

Education in the United Kingdom

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The UK's Top Priority

Education in the UK is internationally recognized for its quality and variety. The UK's top priority is to pursue the highest possible standards and to ensure access to good education for every child, young person and citizen.



The educational system in the UK is divided into four main parts: primary education, secondary education, further education and higher education.



All children are required by law to attend school full-time between the ages of 5 and 16.



Primary education includes nursery schools or kindergartens



Types of Schools

- ▶ There are two types of schools in the UK.
- ▶ They are state schools and private or public schools.



State schools

More than 90% of students in the UK attend state schools. All state schools in Britain are free.



Public Schools

The other 7% attend private or public schools. They are boarding schools where children live as study. Public schools are very expensive. A **public school** is an independent secondary school.. The entrance exams are known as **Common Entrance exams**. The most famous public schools are **Eton**, **Harrow** and **Winchester**.



Primary School

- ▶ Children start primary school at the age of 5.
- ▶ In fact primary school consists of infant and junior school. In junior school pupils spend 5 years. Primary schools usually include both girls and boys as pupils.



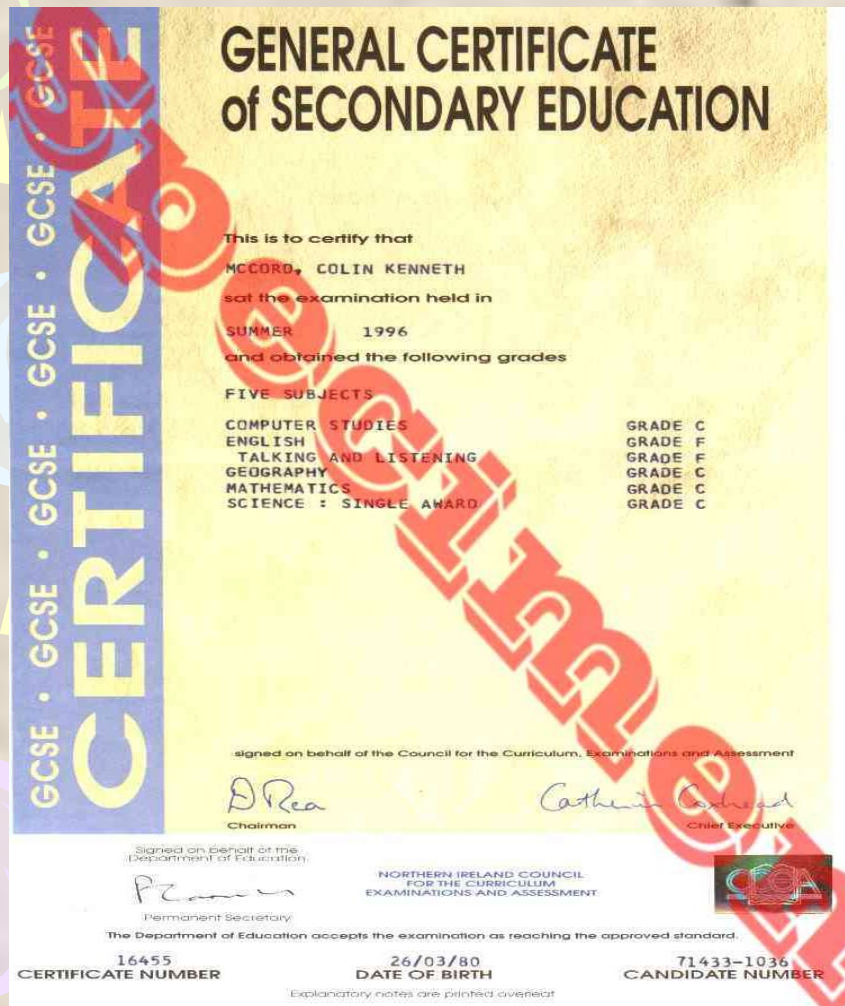
Secondary School

At the age of 11 children enter the secondary school.

