

Next Steps

A guide to the linked National Pupil Database
(NPD) KS4 and KS5 datasets

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1. Introduction

Next Steps (previously known as the Longitudinal Study of Young People in England (LSYPE1)) is a large and nationally representative longitudinal cohort study following the lives of around 16,000 people in England born in 1989-1990.

The study started in 2004 and was funded and managed by the Department for Education until it transferred to CLS in 2013. Annual interviews with study members were carried out between 2004 and 2010 (ages 14 to 20), as well as interviews with parents for the first four sweeps. The study focused primarily on educational transitions and was supplemented by linked administrative data from the National Pupil Database. Following the initial survey at age 13-14, the cohort members were interviewed every year until 2010.

In 2013 CLS successfully re-started the study and collected another sweep of data at age 25 (in 2015/2016). The scientific content of the study was broadened to provide a multi-disciplinary research resource, supplemented by a wide-range of administrative data linkage consents. Extensive efforts were made to maximise the size and representativeness of the sample; achieving interviews with almost 8,000 study members.

2. Consent to education data linkage

In agreeing to take part in the Next Steps cohort, parents of the cohort members also consented for the cohort members' education records to be linked to their survey data. This was stated in the survey materials. The total number of valid consents (15770) was therefore equal to the total achieved sample in wave one. The original sample was boosted with a further 352 cohort members at wave 4 in 2007 increasing the size of the cohort (and the number of valid consents) to 16122.

3. Education data linkage

The NPD is a pupil level database which matches pupil and school characteristic data to pupil level attainment. Key stage 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (KS1, KS2, KS3, KS4 and KS5) tests are undertaken in all state maintained schools in England, at ages 5-7, 7-11, 11-14, 14-16 and 16-18 respectively. Further details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/national-curriculum>.

Education data was previously linked to the survey data of Next Steps participants under the management of the DfE.

Linked NPD records include data on pupils' attainment at KS2, KS3, KS4 and KS5 and data about the pupil such as free school meal eligibility and Special Education Needs (SEN) status. Information is also available about the school attended at the sampling stage. Test results at KS1 are not included in this linked data as these were introduced after the cohort members turned 7 years old of age.

Table 1 below shows the number of valid consents at the time of data linkage and the number of successful matches at KS2, KS3, KS4 and KS5.

This data was last deposited at the UKDS by the Department for Education in October 2012 and those datasets which will be available alongside the current deposit include:

- All Pupil Level Achievement Data: Pupil attainment at Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4
- Reduced NPD Data: Summary of pupil attainment at Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4, free school meal eligibility and Special Education Needs (SEN)
- School Level Data: Information about the school each cohort member attended at the sampling stage and where linked to the NPD, information about the primary school attended at Key Stage 2

Table 1: Consent and linkage (deposited at the UKDS in October 2012)

	KS2 (age 11)	KS3 (age 14)	KS4 (age 16)	KS5 (age 18)
Number with valid consent	15770	15770	15770	16122
Number with linked NPD data	14805	15195	12308	5978
Linkage rate	93.9%	96.4%	78.0%	37.1%

The KS4 data deposited at that time excluded cohort members who had withdrawn from the Next Steps survey by sweep 4. Similarly, KS5 data was only deposited for cohort members who remained in the study up to and including sweep 7. The boost sample is included in the KS5 linked data only. The linkage rate for KS5 is lower compared to earlier key stages because these qualifications are taken after the end of compulsory schooling and by fewer cohort members.

In 2018 CLS made a request to the Department of Education to relink all consenting Next Steps participants to their KS4 and KS5 records in the National Pupil Database. The updated linked records provided as part of this data deposit includes access to pupil and exam level data for KS4 and KS5. Exam level data for KS4 and pupil level data for KS5 is available for the first time in this deposit. In addition, a wider range of variables is available for KS4 at pupil level.

In addition, to getting access to pupil and exam level data for KS4 and KS5, the updated linked records also included participants whose records had not been linked previously. This included the boost sample whose records have been linked to KS4 as well as KS5.

CLS supplied details to the DfE for matching for a total of 15610 cohort members. This total represents the number of cases transferred from DfE excluding cohort members identified as being 'out of survey' and any consent withdrawals.

A total of 15284 consenting Next Steps participants were successfully matched out of 15610 corresponding to a successful linkage rate of 97.9%.

Table 2 below shows the number of successful matches split across KS4 and KS5. The linkage rate for KS5 is lower compared to earlier key stages because these qualifications are taken after the end of compulsory schooling and by fewer cohort members.

Table 2: Consent and linkage (deposited at the UKDS in October 2019)

	KS4 (age 16)	KS5 (age 18)
Number with valid consent	15610	15610
Number with linked NPD data	15272	8802
Linkage rate	97.8%	56.4%

The matching was conducted by the DfE in March 2018. The personal identifiers supplied to the DfE for matching against the NPD contained: anonymised Pupil Matching Reference (PMR), forename, middle name, surname, other surname, date of birth, sex, current address and postcode.

The initial NPD matching process involved direct matching on the variables: PMR, forename, surname, date of birth and postcode. This was followed by fuzzy matching¹ on forename and surname and partial matching on date of birth and postcode. Eventually in an effort to find the final few pupils, fuzzy matching was used on all variables which involved manual checks on individuals for a match. Only confident matches were returned.

Fuzzy matching on names was conducted on the first 1 to 3 characters of the name. Checks were made to see if the forename supplied matched the forename or middle names held in the NPD. Checks were also carried out on historical surnames, preferred surname and former surname held in the NPD. The partial date of birth was used to check whether the following items matched: day and month, day and year or month and year.

4. Data available

4.1. Datasets

The following linked NPD data was provided by the DfE:

- KS4 results data for academic years 2005, 2006 and 2007
- KS5 results data for academic years 2007, 2008 and 2009

There are a few cases where results may not be available for the above years but are available for preceding or subsequent years. Please refer to Table 3 for further information.

The title and content of the deposited datasets are given in Table 3.

Tables 4 to 7 list the variables belonging to each of these datasets.

¹ Fuzzy matching is an inexact string matching technique which allows the matching of an individual identifier despite small differences between two sources. For example, a person may have their name recorded as 'Elisabeth' in one dataset but 'Elizabeth' in the other. With a series of matching criteria looking at first name, surname and date of birth, the fuzzy matching method achieves a link despite the slight difference in first name.

