How have our Pupil Premium students performed in their final GCSE examinations?

The table below shows the average grades attained by Pupil Premium students in 2019, 2022 and 2023. A comparison has been made between 2019 data and 2023 data to reflect on announcements made that grade boundaries were going to reflect more of what was seen in 2019 (final examination round pre-COVID). A comparison has also been made for 2022 data and 2023 data. Areas highlighted in green have shown positive progress in either of these 2 comparisons.

Subject	Average grade for PP students in 2019	Average grade for PP students in 2022	Average grade for PP students in 2023	Progress made for PP students 2019 to 2023	Progress made for PP students 2022 to 2023
English Language	3.40	3.93	3.64	+0.24	-0.29
English Literature	3.40	3.93	3.74	+0.34	-0.19
Maths	3.80	3.85	3.90	+0.10	+0.05
Biology	3.00	5.89	5.36	+2.36	-0.53
Chemistry	3.00	5.78	4.65	+1.65	-1.13
Physics	3.00	6.00	4.91	+1.91	-1.09
Combined Science	n/a	3.44	3.56	n/a	+0.12
French	3.00	5.50	4.80	+1.80	-0.70
Geography	3.60	3.50	3.67	+0.07	+0.17
History	2.60	4.20	3.22	+0.62	-0.98
Spanish	n/a	n/a	6.00	n/a	n/a
Drama	n/a	3.43	2.33	n/a	-1.20
Computer Science	2.10	5.00	3.83	+1.73	-1.17
Religious Education	4.00	4.73	5.10	+1.10	+0.33
Art	4.40	5.33	3.86	+1.46	-1.47
Photography	5.40	6.00	4.50	-0.90	-1.50
ICT	n/a	5.82	4.10	n/a	-0.28
Health & Social Care	1.30	6.25	4.86	+3.56	-1.39
Child Care	4.00	5.56	3.63	-0.37	-1.93
PE	6.50	5.50	6.50	0.00	+1.00
Hospitality & Catering	5.50	5.31	3.59	-1.91	-1.72

The outcomes for our Pupil Premium students at GCSE are a result of the school taking an evidence-informed tiered approach as suggested by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF). This means the school recognises the importance of and consequently invests time and money in:

High quality teaching and learning: the school has continued to recruit and retain specialist teaching staff who can successfully motivate, inspire and enthuse all students, particularly those who are disadvantaged. Staff are well informed through the use of a personalised approach to learning, utilising the Pupil Premium profiles constructed for each individual student, and are given regular access to Continual Professional Development (CPD) opportunities which improve their teaching practice.

Targeted academic support: attainment of students has been regularly monitored, and where necessary, intervention has occurred to ensure students have additional access to specialist teaching staff outside of timetabled curriculum time. This has included period 8 sessions (3pm-4pm) as well as sessions during registration for literacy and numeracy (equating to 2 additional lessons). The school

has also employed more subject specific teaching assistants to enhance the learning opportunities for those students with SEND moving into the next academic year (23/24).

Wider school strategies: these include a sustained focus on attendance, effort and good behaviour – all key contributors to success. The school has also successfully introduced the breakfast club for all students to ensure all students start the day with the opportunity to have eaten breakfast and in doing so has reduced the number of students arriving late to morning sessions. The introduction of the assistant headteacher for parent pledge has also ensure that parents are well informed of their child's involvement with any intervention.

How do Pupil Premium boys perform in their final examinations?

How do they compare to girls?

The table below shows the percentage of Pupil Premium boys and girls achieving grades 9-4 in their subjects in 2019, 2022 and 2023.

Subjects highlighted in green show progress from 2022 GCSE results. Subject highlighted in blue show no change at 100%.

Subject	% PP students achieving grades 9-4 in 2019		% PP students achieving grades 9-4 in 2022		% PP students achieving grades 9-4 in 2023	
	Boys	**Girls**	**Boys**	**Girls**	**Boys**	**Girls**
English Language	28.60	35.70	41.90	60.90	50.00	47.62
English Literature	46.20	42.90	41.90	60.90	50.00	61.90
Maths	66.67	64.30	41.90	69.95	66.66	52.38
Biology	38.40	21.40	85.70	100.00	100.00	100.00
Chemistry	38.40	14.30	85.70	100.00	100.00	66.66
Physics	38.40	21.40	85.70	100.00	100.00	100.00
Combined Science	n/a	n/a	28.30	65.00	76.92	39.28
French	0.00	0.00	80.00	80.00	100.00	33.33
Geography	33.33	60.00	36.40	60.00	63.63	28.57
History	22.22	12.50	50.00	100.00	46.15	28.57
Spanish	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	100.00	n/a
Drama	n/a	n/a	33.30	50.00	0.00	0.00
Computer Science	25.00	n/a	100.00	n/a	66.66	n/a
Religious Education	n/a	33.33	62.50	71.40	100.00	85.71
Art	50.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	50.00	40.00
Photography	80.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
ICT	n/a	n/a	100.00	100.00	100.00	n/a
Health & Social Care	n/a	33.33	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Child Care	n/a	80.00	n/a	100.00	n/a	75.00
PE	100.00	n/a	100.00	n/a	100.00	100.00
Hospitality & Catering	100.00	66.67	100.00	66.70	100.00	80.00