



SCHOOL RESULTS ANALYSIS
at Key Stage 4 (GCSEs etc)

for

Birkenhead School
Prenton

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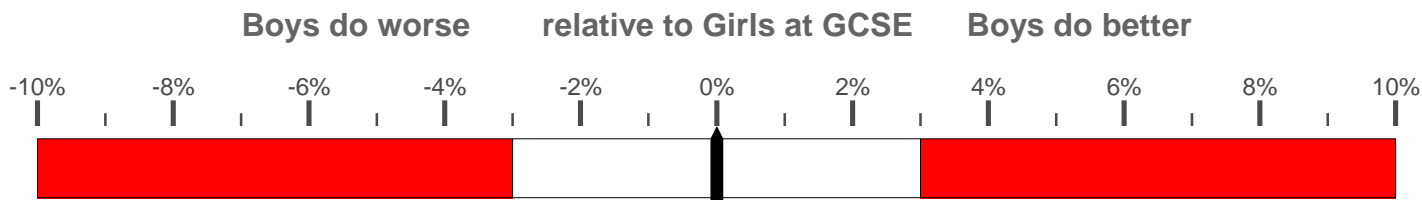
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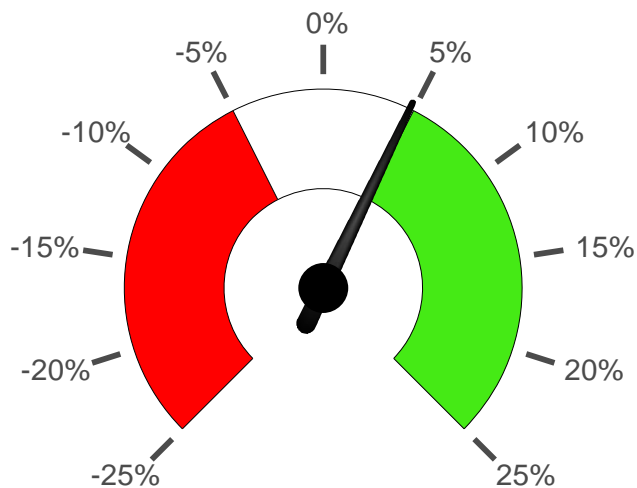
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Mainstream or Special	:Mainstream
Admissions policy	:Selective
Boarding or Day	:Day Only
Religion	:Not Applicable
School type	:Other Independent School
Genders in school	:Mixed
Genders in sixth form	:Mixed
Review in Good Schools Guide Online	:Yes
Senior School in Printed GSG*	:Yes
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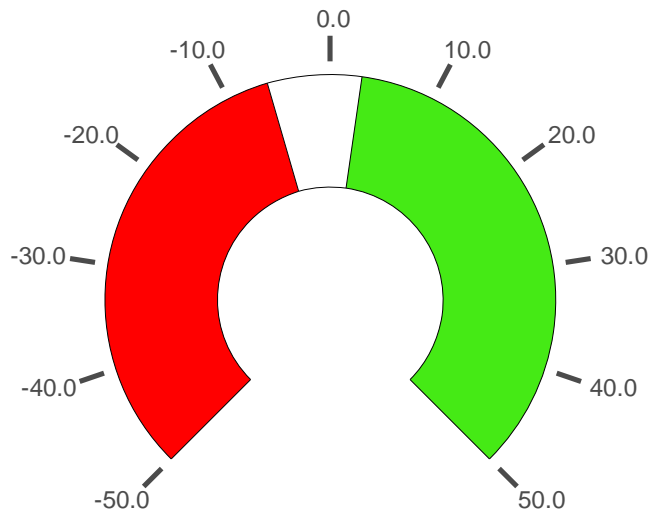
A score of, say, -4% indicates that boys score on average 4% fewer points than girls.

Is the school expanding or shrinking?



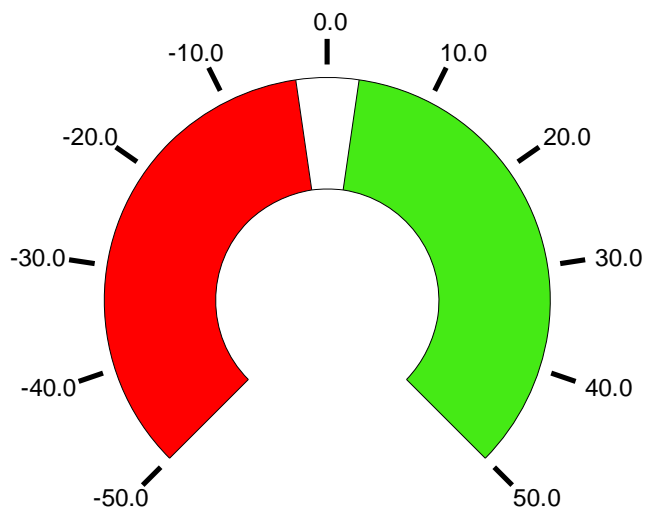
Change in the number of pupils on the school roll over the last 5 years.

Do bright children do well here?



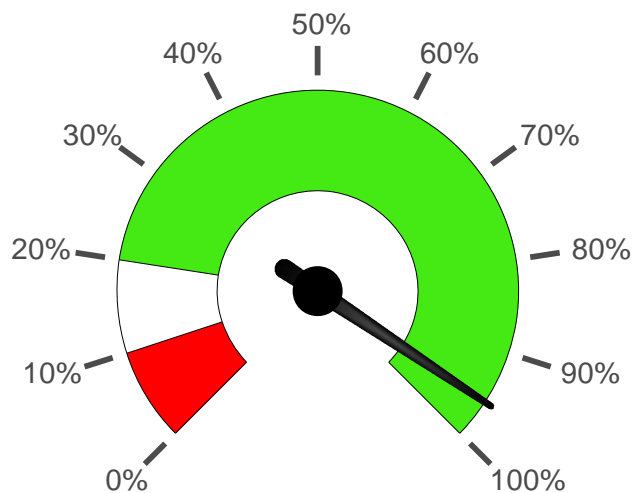
The average value added between KS2 and GCSE for children in the top quartile nationally at KS2.

Do children with SEN do well here?



The average value added between KS2 and GCSE for children who are registered as having a Special Educational Need.

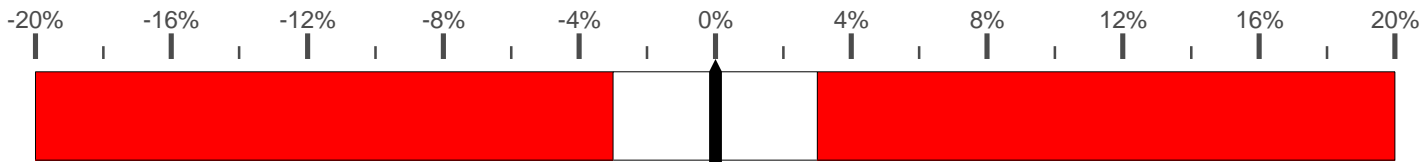
What percentage of pupils take a modern language GCSE?



Boys do better

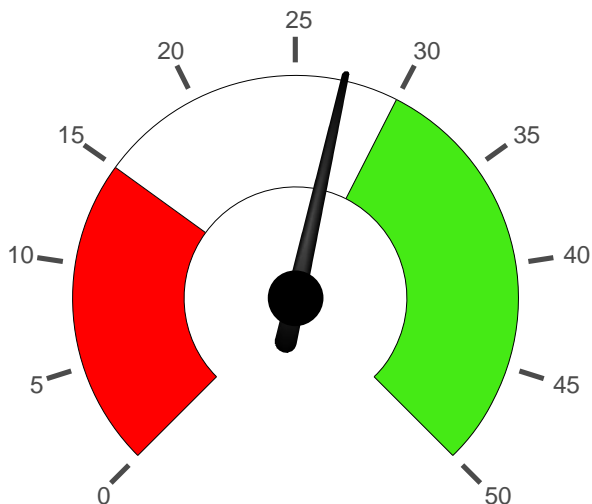
Value Added relative to Girls

Boys do worse



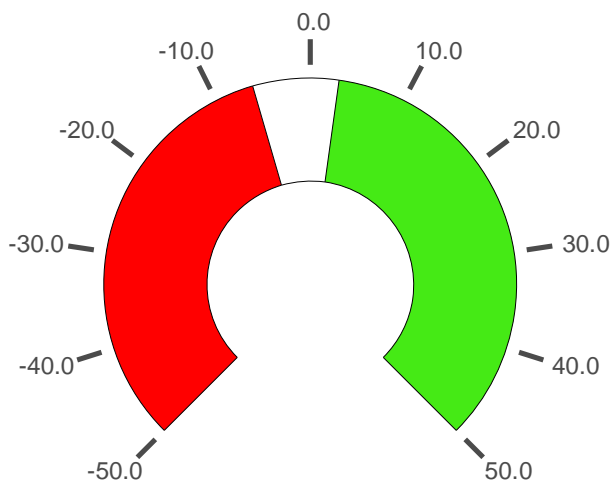
Compares the Key Stage 2 to GCSE value added performance of the boys with that of the girls.

Are there a good number of bright children here?



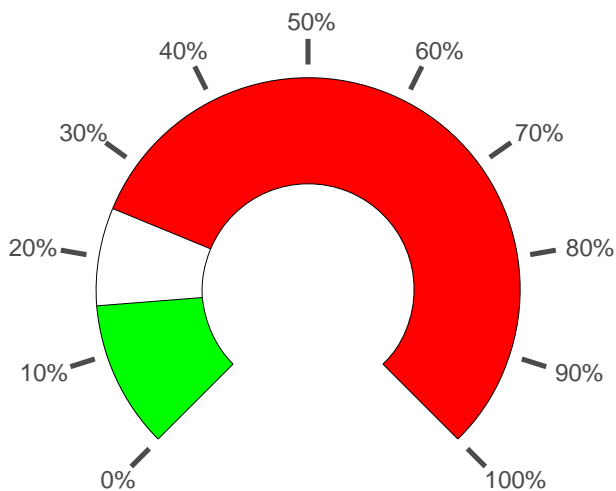
The average number of children in the top quartile nationally at GCSE.

Average Overall Value Added



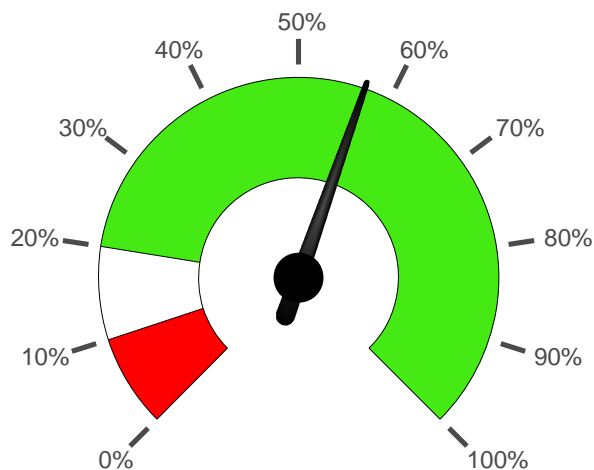
The average value added between Key Stage 2 and GCSE for all children.

What percentage of pupils do really badly?



The proportion of children in the lowest value added quartile between Key Stage 2 and GCSE. National average 25%.