Table 3: List of deposited datasets

Name of the dataset	Data source(s)	Contents
NS_NPD_KS4_PUPIL_PLASC_2005 ²	KS4 attainment, PLASC	Key stage 4 attainment data matched to Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) data in 2004/05. This has information on the assessment of learners by the end of year 11 of schooling
NS_NPD_KS4_PUPIL_CENSUS_CLA_2006	KS4 attainment, CENSUS, CLA	Key stage 4 attainment data matched to Spring Census and Children Looked After (CLA) data in 2005/06. This has information on the assessment of learners by the end of year 11 of schooling
NS_NPD_KS4_PUPIL_CENSUS_CLA_2007 ³	KS4 attainment, CENSUS, CLA	Key stage 4 attainment data matched to Spring Census and CLA data in 2006/07. This has information on the assessment of learners by the end of year 11 of schooling
NS_NPD_KS4_EXAM_2005	KS4 attainment	Key stage 4 attainment per qualification taken in 2004/05. This has information on the assessment of learners by the end of year 11 of schooling
NS_NPD_KS4_EXAM_2006	KS4 attainment	Key stage 4 attainment per qualification taken in 2005/06. This has information on the assessment of learners by the end of year 11 of schooling
NS_NPD_KS4_EXAM_2007	KS4 attainment	Key stage 4 attainment per qualification taken in 2006/07. This has information on the assessment of learners by the end of year 11 of schooling
NS_NPD_KS5_STUDENT_CENSUS_CLA_2007 ⁴	KS5 attainment, CENSUS, CLA	Key stage 5 attainment data matched to Spring Census and CLA data in 2006/07. This has information on the post-16 assessment of learners in school sixth forms and Further Education (FE) colleges
NS_NPD_KS5_STUDENT_CENSUS_CLA_2008	KS5 attainment, CENSUS, CLA	Key stage 5 attainment data matched to Spring Census and CLA data in 2007/08. This has information on the post-16 assessment of learners in school sixth forms and FE colleges
NS_NPD_KS5_STUDENT_CENSUS_CLA_2009 ⁵	KS5 attainment, CENSUS, CLA	Key stage 5 attainment data matched to Spring Census and CLA data in 2008/09. This has information on the post-16 assessment of learners in school sixth forms and FE colleges
NS_NPD_KS5_EXAM_2007	KS5 attainment	Key stage 5 attainment per qualification taken in 2006/07. This has information on the post-16 assessment

² There is one case where attainment results are available in academic year 2003/04

³ There are cases where attainment results are available in academic years 2007/08 and 2009/10

⁴ There are cases where attainment results are available in academic years 2002/03 and 2005/06

⁵ There are cases where attainment results are available in academic years 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12

Name of the dataset	Data source(s)	Contents
		of learners in school sixth forms and FE colleges
NS_NPD_KS5_EXAM_2008	KS5 attainment	Key stage 5 attainment per qualification taken in 2007/08. This has information on the post-16 assessment of learners in school sixth forms and FE colleges
NS_NPD_KS5_EXAM_2009	KS5 attainment	Key stage 5 attainment per qualification taken in 2008/09. This has information on the post-16 assessment of learners in school sixth forms and FE colleges

In addition, there are three files which are lookup tables to variables in the KS4 and KS5 Exam datasets:

MAPPINGCODES	This file contains the description of the mapping codes held in the Key Stage 4 (KS4_MAPPING) and 5 (KS5_MAPPING) Exam data
QUALCODES	This file contains the description of the qualification codes held in the Key Stage 4 (KS4_SUBLEVNO) and 5 (KS5_SUBLEVNO) Exam data
QAN	This file contains the description of the qualification accreditation number held in the Key Stage 4 (KS4_QAN) and 5 (KS5_QAN) Exam data

4.2. Identifiers

NSID is the anonymised unique cohort member identifier which can be used to merge this data and other deposited Next Steps datasets. In the exams datasets, a pupil can have multiple records and so secondary indices (KS4_EXID and KS5_EXID) have been created for KS4 and KS5 datasets to identify each qualification taken. In addition, LAESTANON is the anonymised unique school identifier which was created by the merging of anonymised local authority (LAANON) and establishment (ESTABANON) codes. The anonymised unique reference number of the school (URNANON) has also been included with this deposit.

4.3. Variables

Variables in the KS4 data sets are prefixed by KS4 if they are from the pupil or exam tables. Similarly variables in the KS5 data sets are prefixed by KS5 if they are from the pupil or exam table.

Variable labels and value labels have been populated from information provided in the data table covering the academic period (see Appendix A).

Some variables have been excluded because they have been considered potentially disclosive. This includes variables which identify the school.

4.4. Key Stage 4 Exam data

Table 4: Variables in the key stage 4 exam dataset

Variable Name	Description	Source
NSID	Anonymised Research ID	CLS
KS4_EXID	KS4 exam level identifier	CLS
KS4_ACADYR	Academic year	KS4
KS4_LAANON	Local Authority (LA) that the school where the pupil attends reports to (anonymised)	CLS
KS4_LAESTANON	Latest main DfE number (LA and ESTAB fields joined together) (anonymised)	CLS
KS4_URNANON	School's Unique Reference Number (anonymised)	CLS
KS4_PREREG	Pre-registered pupil without result	KS4
KS4_EXAMYEAR	Calendar year qualification was attempted (academic) or issued (vocational)	KS4
KS4_SEASON	Exam season	KS4
KS4_BOARDNO	Awarding body number	KS4
KS4_SUBLEVNO	Qualification and assessment code	KS4
KS4_QAN	Qualification accreditation number	KS4
KS4_BRDSUBNO	Awarding body subject number	KS4
KS4_MAPPING	LEAP/LDCS subject mapping code – code that identifies the exam subject	KS4
KS4_INCLUDE	KS4 Result is included in calculations	KS4
KS4_MODE	Mode	KS4
KS4_MODFLAG	Modflag	KS4
KS4_MODAFLAG	Modular A level flag	KS4
KS4_LEV1	Proportion of the Level 1 threshold that this qualification makes up	KS4
KS4_LEV2	Proportion of the Level 2 threshold that this qualification makes up	KS4
KS4_LEV3	Proportion of the Level 3 threshold that this qualification makes up	KS4

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS4_GSIZE	Size of the qualification equivalent to GCSEs	KS4
KS4_ASIZE	Size Indicator	KS4
KS4_GRADE	The grade of the exam	KS4
KS4_GORIGIN	Original grade	KS4
KS4_GFINAL	Final grade	KS4
KS4_POINTS	Total GCSE and equivalents point score using new style point score	KS4
KS4_DISC1	One year discount flag (GCSE and equivalent qualifications)	KS4
KS4_DISC2	Two year discount flag (GCSE and equivalent qualifications)	KS4
KS4_DISC3	Multi-year discount flag (prior to 2013/14)	KS4
KS4_DISC1B	One year discount flag (GCSE/GNVQ only)	KS4
KS4_DISC2B	Two year discount flag (GCSE/GNVQ only)	KS4
KS4_DISC3B	Multi-year discount flag - 3 or more years (subset of qualifications)	KS4
KS4_AMDEXAM	Amendment made to result during SCAAT checking exercise	KS4
KS4_VERSION	Data version	KS4

4.5. Key Stage 4 Pupil data

Table 5: Variables in the key stage 4 pupil dataset

Variable Name	Description	Source
NSID	Anonymised Research ID	CLS
KS4_ACADYR	Academic year	KS4
KS4_YEARGRP	Year Group - derived from date of birth	KS4
KS4_ACTYRGRP	Actual National Curriculum year group (including pupils in Independent schools)	KS4
KS4_GENDER	Gender	KS4

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS4_LAANON	Local Authority (LA) that the school where the pupil attends reports to (anonymised)	CLS
KS4_LAESTANON	Latest main DfE number (LA and ESTAB fields joined together) (anonymised)	CLS
KS4_URNANON	School's Unique Reference Number (anonymised)	CLS
KS4_ToE_CODE	Type of establishment code taken from Edubase	KS4
KS4_NFTYPE	Institution type generated by AAT	KS4
KS4_MMSCH	Maintained mainstream, academy, free school or CTC (excluding special schools)	KS4
KS4_MMSCH2	Maintained mainstream school (excluding Academies, Free Schools and CTCs)	KS4
KS4_MSCH	Maintained school, academy, free school or CTC (including special schools)	KS4
KS4_MSCH2	Maintained schools (excluding Academies, Free Schools and CTCs)	KS4
KS4_ENTRIES	Number of entries	KS4
KS4_AMDFLAG	Amendment made to pupil during SCAAT checking exercise	KS4
KS4_ENDKS	Indicates whether a pupil is at the end of KS4	KS4
KS4_Y11YEAR	The academic year in which the pupil was in year 11	KS4
KS4_HOSPITALSCHOOLIND	Hospital School Indicator	KS4
KS4_SOURCECTY	Source Country (England/Wales)	KS4
KS4_PLASCRCORDEXISTS	Whether or not record exists in PLASC	KS4
KS4_EARLYT_E	Whether GCSE and equivalents were taken early by current 15 year old pupil	KS4
KS4_NORFLAGE	Whether pupil should be included in number on roll and results calculations	KS4
KS4_SCHRES	Inclusion of pupil in the results calculations for their school	KS4
KS4_LARES	Inclusion of pupil in the results calculations for their LA	KS4
KS4_NATRES	Inclusion of pupil in the national results calculations	KS4
KS4_SCHNOR	Inclusion of pupil in the denominator for number of 15 year olds in their school	KS4

