

Provisional November GCSE Entries for Wales 2022



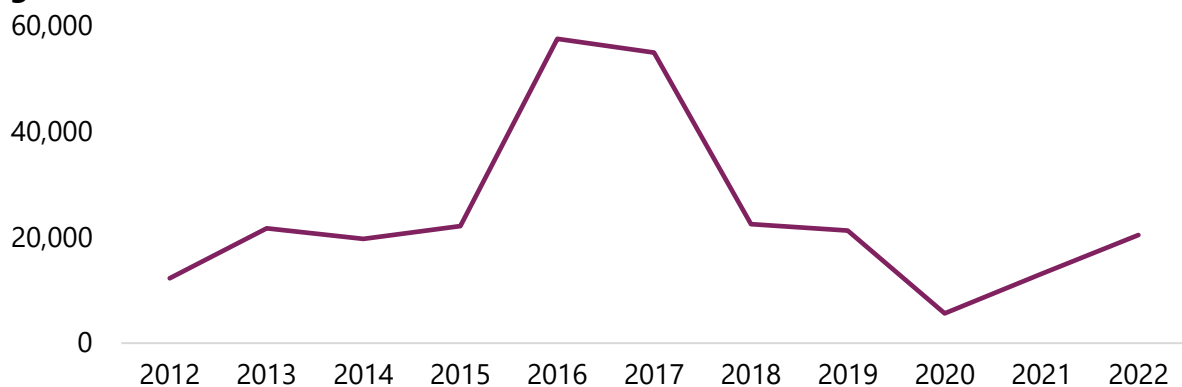
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About this release

This statistical release provides information on the number of entries for GCSEs submitted to awarding bodies ahead of the November 2022 series. GCSE entries this November series were for Mathematics, Mathematics – Numeracy, English Language and Welsh Language. This release is based on data collected from awarding bodies, accurate to 26 October 2022.

Highlights

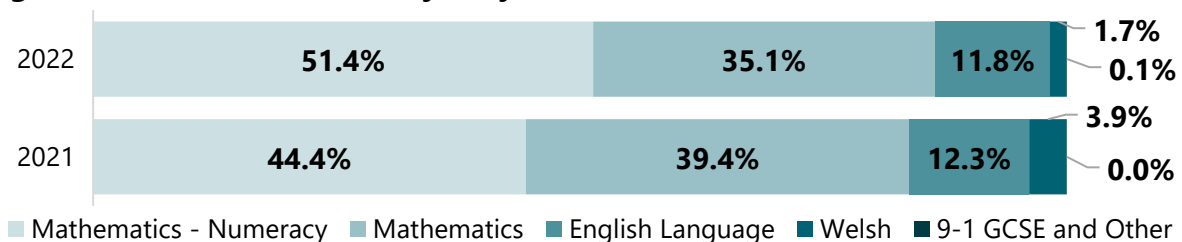
Figure 1: GCSE November entries over time



Source: Awarding bodies – Entries by Year Group data collection, 2017 onwards Qualifications Wales; pre-2017 Ofqual

There were 20,410 entries in November 2022, up 55.7% from 13,105 in November 2021. Total entries for November 2022 were slightly below 2018 and 2019 entries but were notably higher than both 2020 and 2021.

Figure 2: November entries by subject



Source: Awarding bodies – Entries by Year Group data collection

Mathematics - Numeracy remains the largest November entry subject, making up 51.4% of total entries in 2022, compared to 44.4% in 2021.

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Total Entries

There are a number of factors that can influence why November entries for each year group might change over time, such as changes to population size, entry behaviour and school performance measures. More information about these factors can be found in the background notes published alongside this release.

Although summer exams were cancelled in 2020 and 2021, the November exam series still went ahead in both years. However, it is likely that entries in November 2020 and 2021 were impacted by the cancellation of summer exams.