What percentage of children do really well?



This chart shows the percentage of children gaining 5 A* or A grades, or equivalent. 13% is the national average, 27% the average for independent schools.

Five Good Subjects

A quick look at which subjects have notably good results.

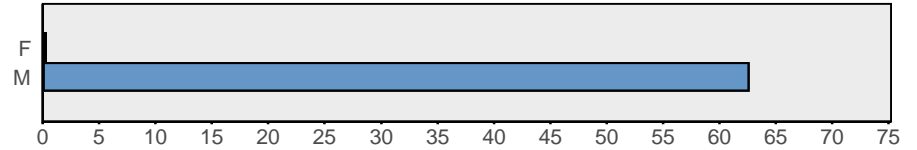
Gender	Qualification	Subject	WOW Factor
Boys	GCSE	Art & Design (Fine Art)	61
		Biology	67
		Chemistry	75
		D&T Systems And Control	67
		Physics	69

Rankings

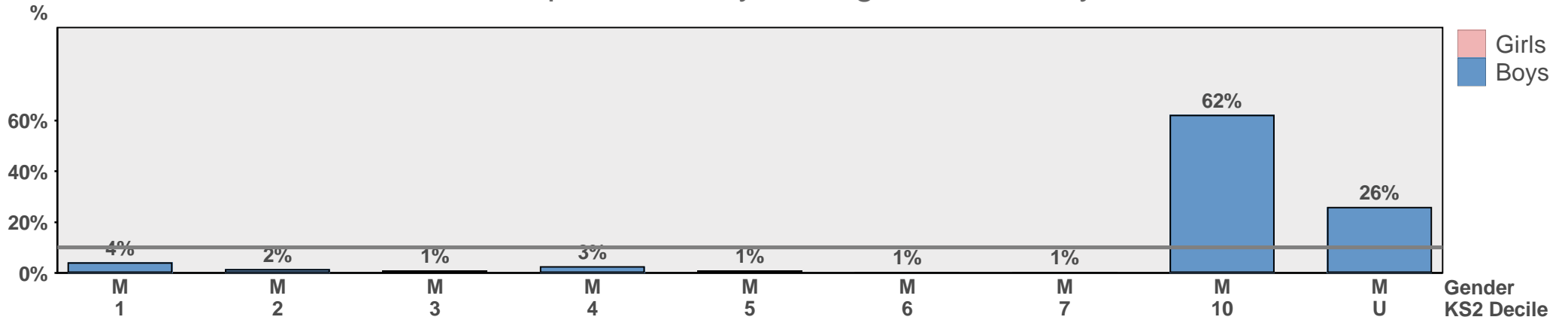
We have ranked schools by a range of characteristics. The 'out of' numbers vary, as some schools have no relevant data.

By % achieving 5 A* or A Grades at GCSE:	298 out of 5511
By % achieving 5 A to C grades at GCSE including Maths and English:	
By % of GCSEs at grades A* to B:	385 out of 5321
By % of pupils taking a modern language at GCSE:	
By % of pupils absent on the average day (low scores rank highest):	N/A
By value added score for pupils with SEN:	N/A
By value added score for pupils in the top quartile at Key Stage 2:	N/A
By % of pupils in the bottom value added quartile (low scores rank highest):	N/A
By overall value added score:	N/A

Spread of Attainment

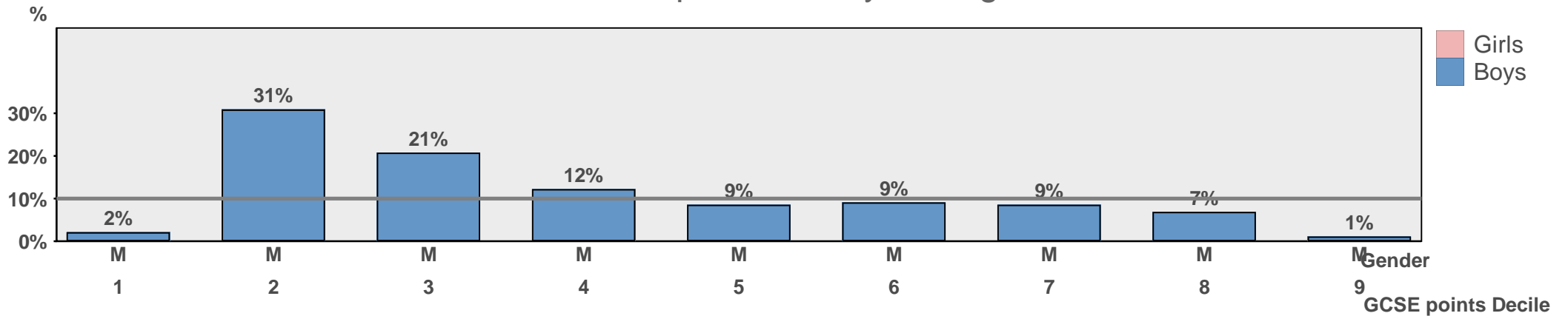


What's the academic profile of boys and girls when they arrive at school?



The proportion of pupils at Key Stage 2 from each of the 10 national attainment deciles - so the national average would be a chart with all bars at 10%. Decile 'U' contains those pupils for whom there is no data.

What's the academic profile of boys and girls at GCSE?



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SEN Attainment

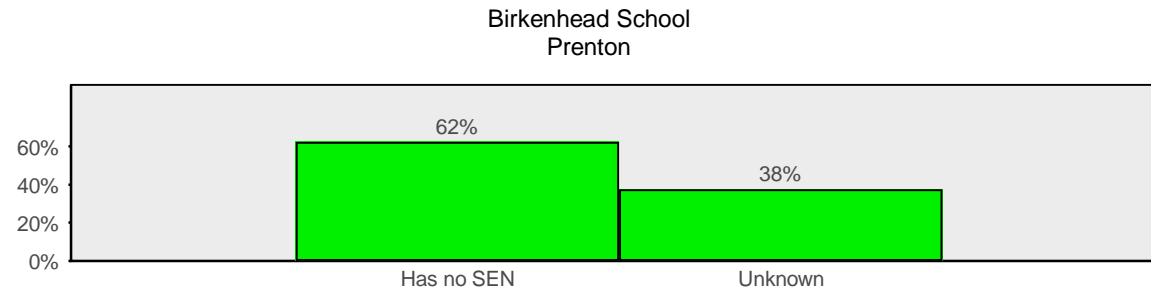


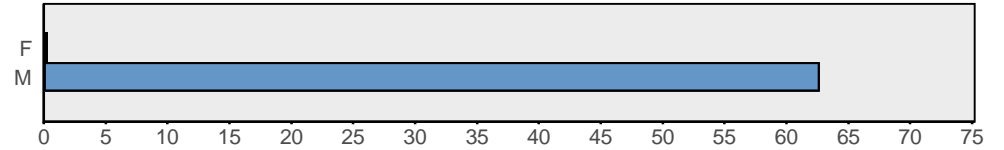
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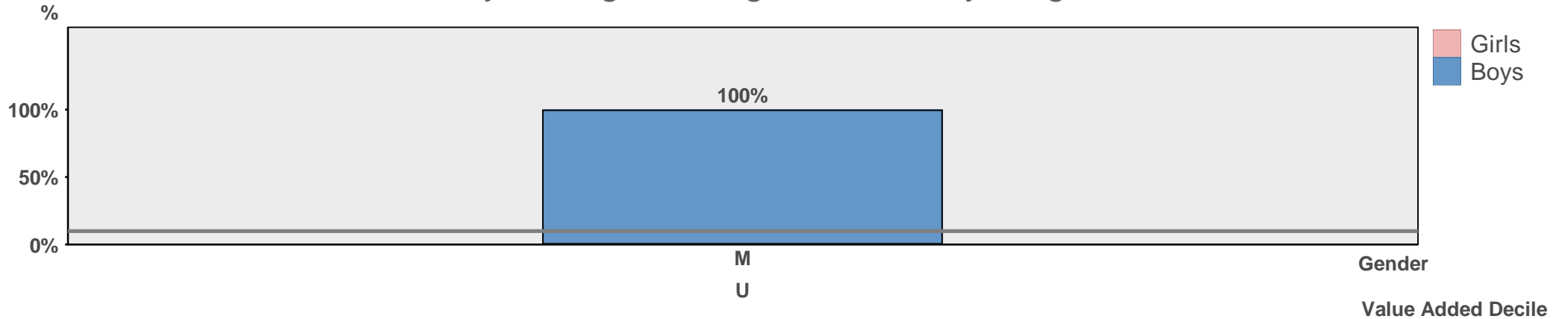
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Value Added Analysis



How well are boys and girls doing between Key Stage 2 and GCSE?

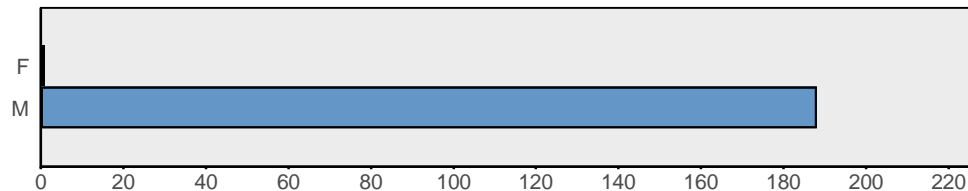


The spread of Key Stage 2 to GCSE value added: the height of the bars represents the percentage of children in each national decile (so the bars labelled '1' show the percentage of children performing as well as the top 10 per cent nationally). Decile 'U' contains those pupils for whom there is no data.

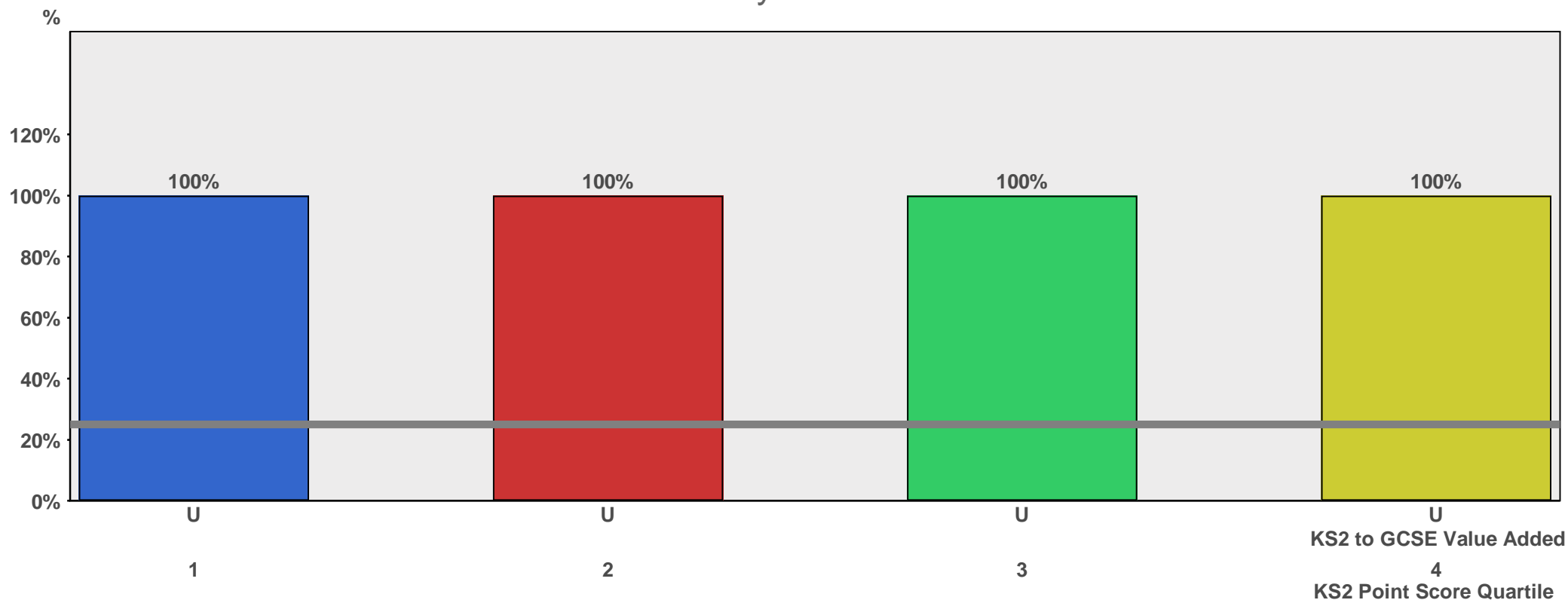
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The spread of Key Stage 2 to GCSE value added for children with Special Educational Needs: the height of the bars represents the percentage of children in each national decile (so the bars labelled '1' show the percentage of children performing as well as the top 10 per cent nationally). Decile 'U' contains those pupils for whom there is no data.