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS4_LANOR	Inclusion of pupil in the denominator for number of 15 year olds in their LA	KS4
KS4_NATNOR	Inclusion of pupil in the denominator for number of 15 year olds nationally	KS4
KS4_GCSEFULL	Total number of Full GCSE entries	KS4
KS4_GCSESHORT	Total number of Short GCSE entries	KS4
KS4_GCSEVOC	Total number of Double Award Vocational GCSE entries	KS4
KS4_GNVQFULLI	Total number of Full Intermediate GNVQ entries	KS4
KS4_GNVQFULLF	Total number of Full Foundation GNVQ entries	KS4
KS4_GNVQP1I	Total number of Part One Intermediate GNVQ entries	KS4
KS4_GNVQP1F	Total number of Part One Foundation GNVQ entries	KS4
KS4_GNVQLANGI	Total number of Language Intermediate GNVQ entries	KS4
KS4_GNVQLANGF	Total number of Language Foundation GNVQ entries	KS4
KS4_ELQENTS	Total number of Entry Level Qualification entries	KS4
KS4_KSL1ENTS	Total number of Key Skills at Level 1 entries	KS4
KS4_KSL2ENTS	Total number of Key Skills at Level 2 entries	KS4
KS4_ALLSCI	Entered all of Biology, Physics, Chemistry GCSEs or ASs	KS4
KS4_ENT1GMFL	Entered for at least 1 Full GCSE Modern Foreign Language qualification	KS4
KS4_ENT1EMFL	Entered for at least 1 Modern Foreign Language qualification	KS4
KS4_ENTRY_G	Total number of GCSE/GNVQ entries (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_ENTRY_E	Total number of GCSE and equivalents entries (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_EXAMCAT	Highest examination category achieved at GCSE and equivalent	KS4
KS4_GCSE_ASTAR	Number of Full GCSE qualifications at grade A* (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GCSE_A	Number of Full GCSE qualifications at grade A (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS4_GCSE_B	Number of Full GCSE qualifications at grade B (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GCSE_C	Number of Full GCSE qualifications at grade C (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GCSE_D	Number of Full GCSE qualifications at grade D (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GCSE_E	Number of Full GCSE qualifications at grade E (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GCSE_F	Number of Full GCSE qualifications at grade F (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GCSE_G	Number of Full GCSE qualifications at grade G (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GCSE_AA	Number of Full GCSE qualifications at grades A*-A (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GCSE_AC	Number of Full GCSE qualifications at grades A*-C (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GCSE_AG	Number of Full GCSE qualifications at grades A*-G (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GCSE_DG	Number of Full GCSE qualifications at grades D-G (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GCSE_SHORT_ASTAR	Number of Short GCSE qualifications at grade A* (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GCSE_SHORT_A	Number of Short GCSE qualifications at grade A (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GCSE_SHORT_B	Number of Short GCSE qualifications at grade B (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GCSE_SHORT_C	Number of Short GCSE qualifications at grade C (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GCSE_SHORT_D	Number of Short GCSE qualifications at grade D (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GCSE_SHORT_E	Number of Short GCSE qualifications at grade E (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GCSE_SHORT_F	Number of Short GCSE qualifications at grade F (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GCSE_SHORT_G	Number of Short GCSE qualifications at grade G (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GCSE_SHORT_AA	Number of Short GCSE qualifications at grades A*-A (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GCSE_SHORT_AC	Number of Short GCSE qualifications at grades A*-C (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GCSE_SHORT_AG	Number of Short GCSE qualifications at grades A*-G (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS4_GCSE_SHORT_DG	Number of Short GCSE qualifications at grades D-G (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GVOC_ASTAR	Number of Double Award Vocational GCSE qualifications grade A*A* (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GVOC_A	Number of Double Award Vocational GCSE qualifications at grade AA (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GVOC_B	Number of Double Award Vocational GCSE qualifications at grade BB (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GVOC_C	Number of Double Award Vocational GCSE qualifications at grade CC (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GVOC_D	Number of Double Award Vocational GCSE qualifications at grade DD (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GVOC_E	Number of Double Award Vocational GCSE qualifications at grade EE (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GVOC_F	Number of Double Award Vocational GCSE qualifications at grade FF (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GVOC_G	Number of Double Award Vocational GCSE qualifications at grade GG (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GVOC_AA	Number of Double Award Vocational GCSE qualifications at grades A*A*-AA (GCSE equivalents)	KS4
KS4_GVOC_AC	Number of Double Award Vocational GCSE qualifications at grades A*A*-CC (GCSE equivalents)	KS4
KS4_GVOC_AG	Number of Double Award Vocational GCSE qualifications at grades A*A*-GG (GCSE equivalents)	KS4
KS4_GVOC_DG	Number of Double Award Vocational GCSE qualifications grades DD-GG (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GNVQINTDIS	Number of Distinction Intermediate GNVQs (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GNVQINTMER	Number of Merit Intermediate GNVQs (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GNVQINTPAS	Number of Pass Intermediate GNVQs (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GNVQFOUDIS	Number of Distinction Foundation GNVQs (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GNVQFOUMER	Number of Merit Foundation GNVQs (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_GNVQFOUPAS	Number of Pass Foundation GNVQs (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_PASS_AASTAR	Total number of GCSE/GNVQ qualifications at grades A*-A (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_PASS_AC	Total number of GCSE/GNVQ qualifications at grades A*-C (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_PASS_LEV2	Total number of Level 2 GCSE and equivalent qualifications (GCSE equivalents)	KS4

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS4_PASS_LEV2EM	Total number of Level 2 GCSE and equivalent qualifications (including English and Maths)	KS4
KS4_PASS_AG	Total number of GCSE qualifications at grades A*-G (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_PASS_LEV1	Total number of Level 1 GCSE and equivalent qualifications (GCSE equivalents)	KS4
KS4_PASS_LEV1EM	Total number of level 1 GCSE and equivalent qualifications (including English and Maths)	KS4
KS4_TOTGNVQINT	Total number of Intermediate GNVQ qualifications (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_TOTGNVQFOU	Total number of Foundation GNVQ qualifications (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_ELQPASS	Total number of Entry Level Qualification passes (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_KSL1PASS	Total number of Key Skills at Level 1 passes (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_KSL2PASS	Total number of Key Skills at Level 2 passes (GCSE equivalencies)	KS4
KS4_PTSTNEWE	Total GCSE and equivalents new style point score	KS4
KS4_POINTS_NEW_E	Pupil GCSE/GNVQ S96 Point Score (new points)	KS4
KS4_PTSCNEWE	Capped GCSE and equivalents new style point score	KS4
KS4_PTSTNEWG	Total GCSE/GNVQ new style point score	KS4
KS4_POINTS_NEW_G	Pupil GCSE/GNVQ Point Score (new points)	KS4
KS4_PTSCNEWG	Capped GCSE/GNVQ new style point score	KS4
KS4_POINTS_OLD_G	Total GCSE/GNVQ old style point score	KS4
KS4_MEAN_G	Mean GCSE Grade (All GCSEs)	KS4
KS4_AVPTSSENT	Average GCSE and equivalent point score per entry	KS4
KS4_PASS_AASTAR5	Achieved 5 or more GCSE/GNVQs at grades A*-A	KS4
KS4_FIVEAC	Achieved 5 or more GCSE/GNVQs at grades A*-C	KS4
KS4_LEVEL2	Achieved Level 2 threshold (5 or more GCSE and equivalents at grades A*-C)	KS4
KS4_FIVEAG	Achieved 5 or more GCSE/GNVQs at grades A*-G	KS4