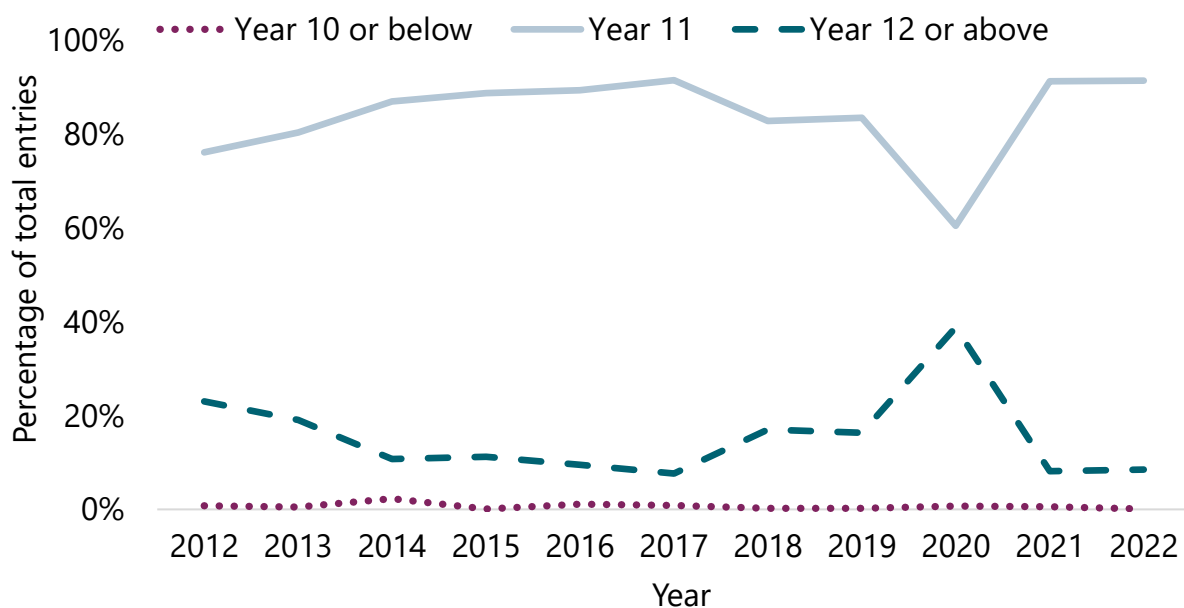
Table 1: November 2022 GCSE entries by year group and subject

GCSE Subject	Year 9 or below	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13 or above	Total
Mathematics	*	15	6,300	620	235	7,170
Mathematics - Numeracy	0	5	10,290	155	30	10,480
English Language	*	*	1,730	495	175	2,405
Welsh Language	0	0	340	*	*	345
9-1 GCSE and Other	0	0	0	10	*	15
Total	*	20	18,655	1,290	445	20,410

Source: Awarding bodies - Entries by Year Group collection, Qualifications Wales

There were 20,410 GCSE entries for the November 2022 series, almost all of which were for GCSEs designed for Wales. Mathematics – Numeracy had the highest number of entries, followed by Mathematics. Qualifications in the ‘9-1 GCSE and Other’ category include resits of England 9-1 GCSEs in English Language and Mathematics. These qualifications can be taken in independent schools.