How Value Added Varies with KS2 Achievement



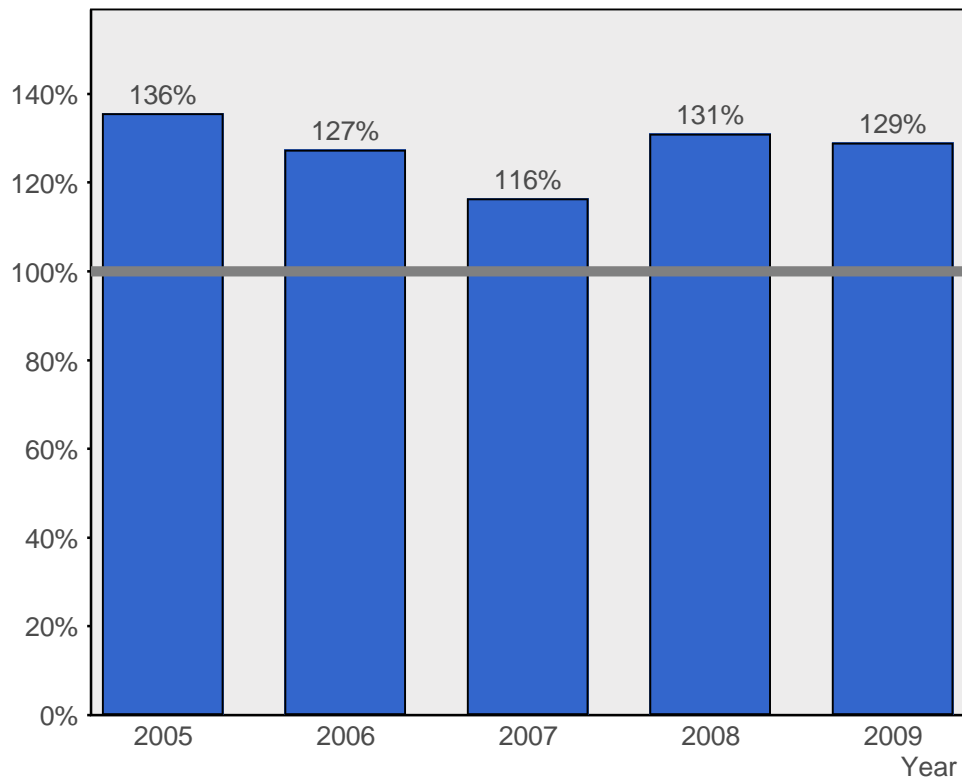
How does a child like yours fare in this school?



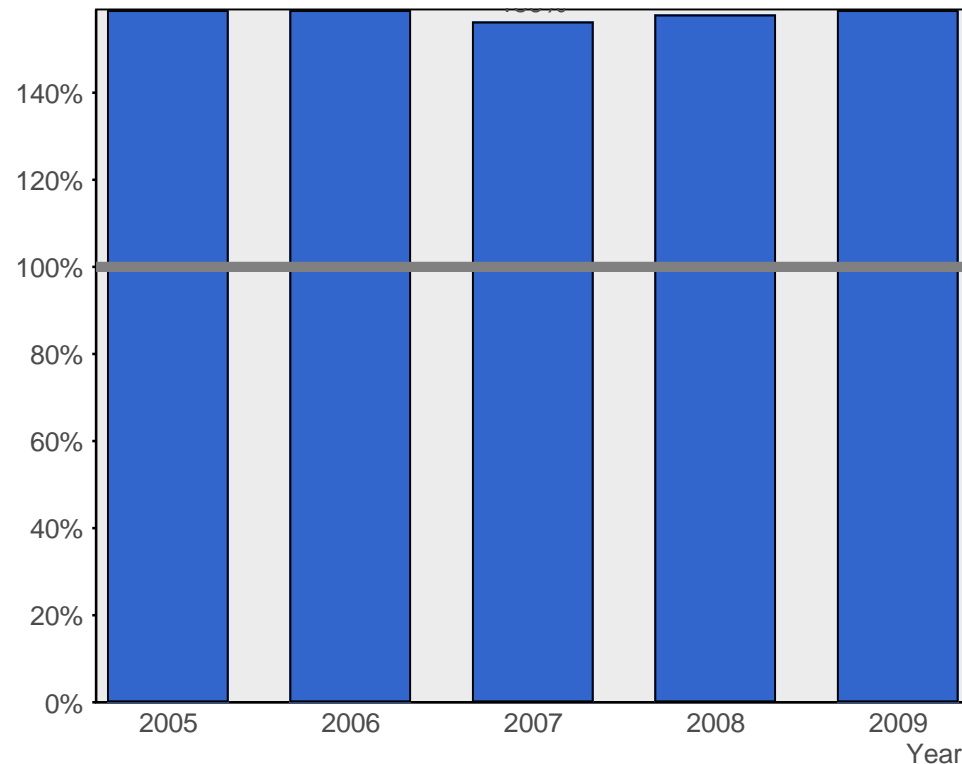
The spread of Key Stage 2 to GCSE 2 value added scores for each Key Stage 2 quartile. So if your child is a top performer, look at the top KS2 quartile (in blue on the left) and see what proportion of children like that have good (quartile 1, the left-hand of the four blue bars), so-so or bad value added scores. If your child is middle of the road, look for a similar pattern in the red and green bars. If he struggles, look at the yellow bars on the right. Quartile 'U' contains those pupils for whom there is no data.

Trends in Attainment

Points Per Pupil as % of National Last 5 Years



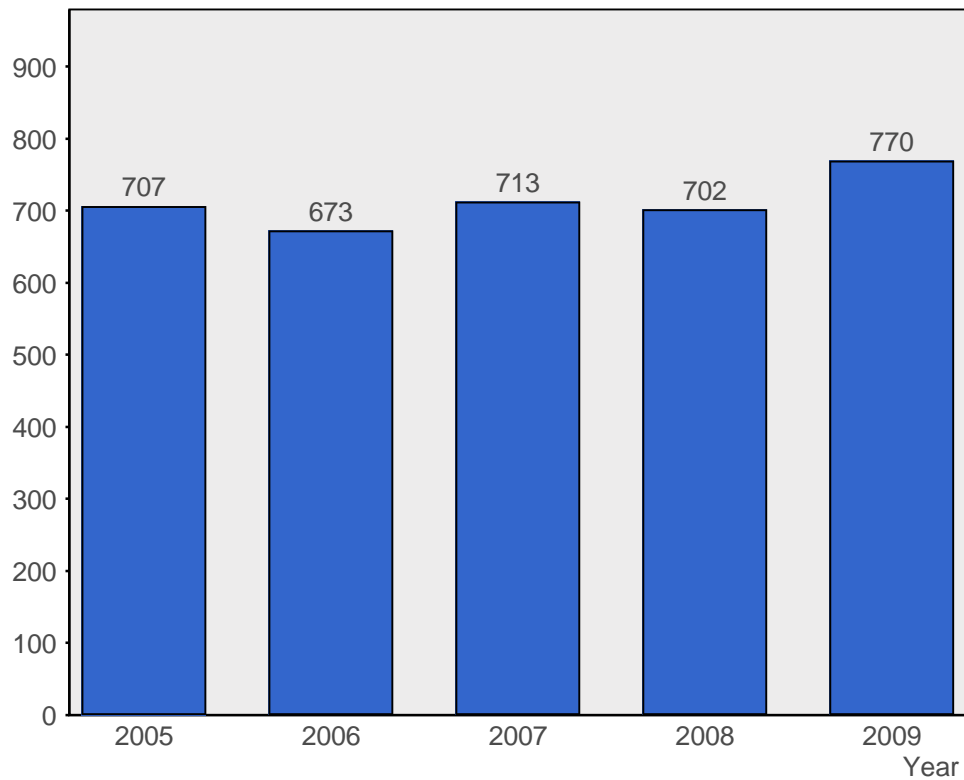
5 A/C at GCSE as % of National Last 5 Years



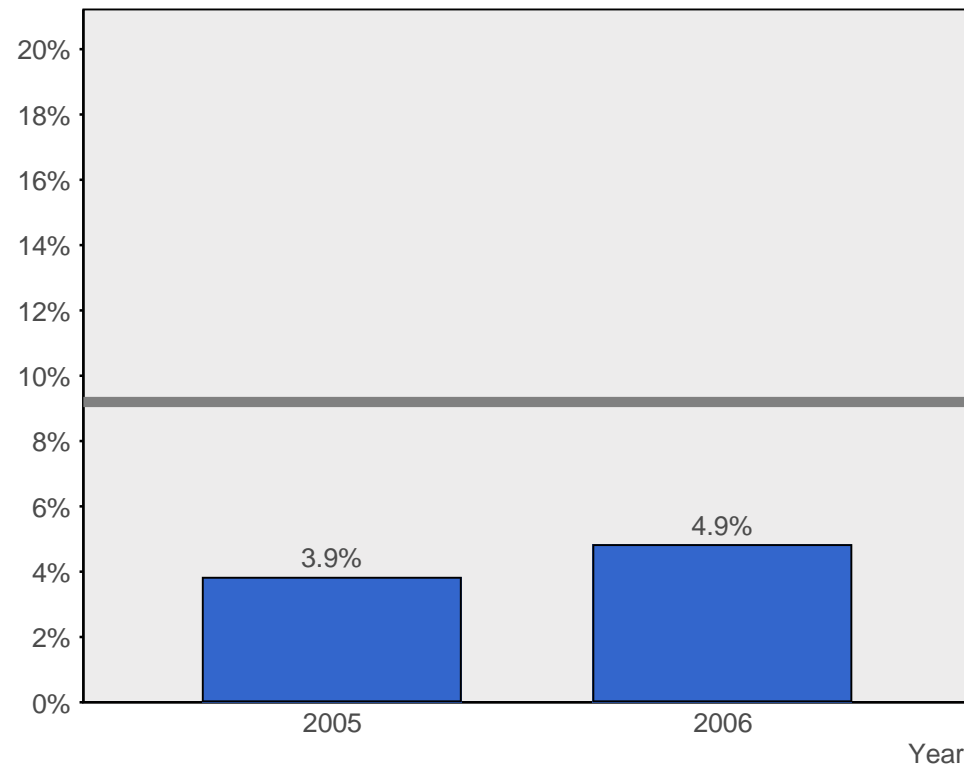
If the values are well below the national average while points per exam are near average, pupils are taking fewer exams than usual.