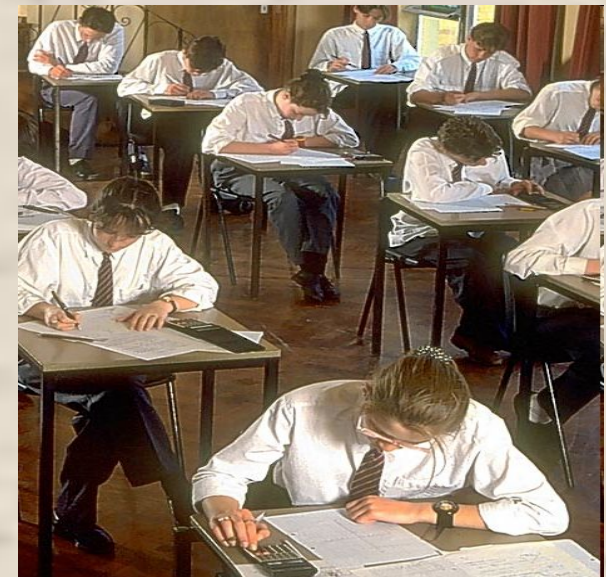
They study English, Maths, Science, Design and technology, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), History, Geography, Art, Music, Physical education and foreign languages.



The National Exam



At secondary school pupils study for 5 years. At the age of 16 students take their GCSE.



After taking GCSEs, students may leave secondary schooling; alternatively, they can continue their education at vocational or technical colleges.



They may take a higher level of secondary school examinations known as AS-Levels after an additional year of study.



Advanced Level Examinations

Following two years of study, students may take A-Level (short for Advanced Level) examinations, which are required for university entrance in the UK.



University of London.

OXFORD



Cambridge,





Universities UK



Queen's University, Belfast, UK.



BIRMINGHAM City University

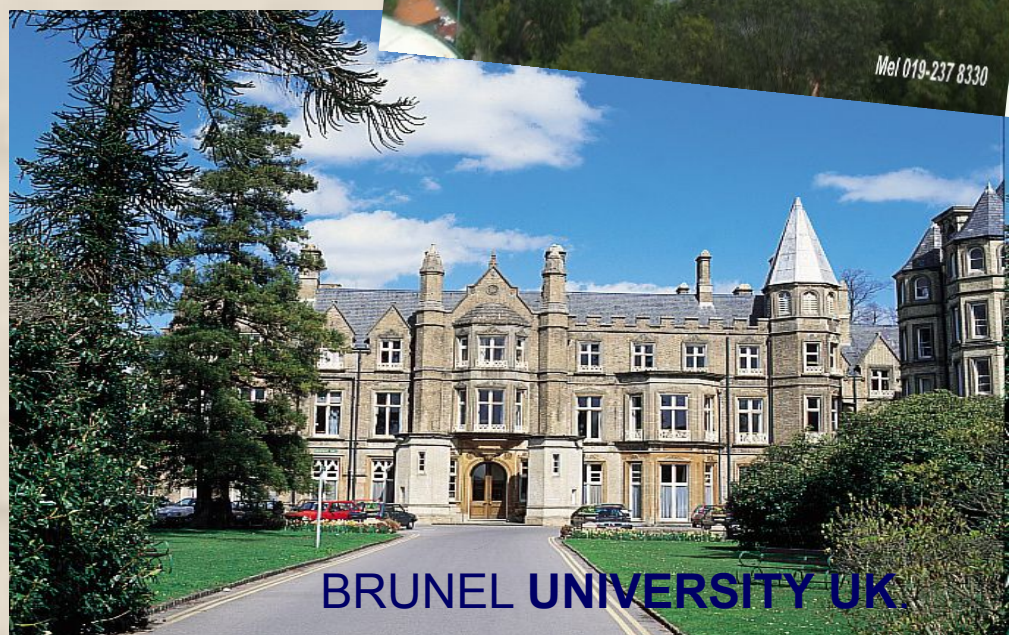


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University Graduation





Can you answer some questions?

1. What is education in the UK recognized for?
2. What main parts is the educational system in the UK divided into?
3. What age do children usually go to school?
4. What types of schools are there in the UK?
5. What is the main difference between state and public schools?
6. How long do children spend at primary school?
7. What age do students enter secondary school?
8. What exam do students take at the age of 16?
9. Can they continue their education in vocational and technical colleges?
10. What exam must students take to enter the university?
11. What world-known universities are there in the United Kingdom?

Resources

- <http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/news/article-23425615-league.do>
- <http://www.meta.kz/135268-.html>
- <http://www.naukawpolsce.pl/palio/html.run>
- <http://www.excel.md/higher-school-in-britain/birmingham-city-university/>
- <http://oxfordpremium.com/>
- <http://www.worldexecutive.com/locations/europe/england/cambridge/>
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