Figure 3: GCSE November entries by year group



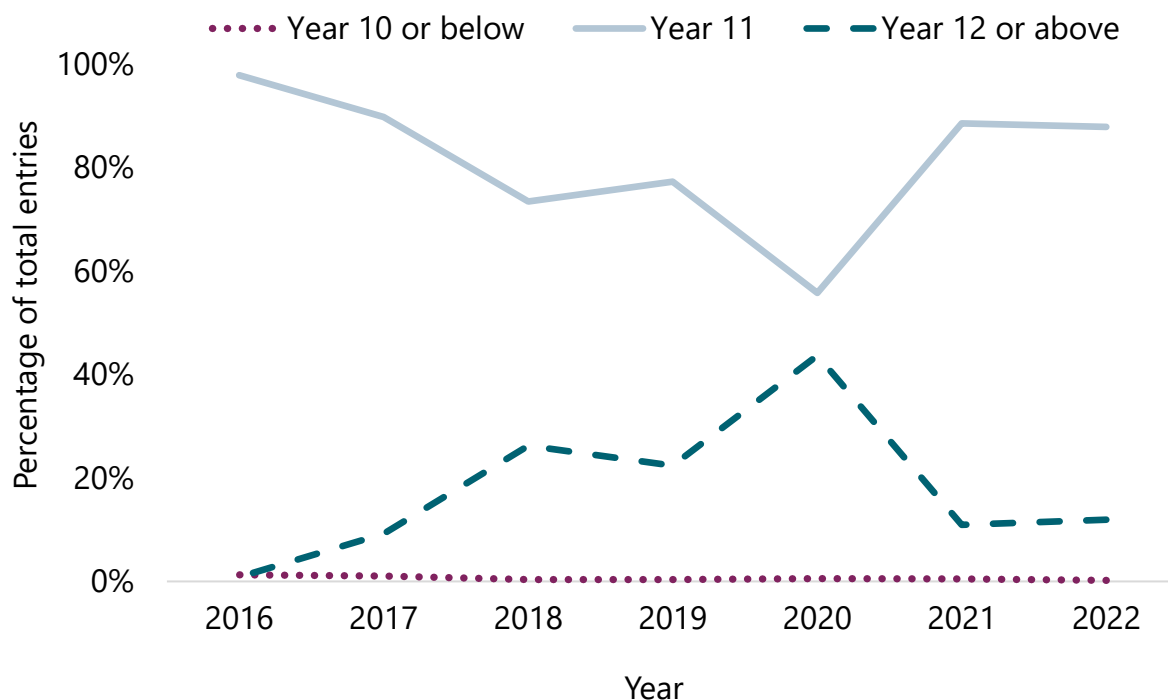
Source: Awarding bodies – Entries by Year Group data collection, 2017 onwards Qualifications Wales; pre-2017 Ofqual

In November 2022, 91.4% of GCSE entries were for Year 11 learners, a similar proportion as in 2021. Learners in Year 12 or above, who are likely to be resitting their exams, made up 8.5% of total entries, while entries for learners in Year 10 or below remained low (0.1%).

Reformed GCSE subject entries by year group

GCSE Mathematics

Figure 4: GCSE Mathematics November entries by year group



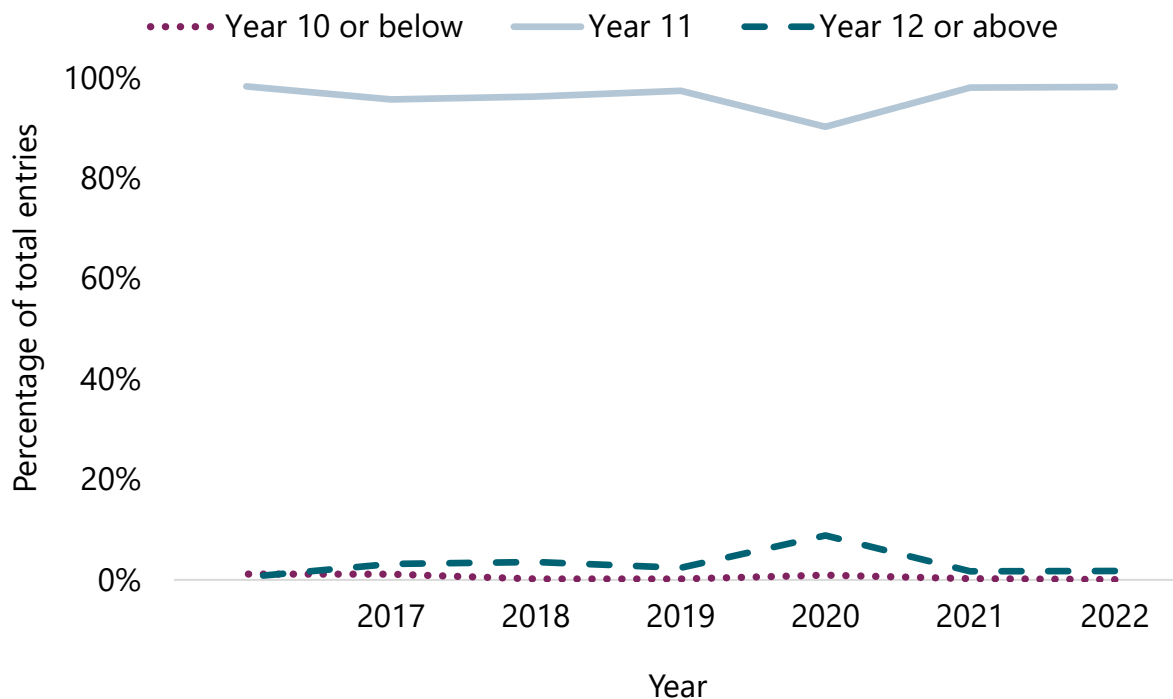
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There were 7,170 entries for GCSE Mathematics in November 2022, an increase of 39.0% compared to November 2021. This is the highest Mathematics entry in the November series since 2017.