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS4_LEVEL1	Achieved Level 1 threshold (5 or more GCSE and equivalents at grades A*-G)	KS4
KS4_ONEAG	Achieved at least 1 GCSE/GNVQ at grade A*-G	KS4
KS4_ANYLEV1	Achieved at least 1 GCSE or equivalent at grade A*-G	KS4
KS4_ANYPASS	Achieved any passes at all in GCSE or equivalents	KS4
KS4_HGMATH	Highest grade achieved in Full GCSE Maths	KS4
KS4_GCSEENG	The highest point score achieved in English (old point score)	KS4
KS4_GCSEMATH	The highest point score achieved in Maths (old point score)	KS4
KS4_GCSESCI	The highest point score achieved in Science (old point score)	KS4
KS4_KS4SCI	Highest point score achieved (GCSE equivalents) in Science	KS4
KS4_PASS_AC5EM	Achieved 5+ A*-C including English and Maths GCSE/GNVQ	KS4
KS4_LEVEL2_EM	Achieved 5+ GCSE and equivalents at grades A*-C (including English and Maths)	KS4
KS4_LEVEL2_FEM	Achieved 5+ GCSE and equivalents at grades A*-C (including English and Maths)	KS4
KS4_PASS_AC5EMS	Achieved 5+ A*-C including English, Maths Science GCSE/GNVQ	KS4
KS4_LEVEL2_EMS	Achieved 5+ A*-C including English, Maths Science GCSE/GNVQ S96	KS4
KS4_PASS_AG5EM	Achieved 5+ A*-G including English and Maths GCSE/GNVQ	KS4
KS4_LEVEL1_EM	Achieved 5+ GCSE and equivalents at grades A*-G (including English and Maths)	KS4
KS4_LEVEL1_FEM	Achieved 5+ GCSE and equivalents at grades A*-G (including English and Maths)	KS4
KS4_PASS_AG5EMS	Achieved 5+ A*-G including English, Maths and Science GCSE/GNVQ	KS4
KS4_LEVEL1_EMS	Achieved 5+ A*-G including English, Maths Science GCSE/GNVQ S96	KS4
KS4_PASS_AC_EMS	Achieved A*-C in English, Maths and Science GCSE	KS4
KS4_LEV2ENG	Achieved A*-C (Level 2) in GCSE English	KS4
KS4_LEV2FENG	Achieved A*-C (Level 2) in GCSE and equivalents English (Functional English)	KS4

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS4_LEV1ENG	Achieved A*-G (Level 1) in GCSE English	KS4
KS4_LEV1FENG	Achieved A*-G (Level 1) in GCSE and equivalents English (Functional English)	KS4
KS4_LEV2MAT	Achieved A*-C (Level 2) in GCSE Maths	KS4
KS4_LEV2FMAT	Achieved A*-C (Level 2) in GCSE and equivalents Maths (Functional Maths)	KS4
KS4_LEV1MAT	Achieved A*-G (Level 1) in GCSE Maths	KS4
KS4_LEV1FMAT	Achieved A*-G (Level 1) in GCSE and equivalents Maths (Functional Maths)	KS4
KS4_LEV2EM	Achieved A*-C (Level 2) in GCSE English and Maths	KS4
KS4_LEV2FEM	Achieved A*-C in GCSE and equivalents English & Maths (Functional English & Maths)	KS4
KS4_LEV1EM	Achieved A*-G (Level 1) in GCSE English and Maths	KS4
KS4_LEV1FEM	Achieved A*-G in GCSE and equivalents English & Maths (Functional English & Maths)	KS4
KS4_LEV2SCIA	Achieved Level 2 in Double science or Applied Science	KS4
KS4_LEV2SCIB	Achieved Level 2 in GCSE Science & Additional Science or Applied Science or GCSE Land & Environment	KS4
KS4_LEV2SCIC	Achieved 'good' Biology plus Physics or Chemistry GCSEs or ASs	KS4
KS4_LEV2SCID	Achieved 'good' Physics and Chemistry GCSEs or ASs	KS4
KS4_LEV2SCIE	Achieved equivalent of Level 2 in BTECs in Science	KS4
KS4_LEV2SCIF	Achieved equivalent of L2 in OCR Nationals Award and Certificate in Science	KS4
KS4_LEV2SCI2	Achieved 2 'good' science GCSEs or equivalent	KS4
KS4_LEV2SCI2B	Achieved 2 'good' science GCSEs or equivalent including BTECs, OCRs, IGVQs)	KS4
KS4_APELIT	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) English Literature	KS4
KS4_APELEC	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) D & T: Electronic Products	KS4
KS4_APFOOD	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) D & T: Food Technology	KS4
KS4_APGRA	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) D & T: Graphic Products	KS4

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS4_APRES	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) D & T: RMT	KS4
KS4_APSYS	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) D & T: Systems & Control	KS4
KS4_APDTT	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) D & T: Textiles Technology	KS4
KS4_APART	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Art and Design	KS4
KS4_APHIS	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) History	KS4
KS4_APGEO	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Geography	KS4
KS4_APFRE	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards where appropriate) French	KS4
KS4_APGER	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards where appropriate) German	KS4
KS4_APBUS	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Business Studies	KS4
KS4_APRS	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Religious Studies	KS4
KS4_APRE	Grade achieved in Short GCSE Religious Studies	KS4
KS4_APPE	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Physical Education	KS4
KS4_APPHY	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Physics	KS4
KS4_APCHE	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Chemistry	KS4
KS4_APBIO	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Biological Science	KS4
KS4_APDRA	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards where appropriate) Drama	KS4
KS4_APIT	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Information Technology	KS4
KS4_APITSC	Grade achieved in Short GCSE Information Technology	KS4
KS4_APSPAN	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards where appropriate) Spanish	KS4
KS4_APMUS	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards where appropriate) Music	KS4
KS4_APMAT	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards where appropriate) Maths	KS4
KS4_APENG	Highest grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) English	KS4

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS4_APELANG	Grade achieved in Full GCSE English Language	KS4
KS4_APSSCI	Grade achieved in Full GCSE Single Award Science	KS4
KS4_APSTAT	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Statistics	KS4
KS4_APMFT	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Media, Film & Television Studies	KS4
KS4_APFINE	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Fine Art	KS4
KS4_APOFT	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Office Technology	KS4
KS4_APHECD	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Home Economics: Child Development	KS4
KS4_APDAN	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards where appropriate) Danish	KS4
KS4_APDUT	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards where appropriate) Dutch	KS4
KS4_APITA	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Italian	KS4
KS4_APMGRK	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Modern Greek	KS4
KS4_APPOR	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Portuguese	KS4
KS4_APARA	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards where appropriate) Arabic	KS4
KS4_APBEN	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Bengali	KS4
KS4_APCHI	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Chinese	KS4
KS4_APGUJ	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Gujarati	KS4
KS4_APHIN	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards where appropriate) Hindi	KS4
KS4_APJAP	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Japanese	KS4
KS4_APMHEB	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Modern Hebrew	KS4
KS4_APPAN	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Panjabi	KS4
KS4_APPOL	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards where appropriate) Polish	KS4
KS4_APRUS	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Russian	KS4

