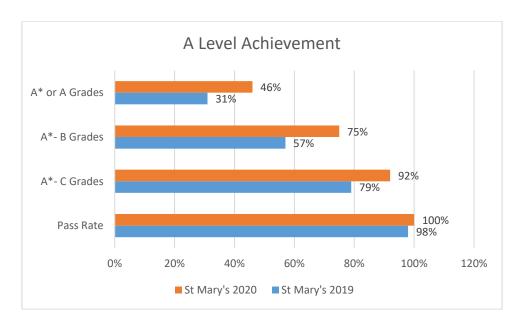


Achievement in 2020

In 2020, students did not take external examinations. Instead, students were awarded Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs). These grades were based on all student work produced from the start of courses in September 2018 until March 2020, when all courses ended following the national lockdown. Final grades were a best estimate of student performance if exams had taken place. There are no local authority or national figures from 2020, so no comparisons are able to be made.

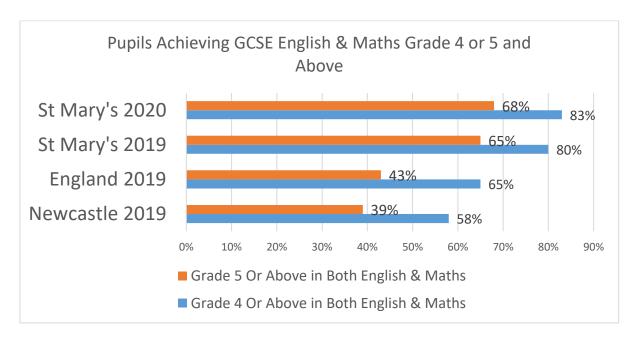
A level and Level 3 vocational subjects

In 2020, there was a 100% pass rate in A Level courses in the Sixth Form, with 92% of students gaining A*-C grades and over 75% achieving A*-B. Impressively, over 46% of grades awarded in 2020 were A*-A. In vocational subjects, 95% of students achieved a Merit or above, with 90% gaining a Distinction or above. The table below compares our scores in 2019 with 2020.



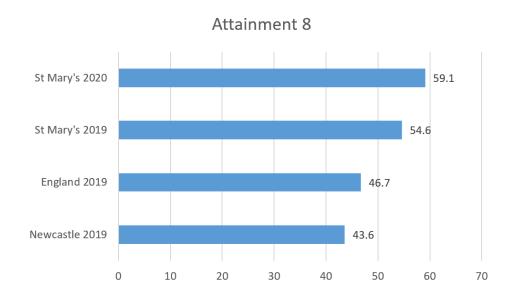
GCSE and Level 2 vocational subjects

In 2020, 83% of students gained Grade 4 or above in English and Maths combined, with 68% of these grades at 5+. This was a slight increase on the figures from the previous year. 35% of grades in English Language and 33% of grades in Maths were Grade 7 or above.





In 2020, the average grade for students across eight subjects, which is known as Achievement 8, was 5.9. This was an increase of 0.5, or half a grade, from the previous year. That means that the average GCSE grade achieved by St Mary's students was just below 6. 70% or more students achieved Grade 5 or above in 15 of 17 GCSE subjects, with 80% or more scoring Grade 5 or above in 5 subjects, including English Literature and the three separate sciences. Impressively, 40% or more students achieved Grade 7 or above in 11 subjects, including Art, Geography, History, Drama and RE. In Health and Social Care and vocational Business, 90% of grades were Level 2 Pass or above, with 47% of grades at Distinction or above.



Student achievement across GCSE subjects was excellent. The percentage of students achieving Grade 5 or above in EBacc subjects (English, Maths, Science, Humanities and Modern Foreign Languages) increased from 38% in 2019 to 45% in 2020.

