



The Scholars Programme

HEAT Evaluation Update (January 2025)

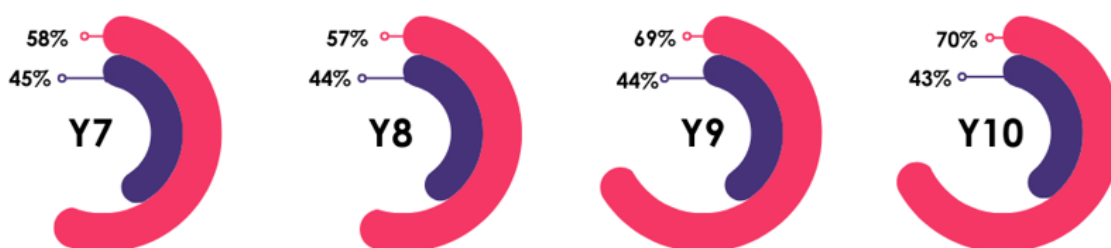
2023 GCSE attainment outcomes

Attainment is the single [biggest predictor](#) of progressing to university and, through our collaboration with the Higher Education Access Tracker ([HEAT](#)), we are able to examine the impact of [The Scholars Programme](#) on GCSE attainment.

Methodology: Using data from HEAT we can compare the percentage of Scholars Programme students achieving a 9-5 in maths and English, with the percentage of students from the same schools achieving a 9-5 in maths and English. Crucially, the analysis accounts for prior attainment at Key Stage 2 to ensure that we are comparing similar groups of students. For the 2023 GCSE update, the sample included 1,355 students who participated in the programme in Year 7, 8, 9 or 10, had middle prior attainment at Key Stage 2 and took their GCSE exams in 2023.

Findings: The findings showed that students who participated in The Scholars Programme in Year 10 were 27 percentage points more likely to achieve a 9-5 in maths and English at GCSE than students within their schools who scored similarly at Key Stage 2. The findings also showed that students who participated in The Scholars Programme in Year 7, 8 or 9 were also more likely to achieve a 9-5 in maths and English at GCSE than students within their schools who scored similarly at Key Stage 2, as shown in the figure below:

Students who did The Scholars Programme in Years 7, 8, 9, or 10 were more likely to achieve a 9-5 in maths and English than students within the same schools who had similar middle prior attainment at Key Stage 2.



Percentage of students who scored 9-5 in maths and English at 2023 GCSEs, with similar middle prior attainment at Key Stage 2

- Scholars Programme Students
- Scholars Programme Schools

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