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS4_APTUR	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Turkish	KS4
KS4_APURD	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards where appropriate) Urdu	KS4
KS4_APPER	Grade achieved in Full GCSE (including Double Awards) Persian	KS4
KS4_APSSC	Grade achieved in Short GCSE Social Science Citizenship	KS4
KS4_APDSCI	Grade achieved in Full GCSE Double Award Science	KS4
KS4_APVBUS	Grade achieved in Vocational GCSE Double Award Applied Business	KS4
KS4_APHSC	Grade achieved in Vocational GCSE Double Award Health and Social Care	KS4
KS4_APLT	Grade achieved in Vocational GCSE Double Award Leisure and Tourism	KS4
KS4_APVSCI	Grade achieved in Vocational GCSE Double Award Applied Science	KS4
KS4_APSVSCI	Grade achieved in Vocational GCSE Single Award Additional Applied Science	KS4
KS4_APVIT	Grade achieved in Vocational GCSE Double Award Applied ICT	KS4
KS4_APVSL	Grade achieved in VRQ Sports Leadership	KS4
KS4_KS2EVAIN	KS2 Average Point score for value added to Equivalencies	KS4
KS4_KS3EVAIN	KS3 Average Point score for value added to Equivalencies	KS4
KS4_MED2NEWE	Median capped GCSE/GNVQ & equivalents point score	KS4
KS4_MED3NEWE	Median capped GCSE/GNVQ & equivalents point score	KS4
KS4_VA2NEWE	KS2-Equiv VA score (+/-)	KS4
KS4_VA3NEWE	KS3-Equiv VA score (+/-)	KS4
KS4_KS2VAIN4	KS2 Average Point score for value added to KS4	KS4
KS4_KS3VAIN4	KS3 Average Point score for value added to KS4	KS4
KS4_MED2NEW4	Median capped equivalencies point score for VA to KS4	KS4
KS4_MED3NEW4	Median capped equivalencies point score for VA to KS4	KS4

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS4_VA2NEW4	KS2-KS4 VA score (+/-)	KS4
KS4_VA3NEW4	KS3-KS4 VA score (+/-)	KS4
KS4_CVAP2APS	KS2 average point score (using fine grading) for contextual value added	KS4
KS4_CVAP2ENG	KS2 English point score (using fine grading) for contextual value added	KS4
KS4_CVAP2MAT	KS2 Maths point score (using fine grading) for contextual value added	KS4
KS4_CVAP2SCI	KS2 Science point score (using fine grading) for contextual value added	KS4
KS4_CVA_KS2	KS2 to KS4 contextual value added score	KS4
KS4_CVAP3APS	KS3 average point score (using fine grading) for contextual value added	KS4
KS4_CVAP3ENG	KS3 English point score (using fine grading) for contextual value added	KS4
KS4_CVAP3MAT	KS3 Maths point score (using fine grading) for contextual value added	KS4
KS4_CVAP3SCI	KS3 Science point score (using fine grading) for contextual value added	KS4
KS4_CVA_KS3	Raw KS3 to KS4 CVA score	KS4
KS4_P2APSSQ	KS2-4: Prior attainment APS – squared	KS4
KS4_P2E_DEV	KS2-4: Prior attainment English point score (PS) deviation	KS4
KS4_P2M_DEV	KS2-4: Prior attainment Maths PS deviation	KS4
KS4_EAL_P2APS	KS2-4: Is English not first language?*Prior APS	KS4
KS4_EAL_P2APSSQ	KS2-4: Is English not first language?* Prior APS squared	KS4
KS4_P3APSSQ	KS3-4: Prior attainment APS – squared	KS4
KS4_P3E_DEV	KS3-4: Prior attainment (KS1 Reading/ KS2 English) PS deviation	KS4
KS4_P3M_DEV	KS3-4: Prior attainment Maths PS deviation	KS4
KS4_EAL_P3APS	KS3-4: Is English not first language?*Prior APS	KS4
KS4_EAL_P3APSSQ	KS3-4: Is English not first language?* Prior APS squared	KS4

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS4_MOB1	Student joined in latest two academic years (years 10 and 11)?	KS4
KS4_MOB2	Student joined in any other month than July/Aug/Sep?	KS4
KS4_VERSION	Data version	KS4
RECORDSTATUS	Where duplicate, defines how the main record was identified	PLASC /CENSUS
CENSUSDATE	Census reference date	PLASC /CENSUS
CENSUSTERM	Term to which the Census applies	PLASC /CENSUS
DATACOLLECTION	Primary schools completed PLASC 2006; secondary schools completed SC Spring 2006	PLASC /CENSUS
SOURCETABLE	Source of data	PLASC /CENSUS
FSMELIGIBLE	Pupil recorded as eligible for Free School Meals on Census day	PLASC /CENSUS
CONNEXIONS	Do parents' consent to pupil data being shared with Connexions?	PLASC /CENSUS
INCARE	Indicates if the child is 'looked after' on the census day	PLASC /CENSUS
MODEOFTRAVEL	Usual mode of travel for the greater part of the journey to school	PLASC /CENSUS
ENROLSTATUS	Indicates enrolment status of a pupil	PLASC /CENSUS
NCYEARACTUAL	Year group in which the pupil is taught for the majority of their time	PLASC /CENSUS
POSTADVANCED	Indicates whether a pupil is taking a post advanced level course or not	PLASC /CENSUS
ALEVEL	The total number of A-Levels being taken by that pupil	PLASC /CENSUS
GCSE	The total number of GCSEs being taken by that pupil	PLASC /CENSUS
GNVQ	Whether a pupil is taking a GNVQ or VCE	PLASC /CENSUS
PREGNVQ	Whether a pupil is taking a GNVQ precursor	PLASC /CENSUS
NVQ	Whether a pupil is taking a NVQ level 1, 2 or 3	PLASC /CENSUS
OTHER	Indicates whether a pupil is taking the IB or another post year 12 course	PLASC /CENSUS
CLA_31_MARCH	Is child looked after at 31 March in the current processing year?	CLA

4.6. Key Stage 5 Exam data

Table 6: Variables in the key stage 5 exam dataset

Variable Name	Description	Source
NSID	Anonymised Research ID	CLS
KS5_EXID	KS5 exam level identifier	CLS
KS5_ACADYR	Academic year	KS5
KS5_LAANON	Local Authority (LA) that the school where the pupil attends reports to (anonymised)	CLS
KS5_LAESTANON	Latest main DfE number (LA and ESTAB fields joined together) (anonymised)	CLS
KS5_URNANON	School's Unique Reference Number (anonymised)	CLS
KS5_EXAMYEAR	Calendar year qualification was attempted (academic) or issued (vocational)	KS5
KS5_SEASON	Exam season	KS5
KS5_BOARDNO	Awarding body number	KS5
KS5_SUBLEVNO	Qualification and assessment code	KS5
KS5_QAN	G-number (Advanced GNVQ) or Qualification Accreditation Number (Section 96)	KS5
KS5_BRDSUBNO	Awarding body subject number	KS5
KS5_MAPPING	LEAP/LDCS subject mapping code – code that identifies the exam subject	KS5
KS5_LEV3	Proportion of the Level 3 threshold that this qualification makes up	KS5
KS5_ASIZE	Size of the qualification equivalent to an A Level	KS5
KS5_ASIZEGS	Size of qualification equivalent to A Level (excluding General Studies A/AS Level)	KS5
KS5_GRADE	The grade of the exam	KS5
KS5_POINTS	Total A Level and equivalents point score	KS5
KS5_APTSGS	A Level equivalent points with General Studies A/AS Level excluded	KS5
KS5_MAXPTGSE	Maximum possible QCA points score for exam (General Studies A/AS at full weight)	KS5

