

Student Destinations Report 2024

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to present an annual breakdown of the number of students entering the different types of post-college destination together with a detailed summary of those entering Higher Education.

The categories of destinations used are in keeping with national ILR requirements.

HE data is collated using documentation provided by UCAS, whilst information relating to apprenticeships, direct employment and other outcomes is gathered by the Central Administration Team. Information is added to the 'Leavers Database' following a telephone call to the student's home address. For most leavers, this will be during the subsequent autumn term.

Executive Summary

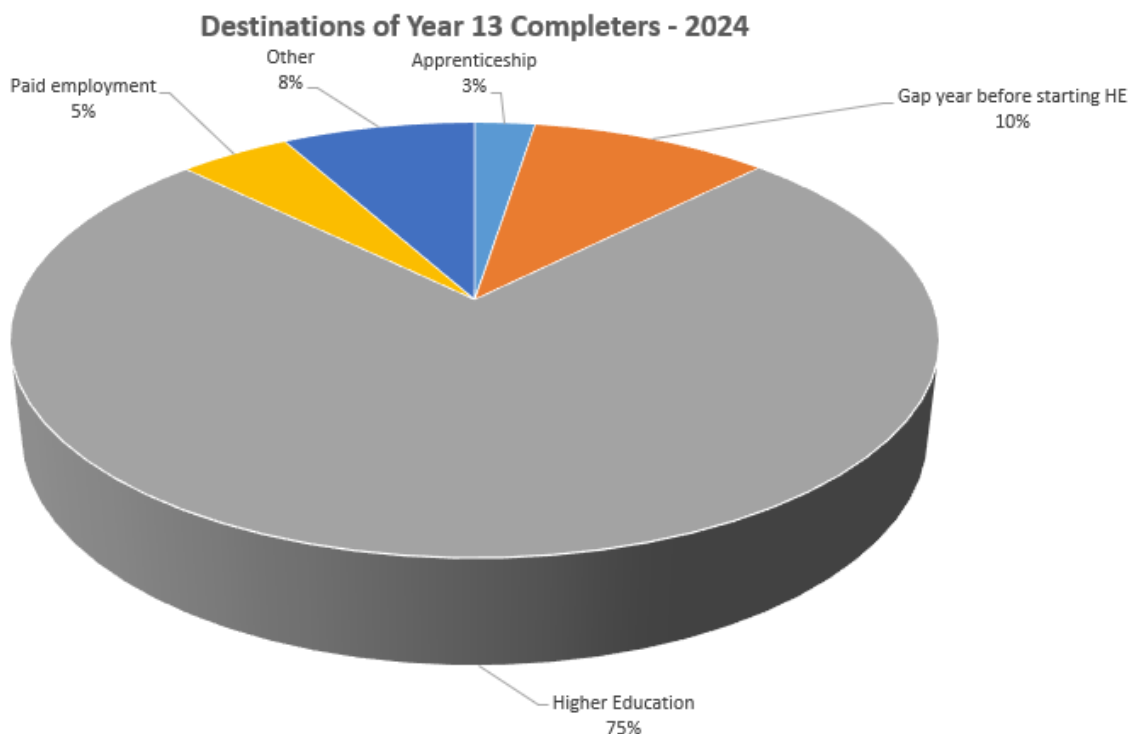
Key points highlighted by the report:

- Destination data has been collected for 96.8% of Year 13 completers (2023 = 96.1%)
- The percentage of students taking up an apprenticeship or paid employment is 7.1% (3.1% down on 2023 but very similar to 2022).
- Positive destination figures are in-keeping with DFE value of 85.0% for sixth form colleges
- HE acceptance rate is 87.5% (87.2% for 2023) and is 12.9% higher than UCAS national figures for all applicants
- 71.9% of UCAS applicants secured a place at their 'First Choice' university (69.9% in 2023)
- 28.4% of students securing HE places were accepted by Russell Group universities (21.0% in 2023)
- HE acceptance figures for large ethnic groups are above national figures
- 2020/21 Sustained HE Destination figures Provided by SFCA put the College in the top 25% of Sixth Form Colleges

Destinations 2024

Year 13 Students (Completers)

Destination	2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Apprenticeship	34	3.3	31	3.0	47	4.0	28	2.5
Gap year before starting HE	70	6.8	76	7.4	103	8.7	110	9.9
Higher Education	738	71.5	730	71.4	808	68.0	829	74.6
In paid employment for 16 hours or more per week	50	4.8	43	4.2	74	6.2	51	4.6
In paid employment for less than 16 hours per week	30	2.9	12	1.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Not in paid employment, looking for work and available to start work	7	0.7	5	0.5	11	0.9	4	0.4
Not known	15	1.5	27	2.6	43	3.6	11	1.0
Other FE (Full-time)	42	4.1	14	1.4	15	1.3	31	2.8
Other FE (Part-time)	3	0.3	4	0.4	2	0.2	1	0.1
Other outcome not listed	9	0.9	6	0.6	10	0.8	11	1.0
Restarted at SSFC	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		0.0
Unable to contact learner	28	2.7	71	6.9	76	6.4	36	3.2
Voluntary work	4	0.4	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
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Summary

Overall, destination information has been collected for 96.8% of students who completed Year 13. This is above the figure for 2023 (96.1%) and is considerably higher than the 90.0% target set by the College.

