

Understanding Government Performance Tables 2017

In response to the published Government Performance tables, The King's School would like to clarify how its information on the tables should be understood.

A Level Government School Performance Tables 2017

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools®ion=896&geographic=la&phase=16to18&for=16to18&datasetFilter=final>

- The King's School has achieved some of the **highest scores** in Chester in the following key areas:
 - Average point score per A level entry: 44.17
 - Average point score per A level entry expressed as a grade: B+
 - Grade and points for a student's best 3 A Levels: A- (45.13)
 - A levels at grades AAB or higher (in at least 2 facilitating subjects): 39%
- It should be noted that the average point score per A level student can include both General Studies and Critical Thinking (subjects not undertaken at King's) both of which can inflate the average point score for a school and yet, for the great majority of universities, are not accepted for entry or as a qualifying A level.

- The King's School's A level students all complete 3 or 4, and in some cases 5, academic subjects which are accepted by all of the top universities including the Russell Group.
- The "facilitating subjects" are 9 subject areas (Maths, Further Maths, English Literature, History, Geography, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Languages) that the Russell Group universities state are required more often than not for entry to top universities in the UK. The King's School offers 25 A level subjects including all the "facilitating subjects".
- 74% of King's students gained places on courses in The Times Top 30 universities in 2017, and 70% gained places in a Russell Group University. 4 students went to Oxford or Cambridge and 11 to study Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary courses.
- Given the excellent performance of our students at GCSE there is relatively limited opportunity for them to do 'even better' at A level. This is especially the case where students have achieved many A* grades at GCSE, as many of our students do, as it is impossible to improve on this grade at A level.

GCSE Government School Performance Tables 2017

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools®ion=896&geographic=la&phase=secondary&for=secondary&datasetFilter=final>

- The 2017 performance tables do not recognise IGCSE qualifications.
- Almost two thirds of King's GCSE courses are currently International GCSEs. We choose these courses over GCSE courses where we believe these suit our students and give better preparation for A Level study.
- 56.6% of passes were at A*, 80.5% at A*/A, and 98.5% at A*/C, placing King's as the top performer in Cheshire.

- King’s scored 0% in the Government’s “5 GCSEs” A-C, including Maths and English. However, this figure excludes IGCSEs. If IGCSEs were included the figure is actually 100%. All our students gained 100% A*/C in Maths (96% A*/B). In English, 100% of our pupils gained grade A*/B.
- The English Baccalaureate Government measure measures Grade A*-C in the following subjects: Maths, English, a Foreign Language, 3 Sciences (including General Science and Additional Science) and a Humanity (History, Geography or Ancient History). The Government does not recognise any of following IGCSEs taken at King’s by pupils in 2017: Maths, English, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, French, Spanish, German, History, Music and Further Maths.
- In 2016 at King’s, pupils had to study: IGCSE Maths, IGCSE English Language, IGCSE English Literature, IGCSE 2 separate sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) and 1 IGCSE Modern Language plus a further 4 subjects.
- King’s does not measure point scores at GCSE as it is irrelevant and universities are only interested in the quality and grade. GCSE points are misleading in predicting A Level success. Pupils at Kings take 10 or 11 GCSE/IGCSES.

King’s 2017 Performance GCSE Tables

Below shows the information for King’s GCSE results:

Criteria	Gov. table score excluding IGCSE qualification	Actual score including IGCSE qualification
Attainment	21.7	100% with 8 GCSEs (A-C)
Grade C in Maths	0%	100%
Grade C in English		100%
Achieving English Baccalaureate	0%	See notes above