Year 11 learners accounted for 87.9% of November 2022 entries for Mathematics. Learners returning in Year 12 or above made up 11.9% of the remaining entries. Entries from Year 10 or below remained very low.

GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy

Figure 5: GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy November entries by year group



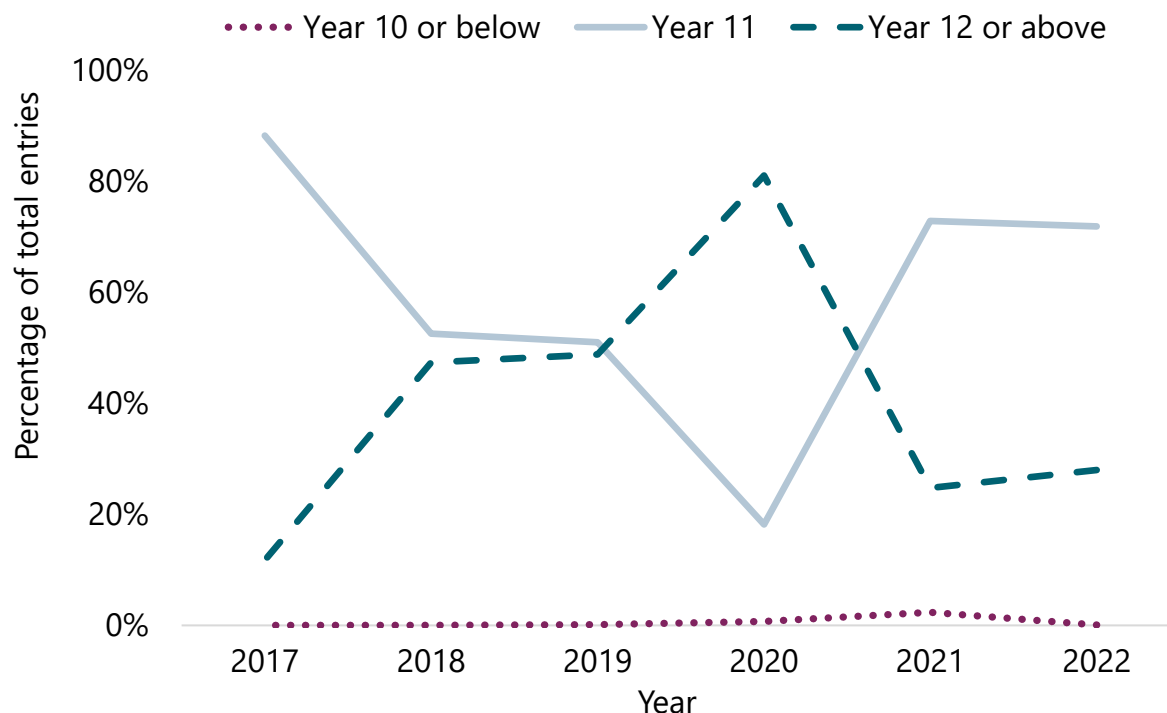
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There were 10,480 entries for GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy, an increase of 79.9% compared to November 2021. This is a similar number entries to those seen in November 2019.

In November 2022, 98.2% of Mathematics – Numeracy entries were for Year 11 learners. Entries for learners in Year 12 or above make up a lower proportion of total entries for Mathematics – Numeracy than for Mathematics. In November 2022, 1.8% of entries were for learners in Year 12 or above, and 0.1% for learners in Year 10 or below.