Trends in Numbers

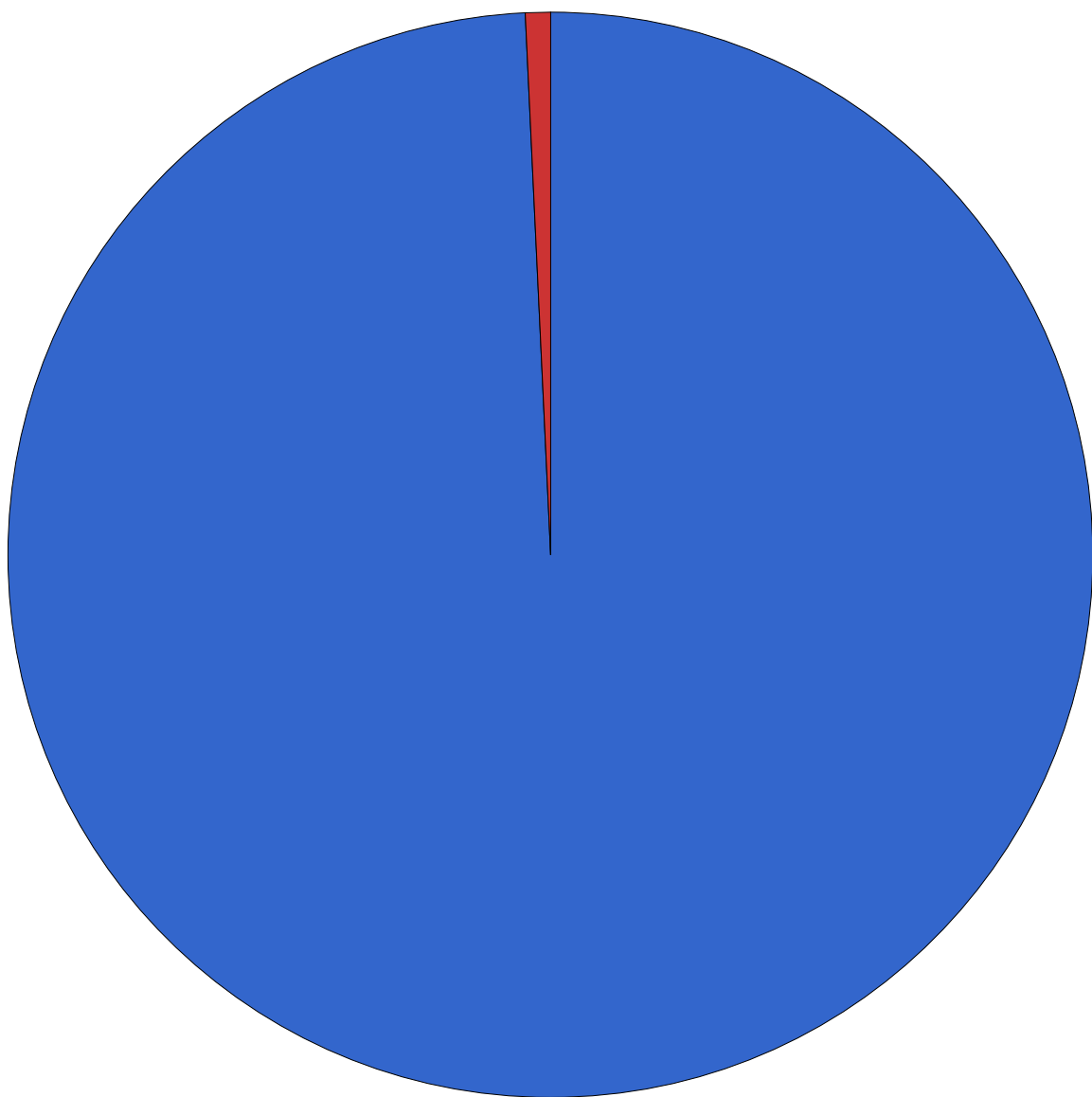
Pupils on Roll Last 5 Years



Total Pupil Absence Last 5 Years



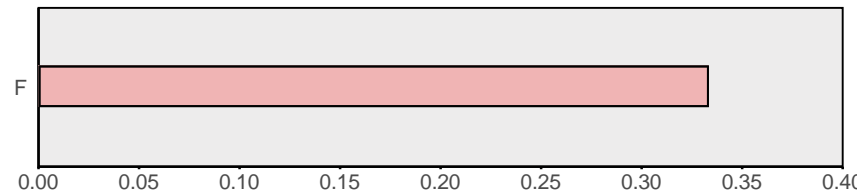
Which are the most important qualifications that they take here?



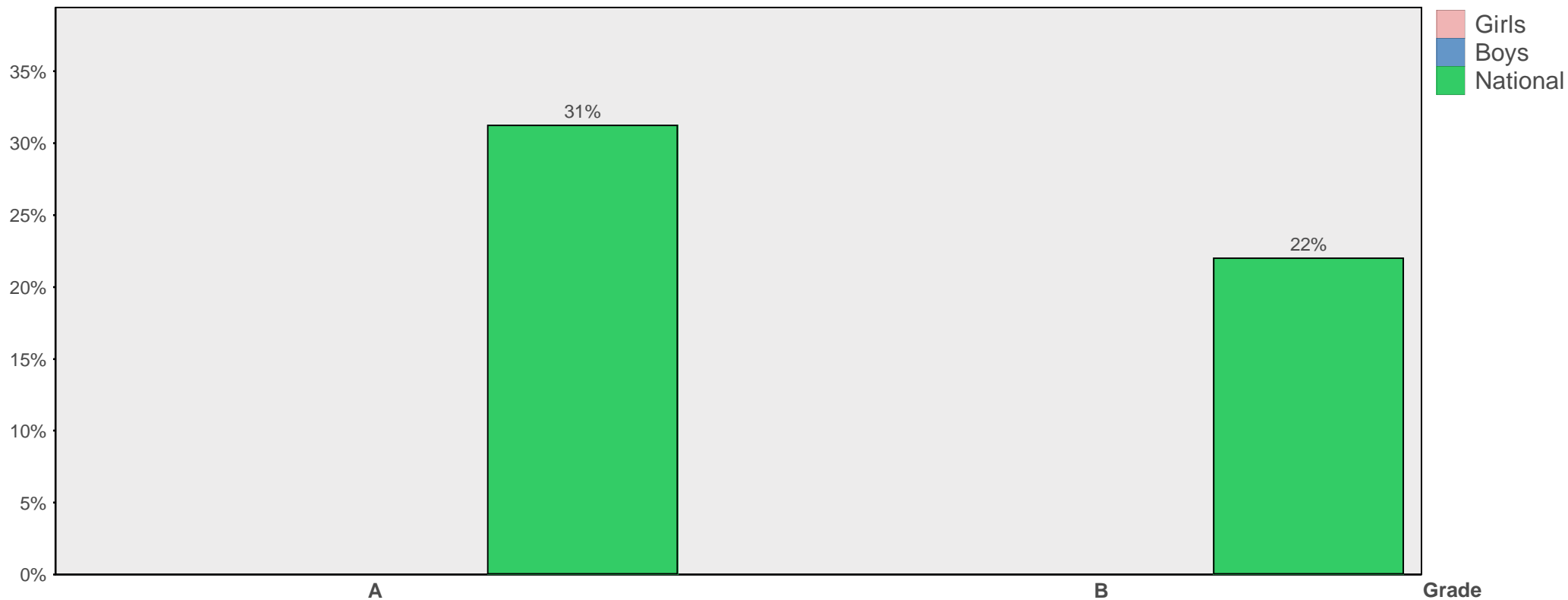
Qualification	
GCSE	99.25%
Others	0.75%

This chart shows the balance between the principal qualifications studied in this school, using the percentage of points earned by each qualification.

Distribution of Grades

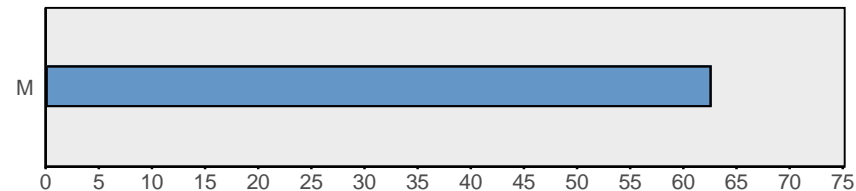


How do the percentages getting each AS level grade compare with the national profile?

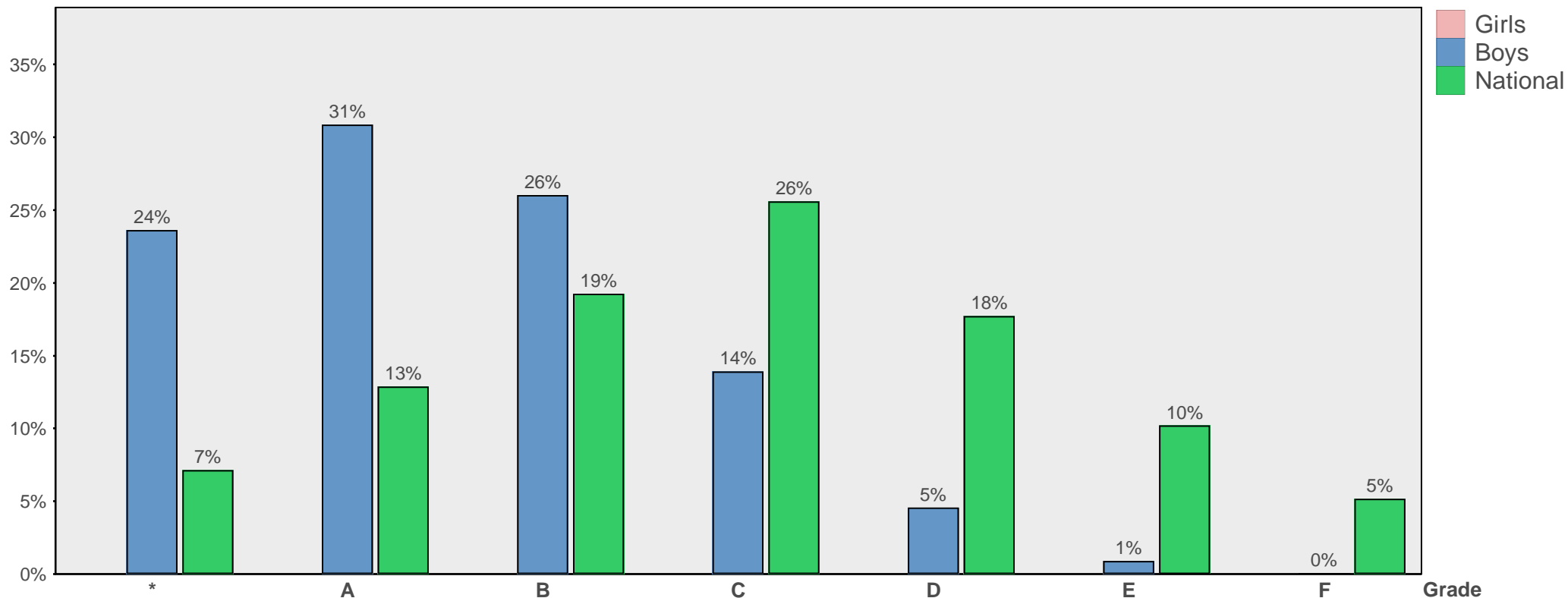


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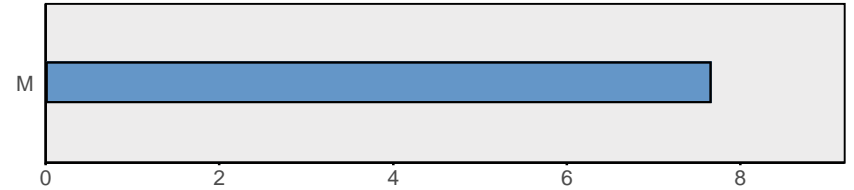


