

## CURRICULUM 2000 ADVANCED SUBSIDIARY EXAMINATIONS

As of 2001, Curriculum 2000 came into effect in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, with the first students taking Advanced Subsidiary (AS) examinations and then A2 examinations to complete a full A level in 2002. The figures below represent the total number of entries for AS examinations.

This data should be treated with caution as not all students will have claimed their award either because they may wish to retake or so they do not have to list the result on their UCAS application form.

### Number of AS entries

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>39058</b>	<b>45605</b>	<b>46586</b>	<b>48166</b>	<b>49951</b>	<b>50855</b>	<b>52835</b>	<b>54157</b>
Physics	33254	38996	36921	36700	35828	36258	37323	38129
Biology	57261	67295	67845	70035	71346	72246	73572	72239
Maths	57677	67268	67212	66078	68178	70805	77387	84613
English	77856	93504	96428	99690	100515	99591	104222	106184
French	19618	22377	21663	20514	20913	20321	20747	19167
Business Studies	36655	42968	43891	40823	40696	40378	40681	42452
Total Entries in all Subjects	794117	995404	1030919	1039379	1079566	1086634	1114424	1128150

The above figures have been translated into the table on the following page showing the AS entries as a percentage of the total entries.

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Physics	4.2	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4
Biology	7.2	6.8	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.4
Maths	7.3	6.8	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.5	6.9	7.5
English	9.8	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.3	9.2	9.4	9.4
French	2.5	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.7
Business Studies	4.6	4.3	4.3	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.8

These figures should not be directly compared with those previously given for A level since some of the students will not take AS levels as a separate exam. In addition the norm is now 4 AS levels compared to a 3 A level package in the first year of post-16 study pre Curriculum 2000.