GCSE English Language

Figure 6: GCSE English Language November entries by year group



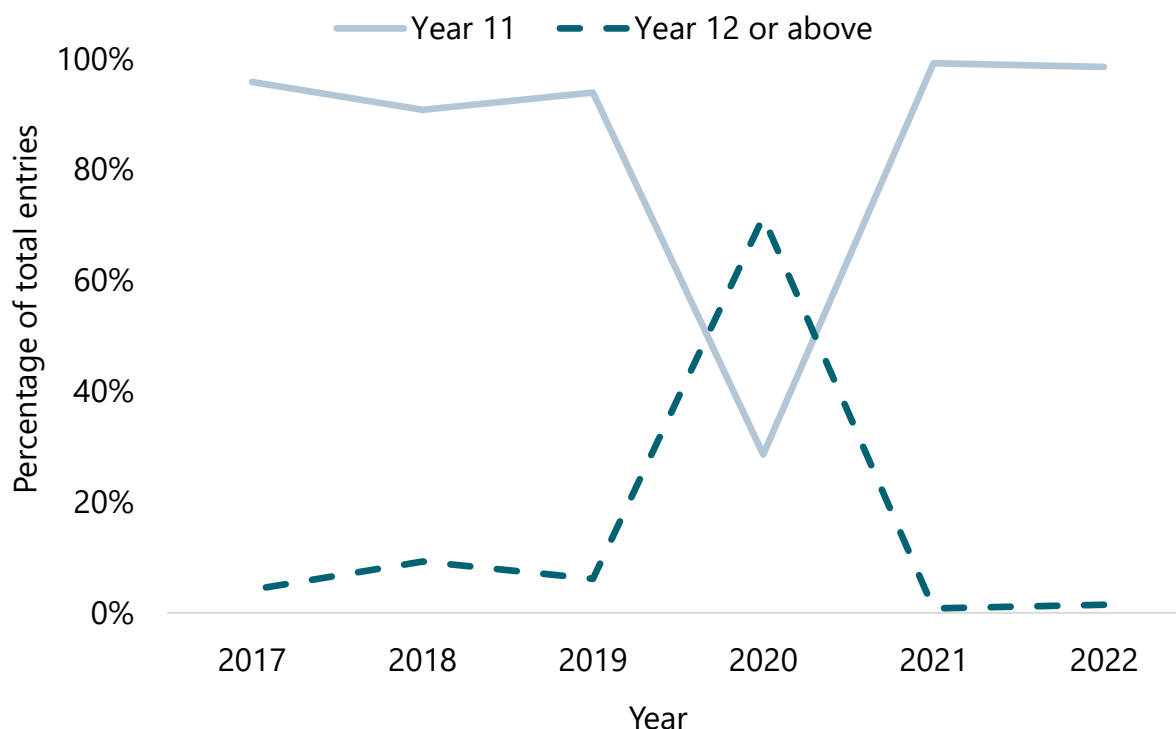
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There were 2,405 GCSE English Language entries in November 2022, an increase of 48.8% compared to November 2021.

The proportion of entries from each year group has varied over the last six years. In November 2022, 71.9% of entries for English were for Year 11 learners, compared with 72.9% in 2021, 18.2% in 2020 and 51.0% in 2019. Entries for learners in Year 12 or above made up 28.0% of English Language entries, up from 24.8% in November 2021. Entries for learners in Year 10 or below made up 0.1% of English Language entries in November 2022. This is down from 2.4% in 2021 but is a similar proportion to previous years.

GCSE Welsh Language

Figure 7: GCSE Welsh Language November entries by year group



Source: Awarding bodies – Entries by Year Group data collection Qualifications Wales

There were 345 November entries for GCSE Welsh Language in November 2022, a decrease of 31.9% compared to November 2021. Welsh Language is the only subject for which entries decreased in 2022 compared to 2021, although entries in November 2022 were higher than in 2018, 2019 and 2020.

In November 2022, 98.5% of Welsh Language entries were for Year 11 learners. The remaining entries were for learners in Year 12 or above. There continued to be no entries for learners in Year 10 or below.

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