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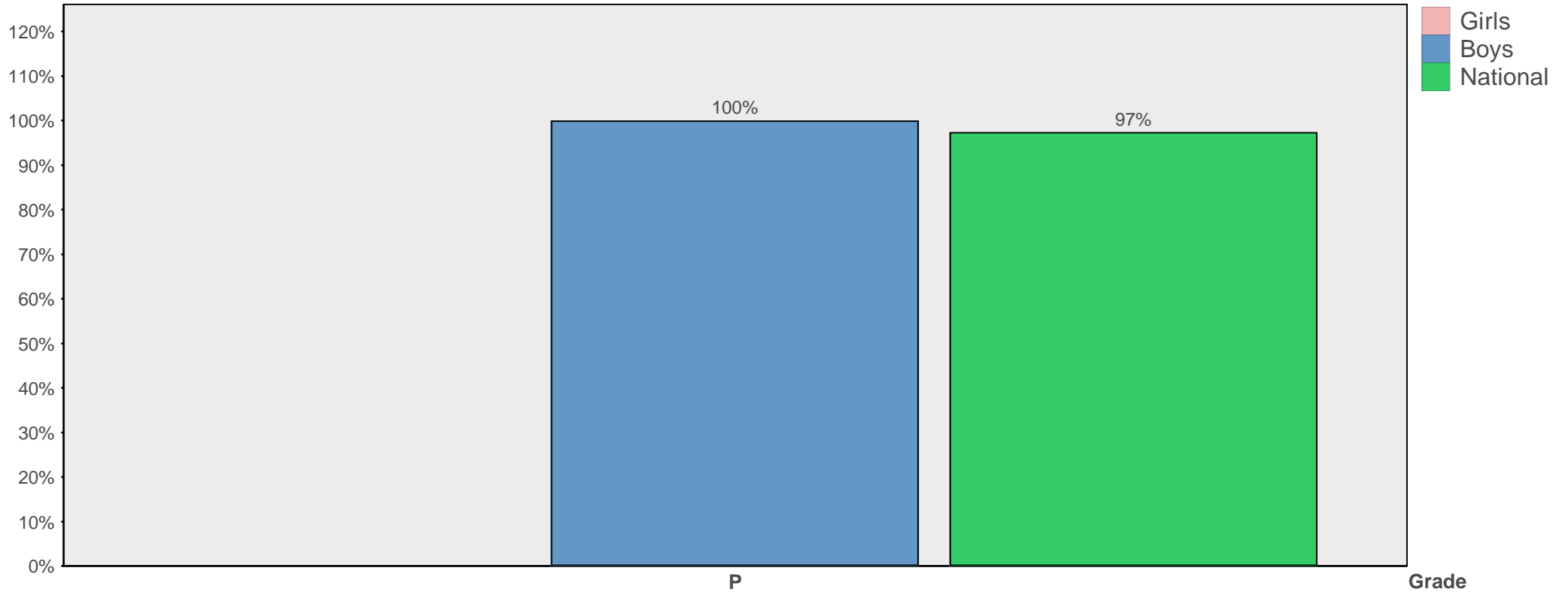


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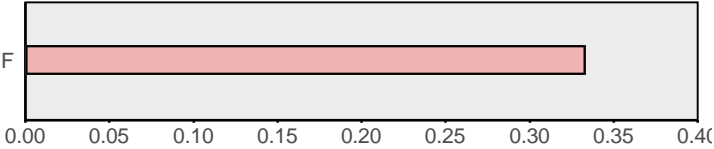
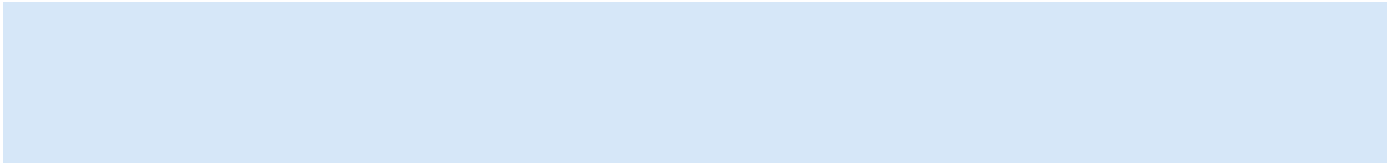


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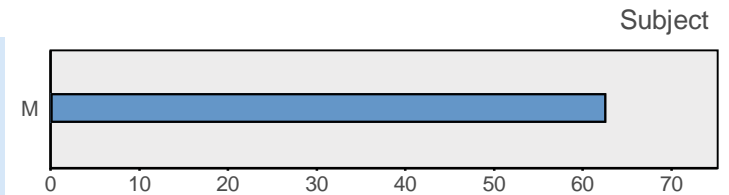
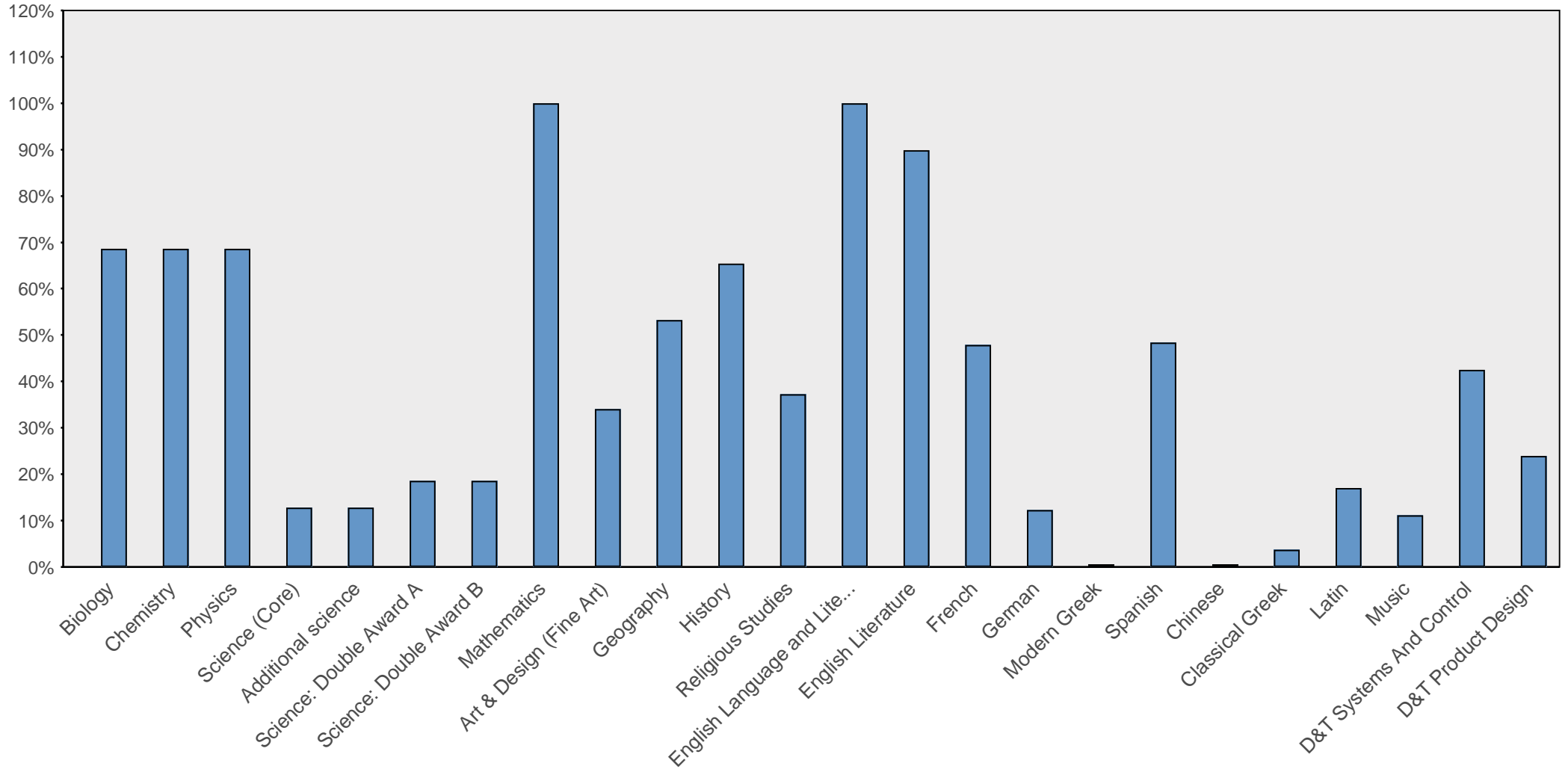


