

## Wales

- Overall GCSE entries in Wales have increased by 8.8% (from 271761 to 295690).
- Overall results in Wales were up slightly at the 4/C boundary but slightly down at 7/A boundary; 18.4% of entries in Wales were graded 7/A or above this year, compared to 18.5% last year, while 62.8% of entries received a grade 4/C or above compared to 61.6% last year.
  - Females continue to outperform males at both the 7/A boundary (22.0% vs. 14.6%) and the 4/C boundary (67.6% vs. 57.8%); the gap has narrowed at the 4/C grade boundary but increased at the 7/A boundary
- Entries in English Literature and English Language increased by 22.6% and 30.2% respectively. Entries for Welsh Literature increased by 11.1%
- Outcomes for English Literature decreased for both the 7/A boundary and 4/C boundary, while improved in English Language, compared to last year.
  - English: 13.3ppt increase in outcomes at 4/C and 0.9ppt at 7/A
  - English Literature: 4.5ppt decrease in outcomes at 4/C and 1.8ppt decrease in outcomes at 7/A
- Entries in maths increased by 16.1% compared to last year
- Outcomes for maths increased for both the 7/A boundary and 4/C boundary:
  - Maths: 5.7ppt increase in outcomes at 4/C and a 1.5ppt increase in outcomes at 7/A
- Entries for the Sciences increased across all subjects; Biology +4.3%, Chemistry +5.9%, Physics +2.9% and Science: Double Award +0.6%.
- Females outperformed males at the top grades (7/A boundary) across almost all of the science subjects:
  - Biology: 46.0% of females achieved 7/A compared to 39.7% of males, although the gap has increased substantially
  - Chemistry: 45.8% of females achieved 7/A compared to 43.4% of males, reversing the trend seen last year when males outperformed females
  - Physics: 40.8% of females achieved 7/A compared to 47.5% of males, although the gap has narrowed
  - Double Award: 7.9% of females achieved 7/A compared to 5.6% of males, with the gap has increasing
- MFL language entries were down for French (-13.9%), German (-23.5%) but increased for Spanish (27.6%). Welsh: First Language and Welsh: Second Language entries increased by 7.5% and 33.3% respectively.
- Outcomes improved at the top grades (7/A boundary) across all MFL subjects:
  - French: 35.0% achieved 7/A up 0.4ppt from last year
  - German: 39.3% achieved 7/A up 3.4ppt from last year
  - Spanish: 34.1% achieved 7/A up 2.1ppt from last year
- Entries increased for art & design (+15.1%), computing (+5.0%) and history (+7.3%) while entries decreased for business studies (-16.4%) and religious studies (-20.8%).