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SINGLE- SEX SCHOOLS AT THE TOP OF THE LATEST EXAM PERFORMANCE TABLES

Britain's single-sex schools dominated the Achievement and Attainment tables published on Thursday (15 January 2009) by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF).

GCSE

The latest figures revealed that the top twenty schools that attained the highest proportion of A and A* grades at GCSE were all single-sex. Thirteen of these were Girls' Schools Association schools.

Of the other schools featured in the top twenty, four were single sex boys' independent schools and three were maintained girls' grammar schools.

A level

At A level, single-sex schools continued to dominate, with seventeen of the top twenty schools that attained the highest proportion of A and B grades single-sex schools.

Fourteen of the schools featured in the top twenty were independent girls' schools, two maintained boys' grammar schools, one an independent boys' school, and two maintained co-ed grammar schools.

Jill Berry, President of the Girls' Schools Association and Head of Dame Alice Harpur School in Bedford said, 'The results are truly inspiring. They clearly demonstrate the value and importance of specialised, single-sex education.'

'The latest figures are testament to the hard work, talent and dedication of our girls, teachers and all staff who work at GSA schools across the country. Our schools encourage girls to fulfil their academic potential and to make the most of their individual talents. These latest figures show the strength and significance of the education we offer.'

Last week the Girls' Schools Association launched a new website **Mydaughter.co.uk** to share the GSA's expertise and experience in educating and caring for girls. The site features a section on 'Educating your daughter' which includes tips for parents on education choices and development stages from under 5 through to 18 plus, case studies written by parents and students, independent research reports and a schools' directory.

GCSEs - Top 20 schools

GCSEs: schools are ranked according to the percentage of A* and A grades achieved. The percentage of A* grades is used as a tie breaker.

Name of School	Type	Gender	%A*+A Combined
Wycombe Abbey School	Independent	Girls	98.03
Haberdashers' Aske's School For Girls	Independent	Girls	97.72
Magdalen College School	Independent	Boys	97.51
North London Collegiate School	Independent	Girls	97.48
St Paul's Girls' School	Independent	Girls	96.94
Westminster School	Independent	Boys (Mixed only at A Level)	96.48
The Lady Eleanor Holles School	Independent	Girls	93.73
Guildford High School	Independent	Girls	93.66
City Of London School For Girls	Independent	Girls	93.18
Royal Grammar School, Surrey	Independent	Boys	93.16
King Edward VI High School For Girls	Independent	Girls	91.54
The Henrietta Barnett School	State	Girls	91.25
Perse School For Girls	Independent	Girls	90.69
Oxford High School GDST	Independent	Girls	90.1
Cheltenham Ladies' College	Independent	Girls	90.04
The Tiffin Girls' School	State	Girls	90.01
Haberdashers' Aske's School For Boys	Independent	Boys	90.01
Kendrick Girls' Grammar School	State	Girls	89.62
The Abbey School Reading	Independent	Girls	89.07
The School of St Helen and St Katharine	Independent	Girls	88.86

A Level – Top 20 schools

For A levels, schools are ranked according to the percentage of A and B grades achieved. Where schools have taken the International Baccalaureate instead of or in addition to A levels, the IB scores have been converted to an A level equivalent.

Name of School	Type	Gender	%A+B Combined
Magdalen College School	Independent	Boys	99.6
City Of London School For Girls	Independent	Girls	99.56
Wycombe Abbey School	Independent	Girls	99.03
Perse School For Girls	Independent	Girls	98.94
Westminster School	Independent	Mixed	98.82
St Paul's Girls' School	Independent	Girls	98.32
King Edward VI High School For Girls	Independent	Girls	98.16
North London Collegiate School	Independent	Girls	98.04
Guildford High School	Independent	Girls	97.28
Withington Girls' School	Independent	Girls	96.46
Haberdashers' Aske's School For Girls	Independent	Girls	96.12
The Lady Eleanor Holles School	Independent	Girls	96.05
Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet	State	Boys	95.98
St Catherine's School, Surrey	Independent	Girls	95.79
St Mary's School Ascot	Independent	Girls	95.56
Colyton Grammar School	State	Mixed	95.14
Badminton School	Independent	Girls	95.11
St Olave's And St Saviour's Grammar School	State	Mixed	95.03
St Mary's School, Wiltshire	Independent	Girls	94.7
King's College School, Merton	State	Boys	94.56

Notes for Editors

1. The GSA is the only association that represents the independent girls' schools in England, Scotland and Wales, including all the schools in the Girls' Day School Trust. It is one of the five professional associations in the Independent Schools Council (ISC).

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