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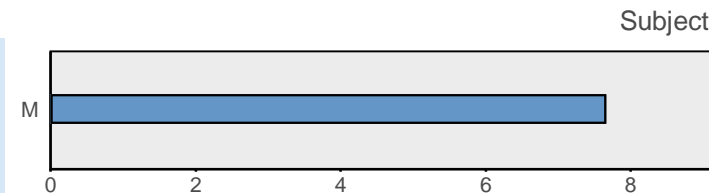
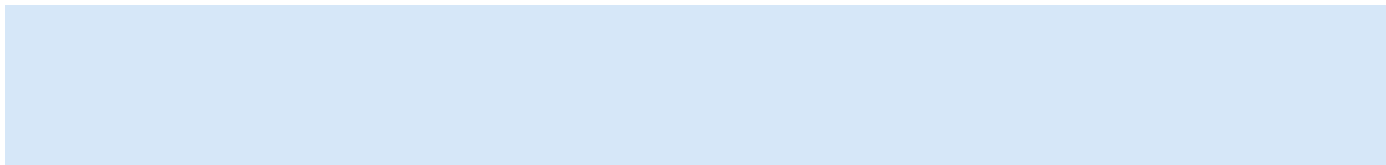
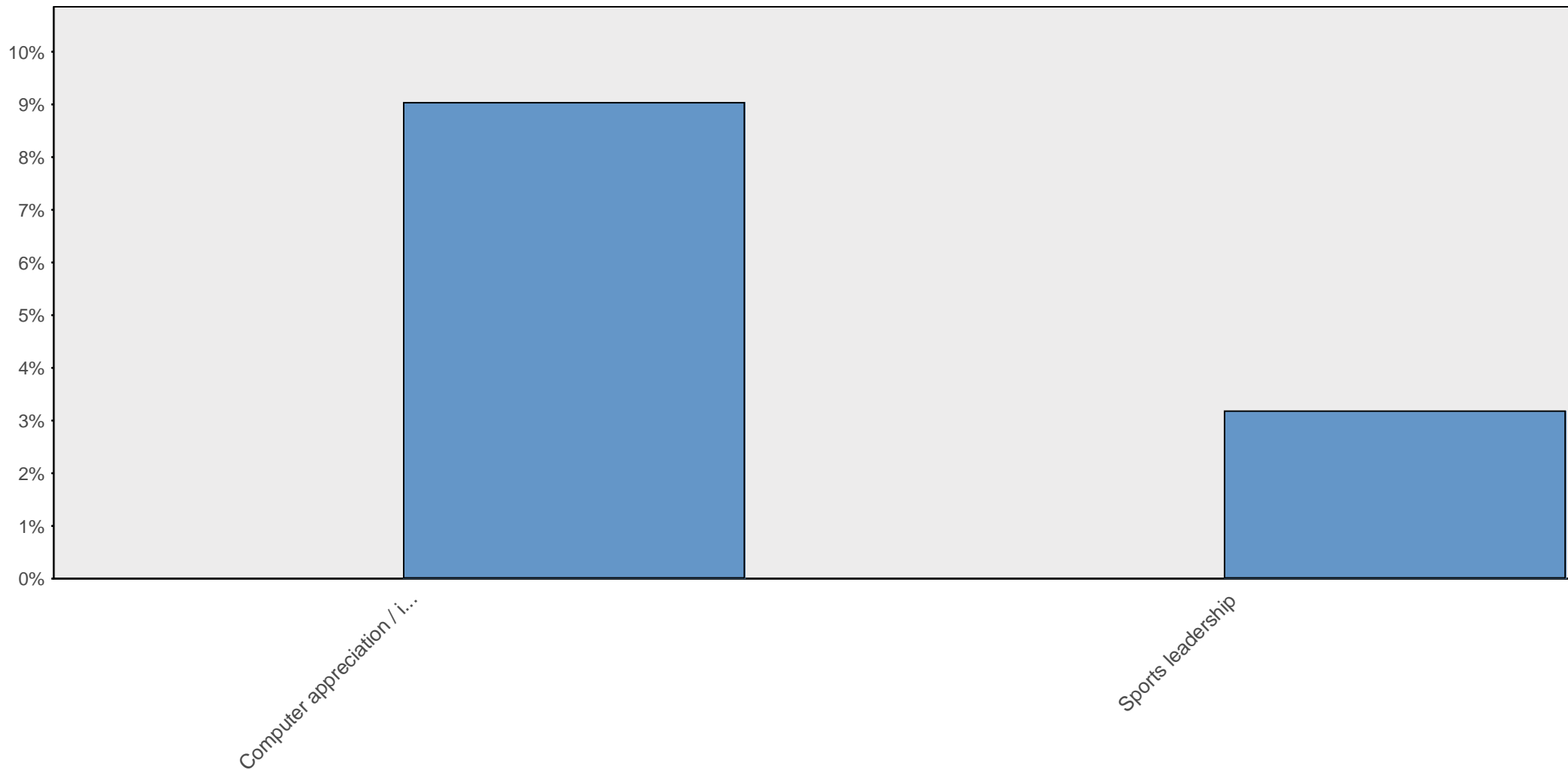
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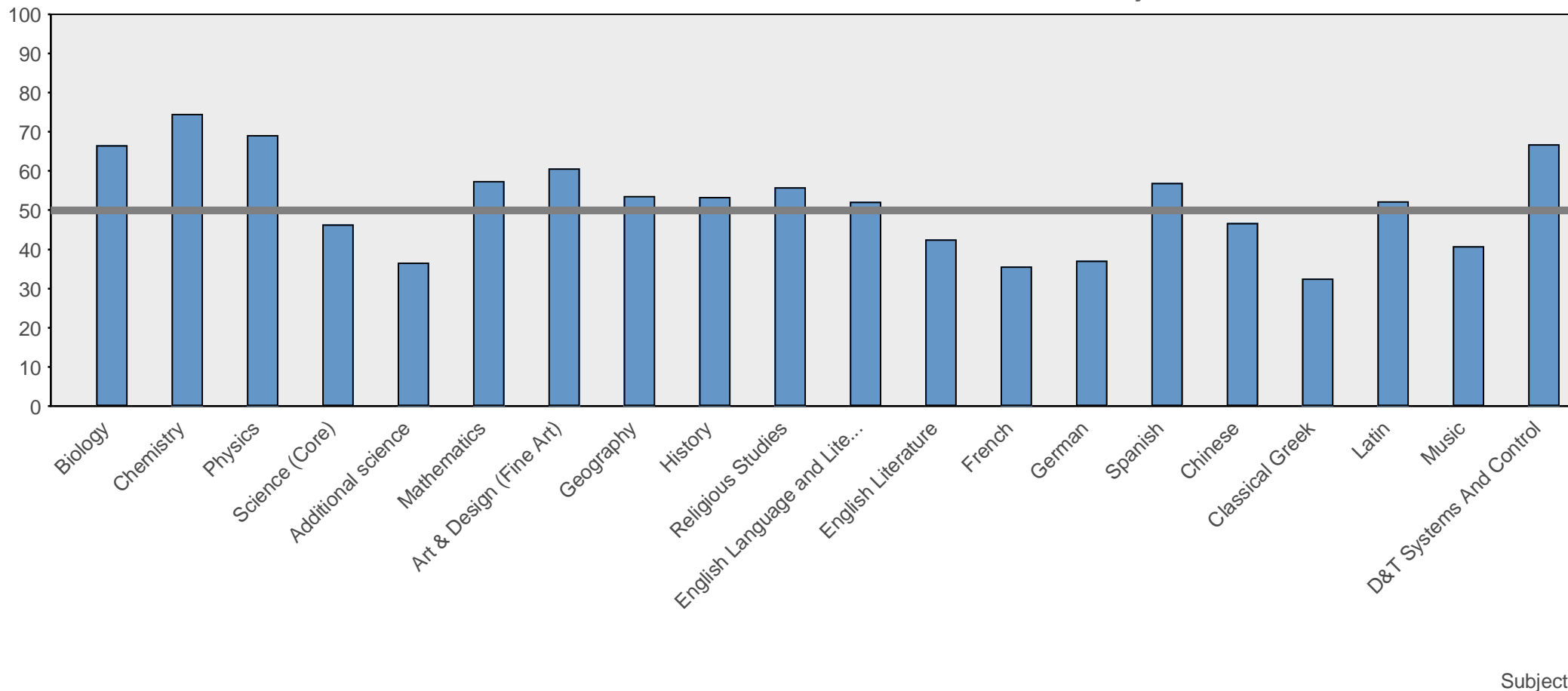
Percentage of pupils taking each GCSE subject



Percentage of pupils taking each VRQ Level 1 subject

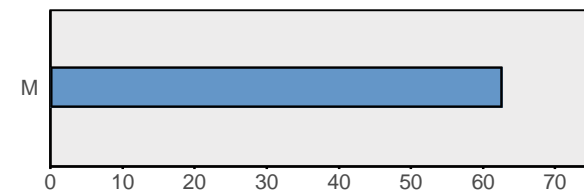


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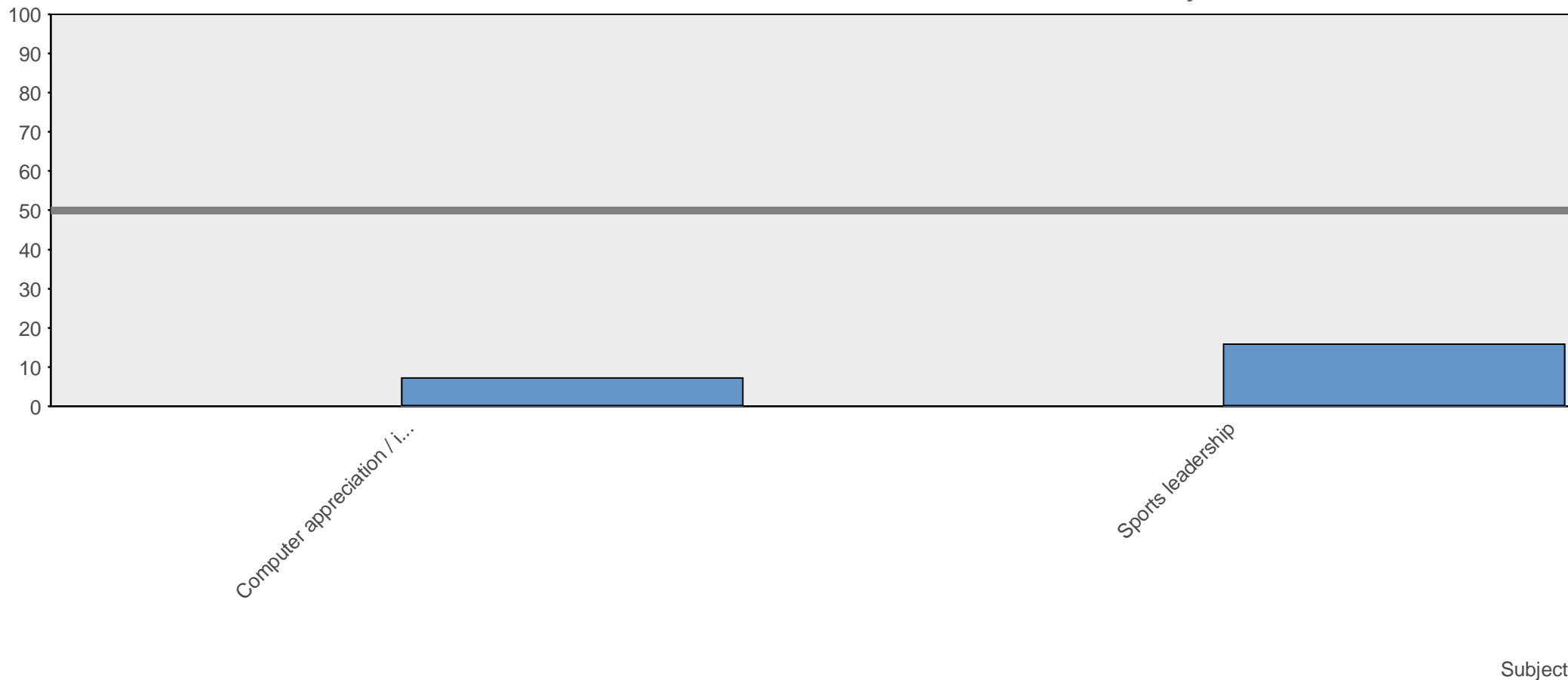


