

Exam Success at Barnwood Park 2019

*"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."*

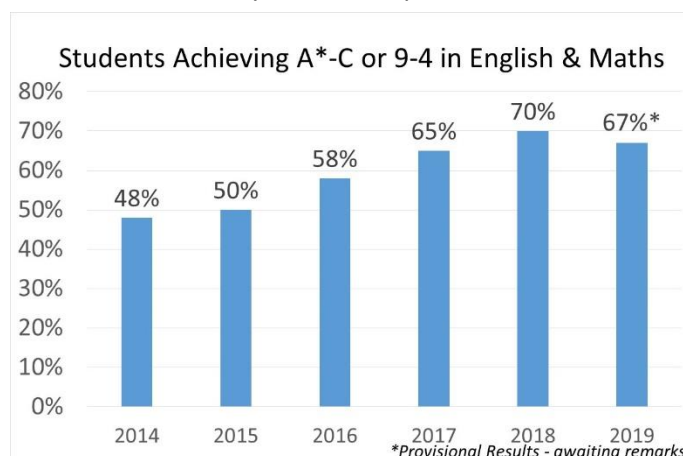
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Award Winning Outcomes

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

Our results in 2018 showed that Barnwood Park students of all abilities made significantly more progress from their starting point in Year 7 to their GCSE results in Year 11 than other students do on average nationally: our Progress 8 score of +0.28 shows students at Barnwood Park achieved nearly a third of a grade higher in every subject than their peers nationally. In 2018, over 20% of all exams achieved these high grades, and 25% in English.

Our 2019 provisional results included a number of students achieving the highest Grades 8 or 9 in all subjects. In nearly every subject students achieved the highest grade 9, including English, all Sciences, and Maths. In Further Maths one student also achieved the prestigious A⁺ grade.



Mastering Maths

Our maths results have shown excellent year on year growth. More of our students make better than expected progress in Maths than national averages. We have students studying Further Maths each year, and gained a number of A* grades in this subject in 2019, and one A⁺ awarded to only a handful of students nationwide.

Excellence in English

Our English results in 2018 were our best ever, with over 25% of our students achieving a Grade 7, 8 or 9 in English or English Literature and 84% of girls achieved Grades 9-4. Our provisional results for 2019 show continued strength with a high proportion of high grades, and one student achieving 100% in one English paper. Our English teaching department includes 3 AQA examiners, which really helps us to deliver the exams successfully.

Success in Science

All students study Science GCSE at Barnwood Park. Most students study Combined Science, with a select group of students studying separate sciences -Biology Chemistry and Physics. Our science team have responded to the demands of the new 9-1 grades in Science by posting record results in recent years. We had a 100% pass rate in separate sciences for another year, with nearly 50% of Grades in Biology and Physics at Grades 7, 8 or 9, and a number of students achieving Grade 9 in all 3 sciences.

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 A and A* grades (or new 9-7 grades) has increased for 4 consecutive years to reach a new high of 20% last year. We encourage staff to become external examiners so they are experts in their subjects, and have examiners in a range of subjects including English, Science, Geography, Spanish, Art, PE, and Dance.

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.

For example, our language results are consistently in the top 10% of schools nationally for progress and are usually the best in the county. They were excellent again in 2019, with 60% of students gaining Grades 7, 8 or 9 in French. We also support students in achieving qualifications in home languages where possible.

Below are the 2019 results of subjects studied at KS4.

Barnwood Park GCSE Results 2019

Headline Measures

	Grades 9-4	Grades 9-5	Grades 9-7
English & Maths*	67%	39%	13%
English*	78%	60%	19%
Maths*	74%	43%	13%
All Exams*	72%	53%	20%

**Provisional Outcomes- awaiting remarks*

Subject Outcomes

When comparing to national results, note that our intake in 2019 is slightly below national average, and was lower in 2019 than 2018. Option Subjects may have differing prior attainment which may mean lower % still mean excellent progress for the class. We are very pleased with how nearly all of our subjects compare with National Results at standard level (Grade 4/C+) and at the higher level of grade 7/A+.

	Grades 9-7 (A-A) (%)	*Grades 9-4 (A*-C) (%)
English (Best grade)	19	78
English Language	16	75
English Literature	11	71
Maths	13	74
Biology	54	100
Chemistry	39	100
Physics	46	100
Science Combined	3	55
<i>Option Subjects</i>		
Art~	21	88
Child Dev	50	100
Computing	14	38
Drama	0	57
French	60	90
Geography	11	58
History	6	54
Music~	0	67
Perform Arts (Dance)	43	86
Photography	54	77
Physical Education	9	100
Psychology	5	57
Spanish	23	82
Statistics	38	88

**Please note we are awaiting a number of remarks in subjects. ~Art & Music are having coursework re-moderated*