

5. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

For many decades HMC schools in the UK have significantly out-performed state-maintained schools in public examinations.

This remains the case and is the main reason why pupils from HMC schools are very strongly represented as undergraduates in leading universities.

GCSE and IGCSE (2012)

- **5%** of all entries came from HMC schools yet these pupils secured **18% of all A* grades**.
- HMC pupils entered for a wide range of GCSE and IGCSE subjects:
 - **27%** of such entries in GCSE secured an **A* grade**
 - **41%** of such entries in IGCSE secured an **A* grade**
- **94%** of HMC candidates achieved **5+ GCSEs/IGCSEs** including **English** and **maths**.
- **82%** of HMC candidates achieved **5+ GCSEs/IGCSEs** including **English, maths, a science** and **a language**.

A level (2012)

- **10%** of all entries came from HMC schools yet these pupils secured **22% of all A* grades**.

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A level (2012) *continued*

- **One third** of HMC candidates secured **three A grades or better**; **6.4%** secured **three or more A*** grades.
- HMC candidates were **three times more likely to achieve an A or A*** grade than those in maintained schools.
- HMC pupils entered for a wide range of the subjects preferred by **leading universities**.

52% of entries were awarded an **A or A*** grade

18% of entries were awarded an **A*** grade

- A level teaching in HMC schools is very important in ensuring the survival of key subjects in schools and universities.

HMC pupil entries as:	% of all entries in England	% of all A*/A grades in England	% of all A* grades in England
Spanish	21%	30%	38%
French	19%	27%	29%
German	19%	32%	50%
Physics	14%	22%	26%
Chemistry	12%	20%	24%
Biology	11%	18%	21%

IB, Pre-U and Extended Project

- Candidates for the **IB** in HMC schools **perform significantly better** than those in state-maintained schools and colleges. In 2011 more than **1,300 candidates** at **36 HMC** schools took the IB.
- The number of schools offering the **Pre-U** is **growing steadily**. In 2012, 900 HMC candidates sat at least one Pre-U examination.
- The **Extended Project Qualification** was pioneered at Rugby School. In 2012 there were **more than 1,300 entries** across almost half of HMC schools.