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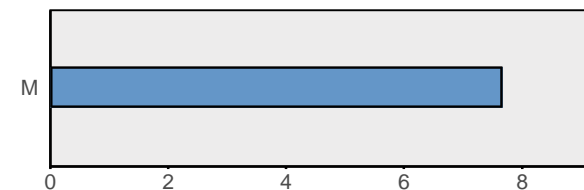


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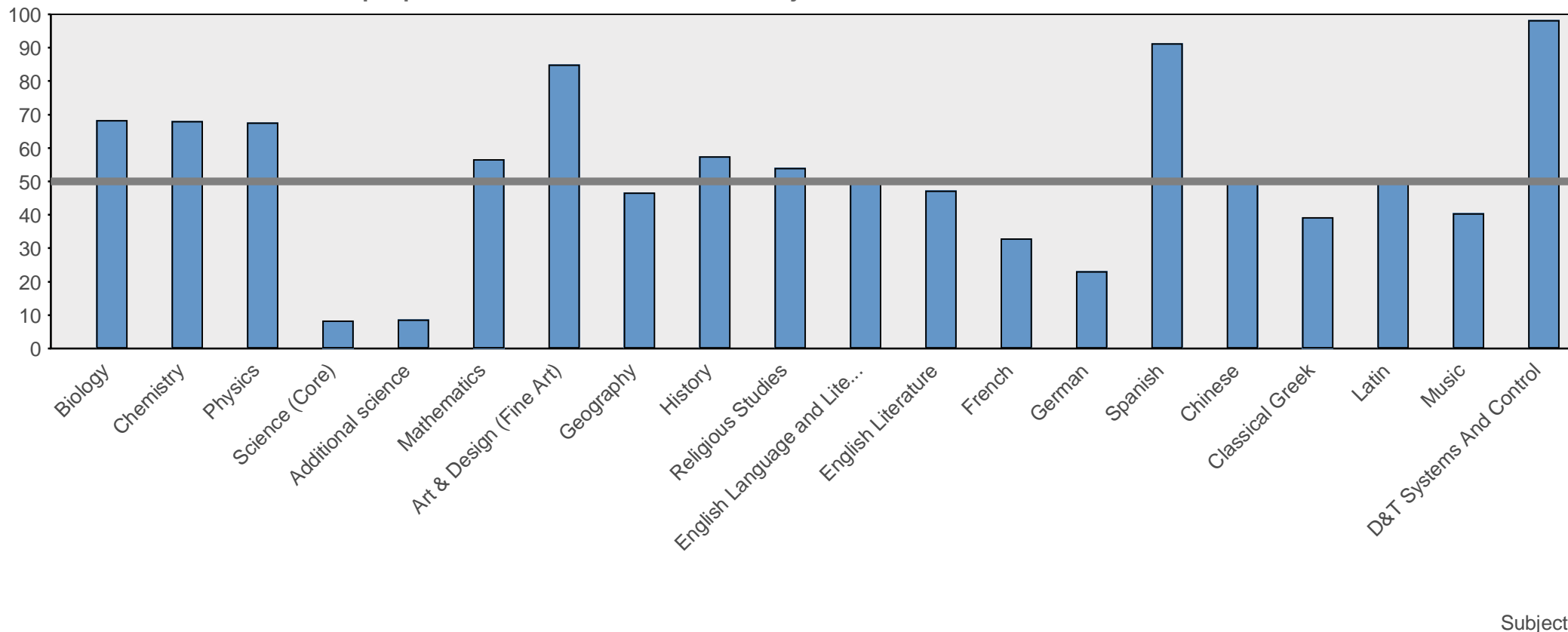


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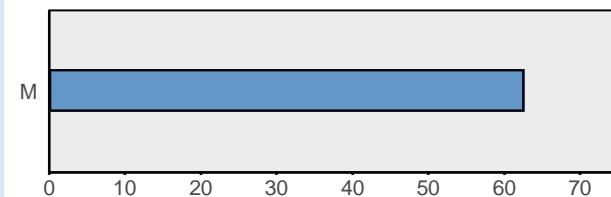
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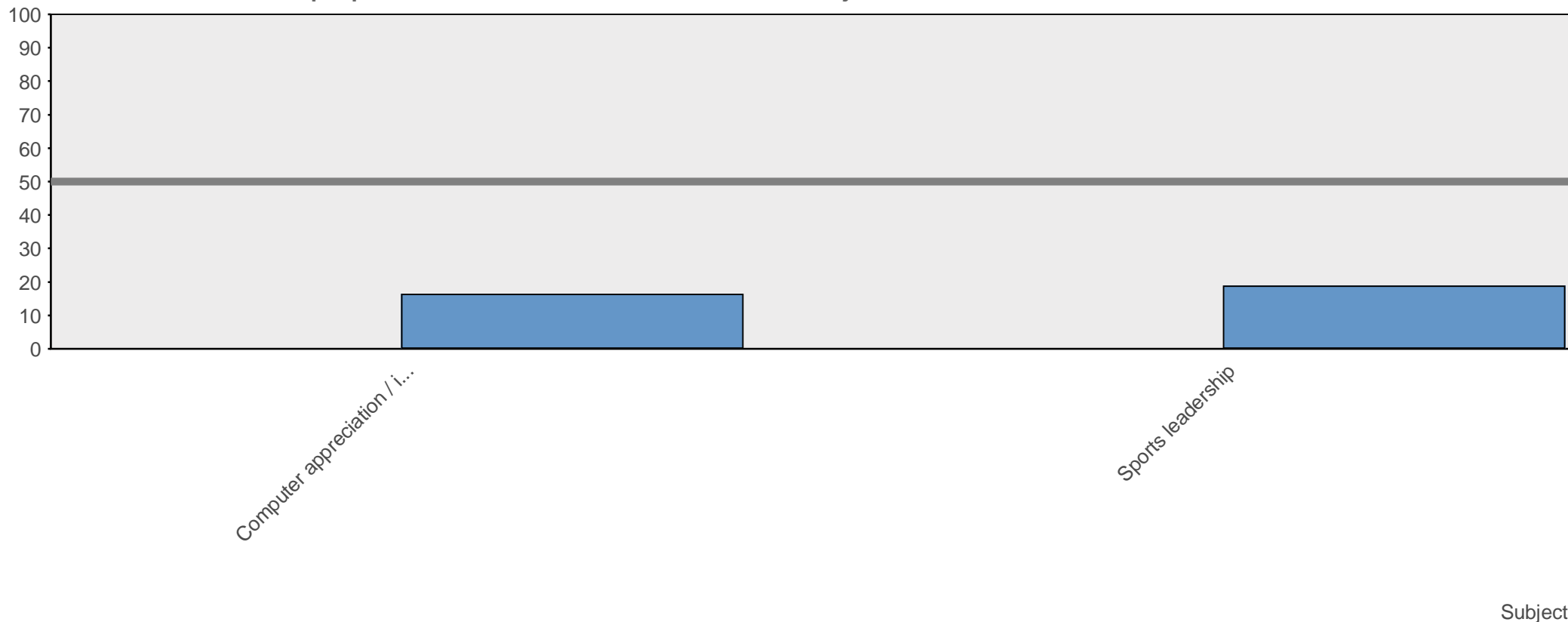
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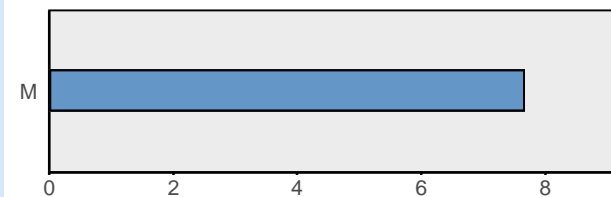
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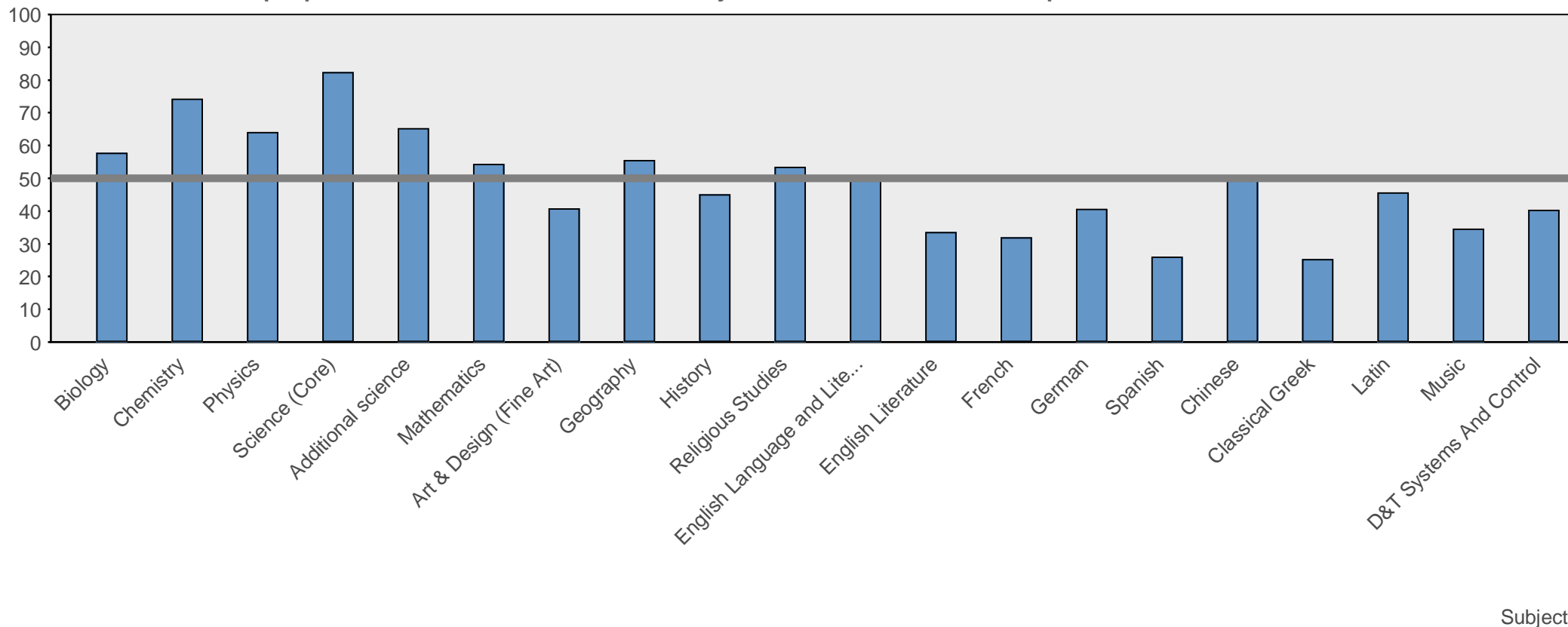
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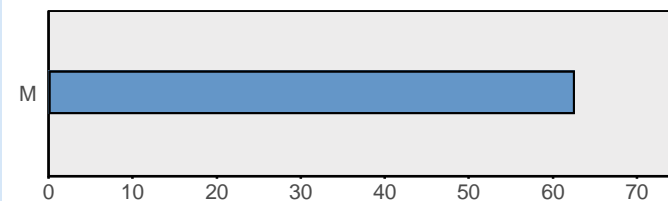