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS5_DISC1	One year discount flag (A Level and equivalent qualifications)	KS5
KS5_DISC2	Two year discount flag (A Level and equivalent qualifications)	KS5
KS5_DISC3	Multi-year discount flag - 3 or more years (A Level and equivalent)	KS5
KS5_DISC1B	One year discount flag (GCE/VCE A/AS Levels and Level 3 Key Skills only)	KS5
KS5_DISC2B	Two year discount flag (GCE/VCE A/AS Levels and Level 3 Key Skills only)	KS5
KS5_DISC3B	Multi-year discount flag - 3 or more years (GCE/VCE A/AS and L3 Key Skills)	KS5
KS5_DISC2S	Size based two year discount flag (A Level and equivalent qualifications)	KS5
KS5_AMDEXAM	Amendment made to result during SCAAT checking exercise	KS5
KS5_VERSION	Data version	KS5

4.7. Key Stage 5 Student data

Table 7: Variables in the key stage 5 student dataset

Variable Name	Description	Source
NSID	Anonymised Research ID	CLS
KS5_ACADYR	Academic year	KS5
KS5_YEARGRP	Year Group - derived from date of birth	KS5
KS5_ACTYRGRP	Actual National Curriculum year group (includes pupils in Independent schools)	KS5
KS5_GENDER	Gender	KS5
KS5_LAANON	Local Authority (LA) that the school where the pupil attends reports to (anonymised)	CLS
KS5_LAESTANON	Latest main DfE number (LA and ESTAB fields joined together) (anonymised)	CLS
KS5_URNANON	School's Unique Reference Number (anonymised)	CLS
KS5_ToE_CODE	Type of establishment code taken from Edubase	KS5

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS5_AMDFLAG	Amendment made to pupil during SCAAT checking exercise	KS5
KS5_NFTYPE	Institution type generated by AAT	KS5
KS5_NEW_TYPE	School Type	KS5
KS5_MMSCH	Maintained mainstream, academy, free school or CTC (excluding special schools)	KS5
KS5_MMSCH2	Maintained mainstream school (excluding Academies, Free Schools and CTCs)	KS5
KS5_MSCH	Maintained school, academy, free school or CTC (including special schools)	KS5
KS5_MSCH2	Maintained schools (excluding Academies, Free Schools and CTCs)	KS5
KS5_FETYPE	Indicates the FE type of the school	KS5
KS5_ENTRIES	Number of entries	KS5
KS5_TRIGGER	Indicates whether the pupil meets the trigger criteria	KS5
KS5_SCHRES	Inclusion of pupil in the results calculations for their school	KS5
KS5_LARES	Inclusion of pupil in the results calculations for their LA	KS5
KS5_NATRES	Inclusion of pupil in the national results calculations	KS5
KS5_ENTRY_GA	Number of GCE A Level entries	KS5
KS5_ENTRY_GAS	Number of GCE AS Level entries	KS5
KS5_ENTRY_GDAS	Number of GCE AS Double Award Level entries	KS5
KS5_ENTRY_VA	Number of VCE A Level entries	KS5
KS5_ENTRY_VGAA	Number of VCE/GCE Applied A Level entries	KS5
KS5_ENTRY_VDA	Number of VCE Double Award Level entries	KS5
KS5_ENTRY_VGADA	Number of VCE/GCE Applied Double Award Level entries	KS5
KS5_ENTRY_VAS	Number of VCE AS Level entries	KS5
KS5_ENTRY_VGAAS	Number of VCE/GCE Applied AS Level entries	KS5

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS5_ENTRY_K3	Number of Key Skills at Level 3 entries	KS5
KS5_TOTENTS	Total number of GCE A Level and equivalent entries (A Level equivalencies)	KS5
KS5_TOTENTSGS	Total QCA size of candidate's entries (excludes General Studies A/AS Levels)	KS5
KS5_ALEV	Candidate entered for GCE/Applied A level or Double Award in reporting year	KS5
KS5_AGRADE	Number of A/A* grades achieved at GCE/Applied A level or Double Award	KS5
KS5_GRADEA3	Student achieved 3 or more A grades at GCE/Applied A level or Double Award	KS5
KS5_LEV3THRESH	Student achievement against level 3 threshold	KS5
KS5_PASS2LV3	Student achieved equivalent of 2 A levels	KS5
KS5_QROUTE	Qualification route taken by student	KS5
KS5_QROUTEGS	Qualification route taken by student with General Studies A/AS Level excluded	KS5
KS5_POINTS_GA	Points score contribution made by GCE A Levels	KS5
KS5_POINTS_GAS	Points score contribution made by GCE AS Levels	KS5
KS5_POINTS_GDAS	Points score contribution made by GCE AS Double Award Levels	KS5
KS5_POINTS_VA	Points score contribution made by VCE A Levels	KS5
KS5_POINTS_VGAA	Points score contribution made by VCE/GCE Applied A Levels	KS5
KS5_POINTS_VDA	Points score contribution made by VCE Double Award Levels	KS5
KS5_POINTS_VGADA	Points score contribution made by VCE/GCE Applied Double Award Levels	KS5
KS5_POINTS_VAS	Points score contribution made by VCE AS Levels	KS5
KS5_POINTS_VGAAS	Points score contribution made by VCE/GCE Applied AS Levels	KS5
KS5_POINTS_K3	Points score contribution made by Key Skills at Level 3	KS5
KS5_TOTPTSE	Total GCE A Level and equivalent points score based on new QCA points	KS5
KS5_TOTPTSEGS	Total QCA point score of candidate's entries (excluding General Studies A/AS Level)	KS5

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS5_TPTSRSGS	Total re-scaled point score of candidate's entries	KS5
KS5_TOTKS4	Total prior attainment point scores	KS5
KS5_VOLKS4	Total size of prior attainment	KS5
KS5_GVOLKS4	Volume of KS4 prior attainment - GCSE qualifications only	KS5
KS5_VVOLKS4	Volume of KS4 prior attainment - non-GCSE qualifications	KS5
KS5_AVGKS4	Average prior attainment point score	KS5
KS5_ENGKS4	Average KS4 English point score for CVA	KS5
KS5_EDFKS4	Difference between average KS4 English point score & average prior attainment	KS5
KS5_MATKS4	Average KS4 Maths point score for CVA	KS5
KS5_MDFKS4	difference between average KS4 Maths point score and average prior attainment	KS5
KS5_GRADEAKS4	Number of GCSE A/A* grades achieved	KS5
KS5_INCVA	Student included in post-16 CVA model	KS5
KS5_TGAE	Total QCA size of GCE A level entries	KS5
KS5_TGAEGS	Total QCA size of GCE A level entries (General Studies excluded)	KS5
KS5_TGAS	Total QCA points of GCE A level entries	KS5
KS5_TGASGS	Total QCA points of GCE A level entries (General Studies excluded)	KS5
KS5_TGASE	Total QCA size of GCE AS level entries (including AQA Baccalaureate and Core)	KS5
KS5_TGASEGS	Total QCA size of GCE AS level entries	KS5
KS5_TGASS	Total QCA points of GCE AS level entries (includes AQA Baccalaureate and Core)	KS5
KS5_TGASSGS	Total QCA points of GCE AS level entries	KS5
KS5_TVAE	Total QCA size of VCE/Applied A level entries	KS5
KS5_TVAS	Total QCA points of VCE/Applied A level entries	KS5

