

Exam Success at Barnwood Park 2022

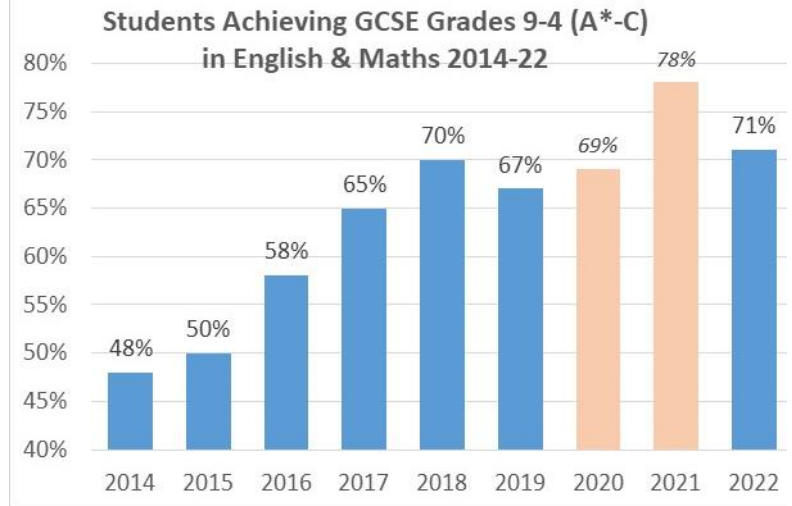
“Over the last three years, the progress that pupils make by the end of Year 11 has improved. This is now significantly above the national average. Observations and work scrutiny completed during the inspection confirm that this continues to be the case, including in key stage 3.” Ofsted July 2019

Award Winning Outcomes

Everyone at Barnwood Park is committed to ensuring all students make excellent progress in all subject areas from the moment they join us. Exam results at Barnwood Park have improved rapidly in recent years, leading to us being recognised by the Department for Education as one of the most improved schools in the country.

Our results since 2014 have been on an upward trajectory and maintained a good standard as exams changed from A*-C into the new 9-1 grades. This was maintained in 2022 with the return to exams from Teacher Assessed Grades in 2020 and 2021.

Our results in recent years nearly always include the highest grade (9) in all subjects, including English, Maths and Science. A number of subjects have achieved Grades 7 or above in approximately 50% of entries. (See the subject table to the right.) Some students achieve grades 8 and 9 in every subject.



Mastering Maths

Our Maths results have excellent year on year growth, and attainment and progress are significantly better than National Standards again in 2022. We regularly have students studying Further Maths, and students now also study for a GCSE in Statistics in Key Stage 4.

Excellence in English

Our English teaching department includes 3 AQA examiners, which really helps us to deliver the exams successfully, as shown in 2022 with outcomes significantly exceeding National Standards, with 2/3 of students achieving Grade 5 or better and nearly 1 in 5 students gaining a Grade 7 or above in English.

Success in Science

All students study Science GCSE at Barnwood Park. Most students study Combined Science, with a small select group of students studying the separate sciences – Biology, Chemistry and Physics in which they all achieved Grades 7 or higher. Our outcomes in Combined Science were significantly above National Standards again in 2022.

Other Subjects reaching the Top

We constantly evaluate the wide range of subjects we have on offer at Key Stage 4 to ensure they meet the varied needs of our students. We ensure that subjects deliver excellent results and achieve good progress for all students from their varied starting points. We have the highest expectations of all our students: our proportion of Grades 7-9 (the new A and A* grades) has been on an upwards trajectory. We encourage staff to become external examiners so they are experts in what examiners want in their subjects, and have examiners in a range of subjects including English, Science, Statistics, Geography, Spanish, Art, and PE.

Our GCSE results are routinely above national levels for all subjects despite having a slightly lower than national average ability profile overall on arriving to the school in Year 7. The results show that Barnwood Park has high quality teaching and learning across its subjects and is capable of supporting all learners to achieve the highest grades.

Our reputation for outstanding outcomes in expressive arts subjects such as Art, Photography, Dance and Drama is supported by good results, including at the highest grades. Our language results are consistently in the top 10% of schools nationally for progress, and we also support students in achieving qualifications in home languages where possible. Humanities are one of our most popular subject areas and we achieve the highest grades here too.

Overleaf are the 2022 results of subjects studied at KS4.

Barnwood Park GCSE Results 2022

In 2022 the country returned to exams after two years of teacher or centre-assessed grades.

Following an unprecedented two years of challenging disruption we worked hard to ensure that all students were fully prepared for the exams and we are very proud of the outcomes which the students achieved. We prepare all students for exams through explicit teaching of exam question command words, retrieval activities and a series of formal exams throughout Key Stage 4. We try to ensure students have enjoyable access to a knowledge rich curriculum and are able to show off their knowledge skills and understanding in their assessments with confidence.

Headline Measures

	Grades 9-4	Grades 9-5	Grades 9-7
English & Maths	71%	44%	6%
English	84%	67%	17%
Maths	72%	48%	16%
All Exams	77%	60%	20%

Subject Outcomes

We are very pleased that nearly all of our subjects compare very favourably with National Results at standard level (Grade 4/C+) and at the higher level (Grade 7/A+), despite the fact that our 2022 cohort was below national average ability on entry to the school. When looking at Option Subjects, note that Option Subjects may have students with very different prior attainment. This may mean a lower grade still means excellent progress for the individuals in the subject.

Subject	Entries	Grade 7+ %	Grade 5+ %	Grade 4+ %	National 4+ (%)
Maths	145	15.9	47.6	72.4	64.9
English Language	144	13.2	56.9	77.8	69.8
English Literature	141	13.5	61.7	80.9	77.5
<i>Best English</i>		17.1	67.1	83.6	
Combined Science	140	15.0	49.3	67.1	60.5
Biology	3	100.0	100.0	100.0	91.9
Chemistry	3	100.0	100.0	100.0	92.8
Physics	3	100.0	100.0	100.0	93.7
Option Subjects					
French	15	40.0	73.3	86.7	78.1
Spanish	23	26.1	78.3	87.0	77.4
Geography	52	17.3	71.2	78.9	72.1
History	63	12.7	46.0	79.4	70.7
RE	20	40.0	80.0	90.0	76.7
Art	52	42.3	80.8	90.4	81.4
Photography	49	32.7	77.6	87.8	81.4
Design & Technology	9	44.4	88.9	88.9	71.5
Food Tech	65	12.3	55.4	69.2	72.6
Dance	17	17.7	58.8	82.4	80.7
Drama	12	0.0	41.7	75.0	80.8
Music	16	18.8	43.8	50.0	82.8
Computer Science	7	28.6	28.6	42.9	75.2
PE	13	53.9	100.0	100.0	81.9
Psychology	21	14.3	57.1	76.2	72.7
Statistics	41	34.2	65.9	75.6	77.4
Child Development (NCFE)	31	32.3	93.6	100.0	72.7

Students also achieved Grade 9s in GCSEs in Arabic, German, Polish, Urdu and Italian.