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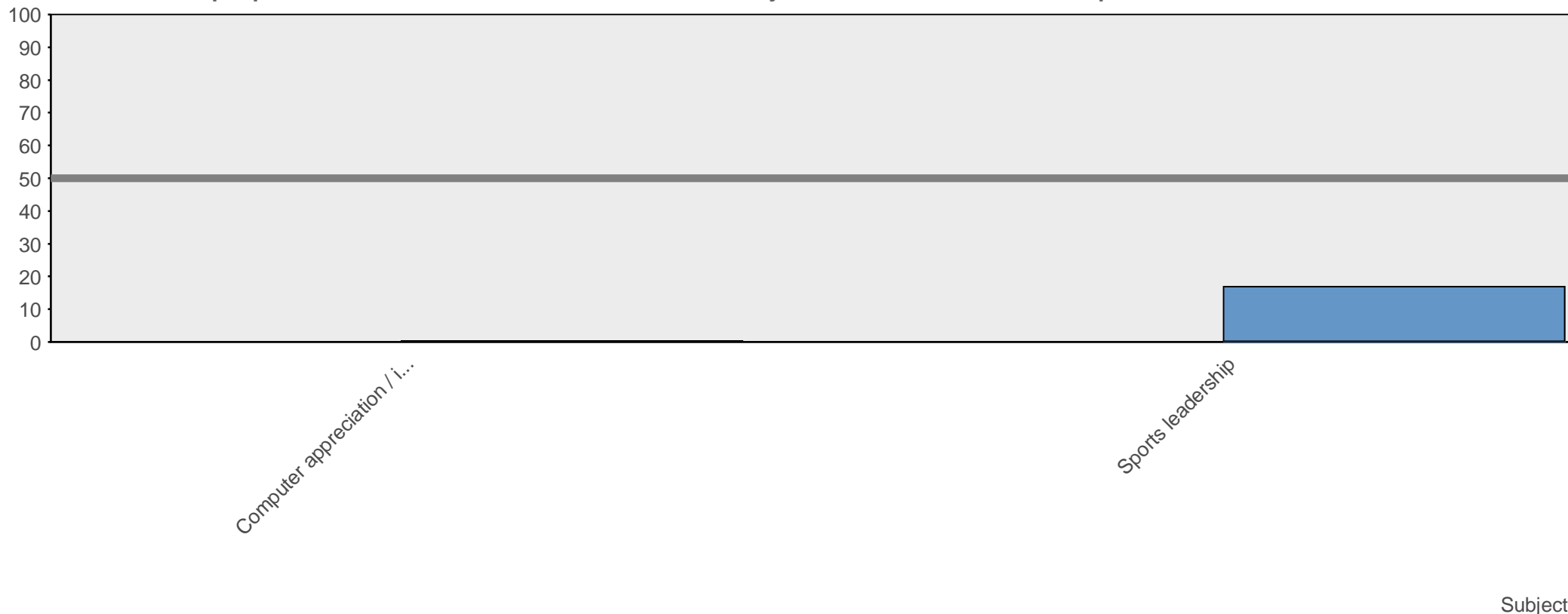


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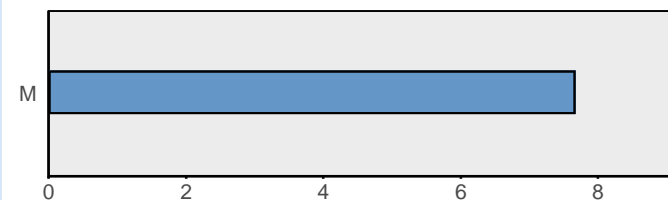


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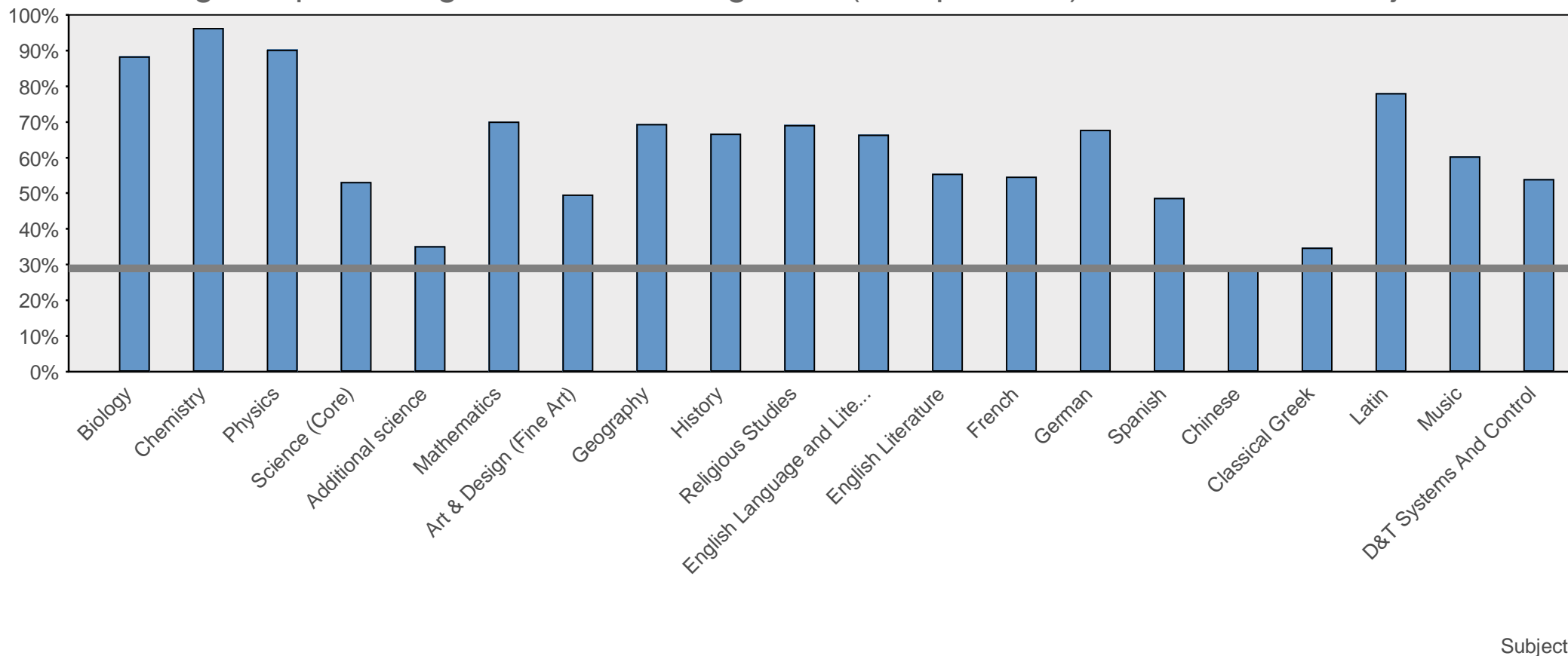


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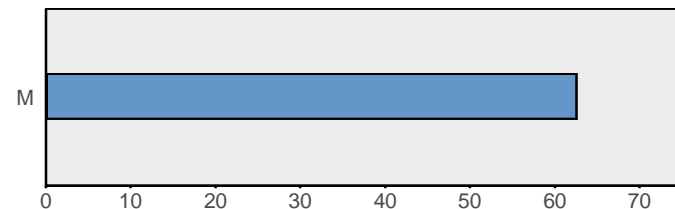
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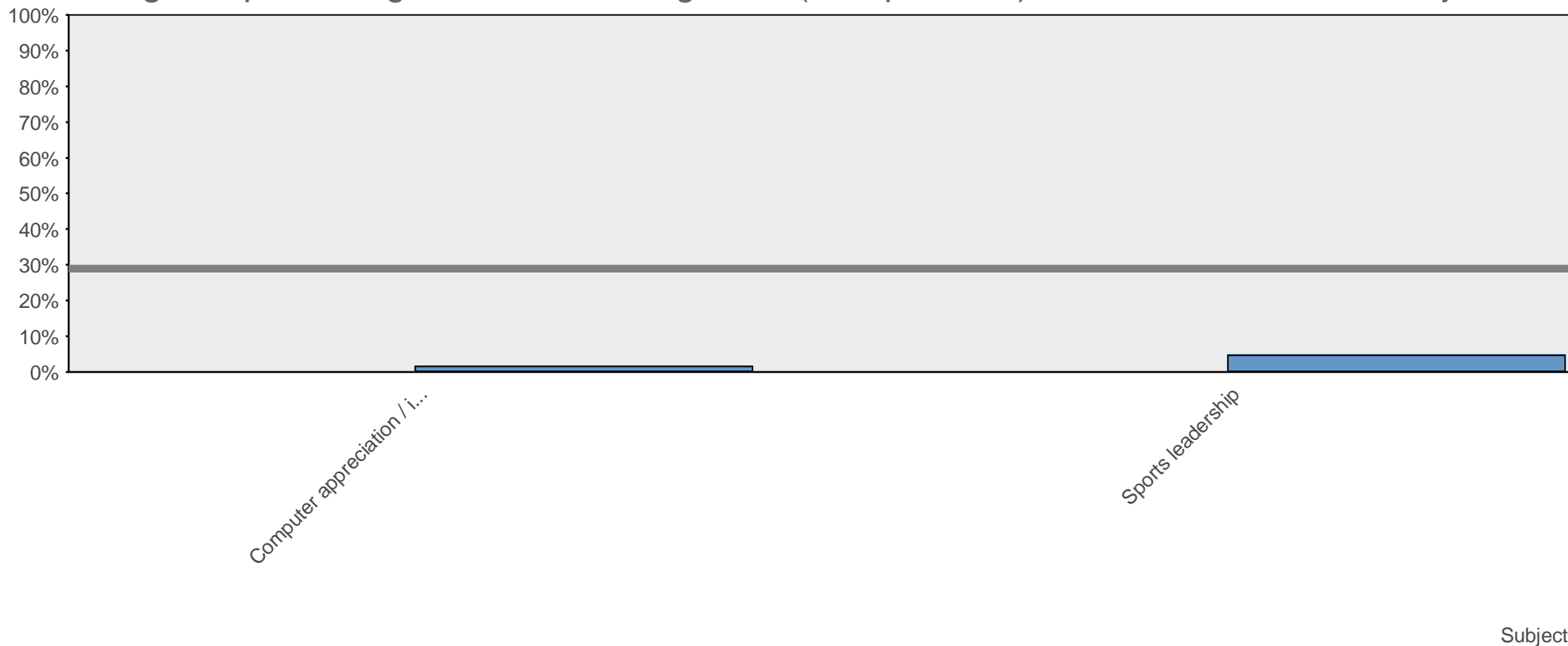
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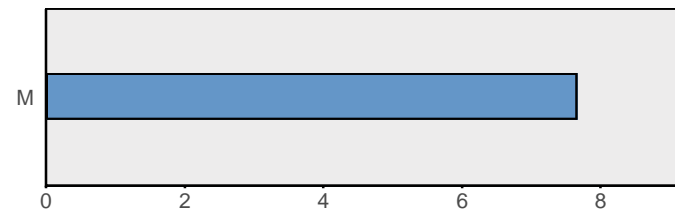
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We would welcome your questions and comments - we are sure that we could explain things better, show things in different ways, add new sources of data (indeed we have a year full of plans to do just that.

We'll do it much better though if we have your help. Please email us at:

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and tell us how we could improve.