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS5_TVASE	Total QCA size of GCE Applied AS level entries (includes extended projects)	KS5
KS5_TVASS	Total QCA points of GCE Applied AS level entries (includes extended projects)	KS5
KS5_TVDAE	Total QCA size of VCE/Applied Double Award entries	KS5
KS5_TVDAS	Total QCA points of VCE/Applied Double Award entries	KS5
KS5_TIBE	Total QCA size of IB entries	KS5
KS5_TIBS	Total QCA points of IB entries	KS5
KS5_TBTECE	Total QCA size of Level 3 BTEC entries	KS5
KS5_TBTECS	Total QCA points of Level 3 BTEC entries	KS5
KS5_TOCRE	Total QCA size of Level 3 OCR entries	KS5
KS5_TOCRS	Total QCA points of Level 3 OCR entries	KS5
KS5_TKSL3E	Total QCA size of Key Skills at Level 3 entries	KS5
KS5_TKSL3S	Total QCA points of Key Skills at Level 3 entries	KS5
KS5_TNVQE	Total QCA size of Level 3 NVQ entries	KS5
KS5_TNVQS	Total QCA points of Level 3 NVQ entries	KS5
KS5_TVRQE	Total QCA size of Level 3 VRQ entries	KS5
KS5_TVRQS	Total QCA points of Level 3 VRQ entries	KS5
KS5_TFSME	Total QCA size of Free Standing Maths entries	KS5
KS5_TFSMS	Total QCA points of Free Standing Maths entries	KS5
KS5_TAEAE	Total QCA size of Advanced Extension Award entries	KS5
KS5_TAEAS	Total QCA points of Advanced Extension Award entries	KS5
KS5_TALEVE	Total QCA size of A Level Route entries	KS5
KS5_TALEVS	Total QCA points of A Level Route entries	KS5
KS5_TALEVGSE	Total QCA size of A Level Route entries, when General Studies are excluded	KS5

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS5_TALEVGSS	Total QCA points of A Level Route entries, when General Studies are excluded	KS5
KS5_TAVCEE	Total QCA size of AVCE Route entries	KS5
KS5_TAVCES	Total QCA points of AVCE Route entries	KS5
KS5_TBTOCE	Total QCA size of BTEC/OCR Route entries	KS5
KS5_TBTOCS	Total QCA points of BTEC/OCR Route entries	KS5
KS5_TNVRE	Total QCA size of NVQ/VQR Route entries	KS5
KS5_TNVRS	Total QCA points of NVQ/VQR Route entries	KS5
KS5_MAXPTGS	Maximum possible QCA points score for the candidate	KS5
KS5_MAXRSGS	Maximum possible re-scaled points score for the candidate	KS5
KS5_P45RS	The re-scaled predicted total points score for each student	KS5
KS5_P45RSCAP	The re-scaled predicted total points score for each student (after capping)	KS5
KS5_P45RSCOR	Re-scaled predicted total points score for each student	KS5
KS5_PRED45RS	Final re-scaled predicted total points score for each student	KS5
KS5_PRED45	Final predicted total points score for each student (QCA points scale)	KS5
KS5_CVA45U	The unshrunk contextual value added score for each student	KS5
KS5_GRADEA_GA	Number of GCE A Level qualifications at grade A or A*	KS5
KS5_GRADEA_VA	Number of VCE A Level qualifications at grade A	KS5
KS5_GRADEA_VGAA	Number of VCE/GCE Applied A Level qualifications at grade A or A*	KS5
KS5_GRADEAA_VDA	Number of VCE Double Award Level qualifications at grade AA	KS5
KS5_GRADEAA_VGADA	Number of GCE Applied Double Award Level qualifications at grade AA, A*A, A*A*	KS5
KS5_GRADEAB_VDA	Number of VCE Double Award Level qualifications at grade AB	KS5
KS5_GRADEAB_VGADA	Number of VCE/GCE Applied Double Award Level qualifications at grade AB	KS5

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS5_GRADEA_TOT	Total Applied A Levels (A or A*) and Applied Double Award (AA, A*A or A*A*)	KS5
KS5_PASSES_GA	Number of passes at GCE A Level	KS5
KS5_PASSES_VA	Number of passes at VCE A Level	KS5
KS5_PASSES_VGAA	Number of passes at VCE A Level	KS5
KS5_PASSES_GAS	Number of passes at GCE AS Level	KS5
KS5_PASSES_GDAS	Number of passes at GCE AS Double Award Level	KS5
KS5_PASSES_VAS	Number of passes at VCE AS Level	KS5
KS5_PASSES_VGAAS	Number of passes at VCE/GCE Applied AS Level	KS5
KS5_PASSES_VDA	Number of passes at VCE Double Award Level	KS5
KS5_PASSES_VGADA	Number of passes at VCE/GCE Applied Double Award Level	KS5
KS5_PASSES_TOT	Total number of GCE/VCE A/AS Single and Double Award passes (A Level equivalent)	KS5
KS5_GA_BIOLOGY	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Biology	KS5
KS5_GA_BIOLOGY_HUMAN	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Biology: Human	KS5
KS5_GA_CHEMISTRY	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Chemistry	KS5
KS5_GA_PHYSICS	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Physics	KS5
KS5_GA_SCIENCE	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Science: Single award	KS5
KS5_GA_ELECTRONICS	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Science: Electronics	KS5
KS5_GA_ENV_SCI	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Science: Environmental	KS5
KS5_GA_GEOLOGY	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Science: Geology	KS5
KS5_GA_PSYCH_SCI	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Psychology JMB/NEA	KS5
KS5_GA_SCI_PUBLIC	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Science for Public Understanding	KS5
KS5_GA_MATH	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Mathematics	KS5
KS5_GA_MATH_MECH	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Mathematics (Mechanics)	KS5

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS5_GA_MATH_PURE	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Mathematics (Pure)	KS5
KS5_GA_MATH_DISC	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Mathematics (Discrete)	KS5
KS5_GA_MATH_APPL	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Mathematics (Applied)	KS5
KS5_GA_MATH_STAT	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Mathematics (Statistics)	KS5
KS5_GA_MATH_FURT	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Mathematics (Further)	KS5
KS5_GA_MATH_ADDI	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Additional Mathematics	KS5
KS5_GA_COMP_STU	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Computer Studies/Computing	KS5
KS5_GA_IT	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Information Technology	KS5
KS5_GA_BUS	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Business Studies	KS5
KS5_GA_BUS_ECON	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Business Studies and Economics	KS5
KS5_GA_HOME_EC	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Home Economics	KS5
KS5_GA_AD	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Art and Design	KS5
KS5_GA_AD_GRAPH	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Art and Design (Graphics)	KS5
KS5_GA_AD_PHOTO	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Art and Design (Photography)	KS5
KS5_GA_AD_TEXTI	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Art and Design (Textiles)	KS5
KS5_GA_AD_THREE	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Art and Design (3-D Studies)	KS5
KS5_GA_AD_CRITI	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Art and Design (Critical Studies)	KS5
KS5_GA_FINE_ART	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Fine Art	KS5
KS5_GA_HIST_ART	Grade achieved at GCE A Level History of Art	KS5
KS5_GA_GEOG	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Geography	KS5
KS5_GA_WORLD_DEV	Grade achieved at GCE A Level World Development	KS5
KS5_GA_HIST	Grade achieved at GCE A Level History	KS5
KS5_GA_EUROPE	Grade achieved at GCE A Level European Studies	KS5

