

A brief summary of the analysis of English GCSE results at Wellington Academy

English GCSE

- Predicted 60, achieved 44, from 59 in 2012
- Performance on English Language and Literature GCSEs good, with 25A*/A. Students making 4 levels of progress on English Lang paper 48%, English Lit 37%, both figures above national
- Underperformance is on the foundation GCSE paper, with 42 grade Ds from 89 entries
- Analysis of results shows grade boundary changed at C/D on foundation paper by 11 marks. 13 students affected. Controlled assessment grades changed by up to 3 marks - 1 student affected with a D from a C. 14 students in all = 76 grade Cs = 53%
- With English and maths on 53 the 5AC would have been similar to last year, so the predictions submitted were not especially inaccurate, based on last year's grade boundaries
- The national picture shows many other schools similarly affected. The situation is not helped by schools double entering for GCSE and iGCSE, as iGCSE pass rates are high this year – hence there has to be an adjustment somewhere else to keep the national % at a similar level to last year. The Academy will always be vulnerable to this sort of shift – with large numbers of students around the C/D borderline, given our intake profile
- The same teachers achieved very different results on the two different papers – foundation and English Language, with students of similar ability, whereas you would expect them to be the same if the same standards apply. So students with prior attainment 4B get a C on one and a D on the other
- Head of department left at Easter (maternity, not returning)