	New Hall School, Chelmsford	G	39	71.3	435	194	Claire's Court Schools, Maidenhead	M	62	40.8	280
61	Kingston Grammar, Kingston-upon-Thames	M	98	85.2	400	128	Portsmouth High School GDST, Southsea	G	47	71.1	330	195	Buckingham College School, Harrow	B	12	37.8	263
62	Latymer Upper School, London	M	160	84.9	411	129	Our Lady of Sion School, Worthing	M	37	71.0	336	196	Ewell Castle School, Epsom	B	23	37.5	242
63	Channing School, London	G	53	84.9	378	130	Blackheath High School GDST, London	G	24	70.3	366	197	Bishop Challoner School, Bromley	M	13	27.8	242
64	The Abbey School, Reading	G	84	84.4	404	131	Brentwood School, Brentwood	M	152	70.1	342	198	Sackville School, Tonbridge	M	9	27.3	174
65	Woldingham School, Caterham	G	71	84.4	421	132	Mill Hill School, London	M	118	70.1	341	199	Finborough School, Suffolk	M	8	20.0	145
66	Chigwell School, Chigwell	M	99	84.3	396	133	St Benedict's School, London	M	88	69.3	334	200	Stanbridge Earls School, Romsey	M	14	10.5	69
67	The John Lyon School, Harrow	B	59	84.3	418	134	Lord Wandsworth College, Hook	M	79	69.2	349						