Variable Name	Description	Source
KS5_GA_ECON	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Economics	KS5
KS5_GA_RE	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Religious Studies	KS5
KS5_GA_ARCHAE	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Archaeology	KS5
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KS5_GA_PSYCH_SOC	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Psychology	KS5
KS5_GA_SOC	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Sociology	KS5
KS5_GA_SCO_POL	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Social Policy	KS5
KS5_GA_SCO_SCI_CIT	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Social Science Citizenship	KS5
KS5_GA_ENG	Grade achieved at GCE A Level English	KS5
KS5_GA_ENG_LANG	Grade achieved at GCE A Level English Language	KS5
KS5_GA_ENG_LIT	Grade achieved at GCE A Level English Literature	KS5
KS5_GA_DRAMA	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Drama & Theatre Studies	KS5
KS5_GA_COMMUNICATION	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Communication Studies	KS5
KS5_GA_PERFORMING	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Performing Studies	KS5
KS5_GA_MEDIA_FILM_TV	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Media/Film/Television Studies	KS5
KS5_GA_FILM	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Film Studies	KS5
KS5_GA_WELSH_SECOND	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Welsh Second Language	KS5
KS5_GA_DUTCH	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Dutch	KS5
KS5_GA_FRENCH	Grade achieved at GCE A Level French	KS5
KS5_GA_GERMAN	Grade achieved at GCE A Level German	KS5
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KS5_GA_OTH_CLASS	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Other Classical Languages	KS5
KS5_GA_MUSIC	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Music	KS5
KS5_GA_MUSIC_TECH	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Music Technology	KS5
KS5_GA_PE	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Sport/Physical Education Studies	KS5

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KS5_GA_GEN_STUD	Grade achieved at GCE A Level General Studies	KS5
KS5_GA_CRIT_THINK	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Critical Thinking	KS5
KS5_GA_DT_FOOD	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Design/Tech & Food Technology	KS5
KS5_GA_DT_SYSTEMS	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Design/Tech & Systems	KS5
KS5_GA_DT_PRODUCTION	Grade achieved at GCE A Level Design/Tech & Production Design	KS5
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KS5_GAS_PSYCH_SCI	Grade achieved at GCE AS Level Psychology JMB/NEA	KS5
KS5_GAS_SCI_PUBLIC	Grade achieved at GCE AS Level Science for Public Understanding	KS5
KS5_GAS_MATH	Grade achieved at GCE AS Level Mathematics	KS5
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KS5_GAS_BUS	Grade achieved at GCE AS Level Business Studies	KS5
KS5_GAS_BUS_ECON	Grade achieved at GCE AS Level Business Studies and Economics	KS5
KS5_GAS_HOME_EC	Grade achieved at GCE AS Level Home Economics	KS5
KS5_GAS_AD	Grade achieved at GCE AS Level Art and Design	KS5
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KS5_GAS_MOD_GREEK	Grade achieved at GCE AS Level Modern Greek	KS5
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KS5_GAS_SPANISH	Grade achieved at GCE AS Level Spanish	KS5

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Variable Name	Description	Source
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KS5_GAS_DT_SYSTEMS	Grade achieved at GCE AS Level Design/Tech & Systems	KS5
KS5_GAS_DT_PRODUCTION	Grade achieved at GCE AS Level Design/Tech & Production Design	KS5
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KS5_GDAS_BUS	Grade achieved at GCE AS Double Award Level Applied Business	KS5
KS5_GDAS_HEAL_SOC	Grade achieved at GCE AS Double Award Level Health and Social Care	KS5
KS5_GDAS_SCIENCE	Grade achieved at GCE AS Double Award Level Applied Science	KS5
KS5_GDAS_ICT	Grade achieved at GCE AS Double Award Level Applied ICT	KS5
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KS5_VA_HEAL_SOC	Grade achieved at VCE A Level Health and Social Care	KS5
KS5_VA_MANUFACTURING	Grade achieved at VCE A Level Manufacturing	KS5
KS5_VA_CONSTRUCTION	Grade achieved at VCE A Level Construction	KS5
KS5_VA_HOSPITALITY	Grade achieved at VCE A Level Hospitality and Catering	KS5
KS5_VA_SCIENCE	Grade achieved at VCE A Level Science	KS5
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KS5_VA_ICT	Grade achieved at VCE A Level ICT	KS5
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KS5_VA_RETAIL	Grade achieved at VCE A Level Retail and Distribution	KS5

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KS5_VA_TRAV_TOUR	Grade achieved at VCE A Level Travel and Tourism	KS5
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KS5_VDA_PERFORMING	Grade achieved at VCE Double Award Level Performing Arts	KS5
KS5_VDA_LEIS_RECR	Grade achieved at VCE Double Award Level Leisure and Recreation	KS5
KS5_VDA_TRAV_TOUR	Grade achieved at VCE Double Award Level Travel and Tourism	KS5
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KS5_VGAA_MEDIA	Grade achieved at GCE Applied A Level Media: Communication and Production	KS5
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KS5_VGAAS_BUS	Grade achieved at GCE Applied AS Level Applied Business	KS5
KS5_VGAAS_HEAL_SOC	Grade achieved at GCE Applied AS Level Health and Social Care	KS5
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KS5_VGAAS_ICT	Grade achieved at GCE Applied AS Level Applied ICT	KS5
KS5_VGADA_AD	Grade achieved at GCE Applied Double Award Level Applied Art and Design	KS5
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Variable Name	Description	Source
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KS5_VGADA_MEDIA	Grade achieved at GCE Applied Double Award Media: Communication & Production	KS5
KS5_VGADA_PERFORMING	Grade achieved at GCE Applied Double Award Level Performing Arts	KS5
KS5_VGADA_LEIS_RECR	Grade achieved at GCE Applied Double Award Level Leisure and Recreation	KS5
KS5_VGADA_TRAV_TOUR	Grade achieved at GCE Applied Double Award Level Travel and Tourism	KS5
KS5_VERSION	Data version	KS5
RECORDSTATUS	Where duplicate, defines how the main record was identified	CENSUS
CENSUSDATE	Census reference date	CENSUS
CENSUSTERM	Term to which the Census applies	CENSUS
ONROLL	Indicates whether record is for a pupil who is on roll or no longer on roll	CENSUS
SOURCETABLE	Source of data	CENSUS
FSMELIGIBLE	Pupil recorded as eligible for Free School Meals on Census day	CENSUS
CONNEXIONS	Do parents' consent to pupil data being shared with Connexions?	CENSUS
INCARE	Indicates if the child is 'looked after' on the census day	CENSUS
MODEOFTRAVEL	Usual mode of travel for the greater part of the journey to school	CENSUS
ENROLSTATUS	Indicates enrolment status of a pupil	CENSUS
NCYEARACTUAL	Year group in which the pupil is taught for the majority of their time	CENSUS
CLA_31_MARCH	Is child looked after at 31 March in the current processing year?	CLA

5. Standard Disclosure Control

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Appendix A: Data sources

NPD Data Tables

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