

CHANGES TO THE PRODUCTION OF THESE STATISTICS

Several key changes have been implemented to the KS4 performance measures data in this 2016/17 academic year:

1. Introduction of the Capped 9 Score

The Capped 9 measure focuses on Year 11 pupils' results from nine of the qualifications available in Wales, including subject specific requirements.

The main changes compared to the previous capped points score are:

- An increase from eight to nine GCSEs or equivalent volume of qualifications
- The introduction of subject specific attainment requirements in English/Welsh, Mathematics – Numeracy, Mathematics and Science.

More information can be found in the Notes section.

2. Cap on non-GCSEs to threshold measures

From 2017, a maximum of two vocational (non-GCSE) qualifications will count towards all

3. Literature in threshold measures

Literature qualifications no longer count towards the literacy elements in the Level 2 inclusive or Capped 9 score from 2017 onwards, but can still count in the non-subject specific elements.

4. New Mathematics GCSEs

This is the first summer that pupils are expected to sit two GCSEs in Mathematics – GCSE Mathematics and GCSE Mathematics Numeracy.

Reporting achievement of the Welsh Baccalaureate

5. The Welsh Baccalaureate will not be published in national figures in 2017. Data on Welsh Baccalaureate has been included in this provisional SSSP so that the data can be validated. The presentation of the data in this provisional SSSP is experimental and may change by the time the final SSSP is released in December. We would be happy to receive any comments you may have on how this should be reported in the SSSP in the future.

The changes introduced in 2015/16 are listed below for ease of reference

1. Reporting school performance for 2015/16 is now based on a Year 11 cohort basis rather than for pupils aged 15 at the start of the year. The Year 11 cohort is based on the number of pupils who were registered as being on roll in Year 11 in the school on 12 January 2016, the day of the school Data for 2013/14 and 2014/15 is still based on pupils aged 15.
2. In previous years, LA figures were based on mainstream schools, special schools, independent schools and PRU's (Pupil Referral Units) and did not include those pupils who were educated other than at school (EOTAS) who did not attend a PRU. This year, this additional EOTAS data is included in the data and so will affect the LA figures. This additional data will also be included in the Wales figures.
3. KS4 performance measures for Wales previously covered all maintained and independent schools in Wales. Beginning this academic year, results for independent schools are not included in the Wales figures.
4. Note that for rolling averages, data for previous years will be based on pupils aged 15, whereas