From the above tables, it can be seen that, of the 1112 Year 13 leavers in 2024, 829 took up a place in higher education. This is 74.6% of the cohort, compared to 68.0% in 2023, 71.4% in 2022. Provided the students remain in higher education for at least 6 months, these figures can be regarded as being considerably higher than the Department for Education 16-18 year-olds national figures for 'Sustained Education' (45.0% for 2022/23).

The 2024 figure represents a substantial rise in students securing places at university, and although improved A level and BTEC results will have contributed, some of the increase can be attributed to universities struggling to recruit overseas students and having to fill places with home students. This increased access to higher education will partially explain the reduction in students opting for apprenticeships and employment.

A further 110 students (103 in 2023 and 76 in 2022) are recorded as taking a gap year, (either planned or "enforced"), with the intention of applying for 2025 entry. As a percentage of the cohort, this is 1.2% higher than 2023 and may be a result of the current economic climate with students feeling the need to earn money before entering into HE. Evidence from previous years, confirms that gap year students have a substantial impact on overall HE success data. E.g., For 2024, an additional 55 gap year students secured university places. This raises the success rate for the previous year's Year 13 cohort (2023) from 68.0% to 72.6%.

The proportion of students entering either apprenticeships or full-time employment in 2024 was 7.1% (79 students). This is 3.1% lower than 2023 (10.2%, 121 students) and very similar to 2022 (7.3%, 74 students). Overall, the percentage of students securing apprenticeships in 2024 is 0.5% higher than the pre-covid figure for 2019. With student destinations being a college priority, there is a strong desire to identify and support all students considering training and employment upon completion of their college programme. Primarily, this has been delivered through the academic coaching programme where, in line with Ofsted recommendations, further sessions have been added to promote apprenticeships and employment as realistic alternatives to HE. The college has also benefitted from third party support from organisations such as 'Skills for Success' and 'Life Ready, Solihull' and 'Ask Apprenticeships'.

Positive Destinations

Overall, it is recorded that 939 of the students we currently know about (84.4% of the Year 13 completers), progressed to a positive destination (HE, apprenticeships,

traineeships, full-time FE or employment for more than 16 hours per week). This is a 6.0% increase on the 2023 figure (78.4%). A more accurate figure will ultimately appear in the lagged DFE statistics.

If genuine planned gap-year students were added, the figure for 'Positive Destinations, this figure would rise to well over 80.0%, which would then exceed the most recent DFE figure of 79.6% (2022/23) of level 3 students in sustained education or employment after 16-18 study – See *Appendix 5*.

In the final section of this report, entitled 'Sustained Positive Destinations', it can be seen that historical data confirms Positive Destinations of above 80% as being a typical outcome for the College (86% in 2021/22).

Examples of Apprenticeship / Employment Destinations

Actemium

Air Liquide

AP Morgan Estate Agents

Bevan Brittan

Birmingham Electrical Training Ltd

Busy Bees Nursery

CISCO Systems

Clear Insurance Management

Cooper Parry

Deloitte – legal and finance

FlaktGroup – Air Technology

GMI Construction

Grant Thornton Accountants

Howden Insurance

Kier Construction

KPMG

Mohammedi Pharmacy

Mott Macdonald Birmingham (Degree Apprenticeship), studying environmental management at Coventry University

National Grid

Paragon Bank

Paribas Bank

Pinsent Masons Law

Rolls-Royce Holdings and Derby College/University of Derby

Transport for West Midlands

West Midlands Ambulance Service

Whale Tankers

Witton Lodge Community Association

Zurich Insurance

Year 12 Students (Completers)

Destination	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Apprenticeship	0	0	8	10	13
Continuing into Year 13	982	1139	1412	1184	1182
Higher Education	2	0	2	0	0
In paid employment for 16 hours or more per week	0	6	3	10	10
Gap Year				2	4
In paid employment for less than 16 hours per week	0	0	1	0	0
Not in paid employment, looking for work and available to start work	0	0	1	0	0
Not known	0	1	84	28	1
Other FE (Full-time)	3	7	18	32	202
Other FE (Part-time)	0	0	0	5	4
Other outcome not listed	0	0	11	3	16
Restarted at SFCS	11	34	0	0	0
Unable to contact learner	0	13	26	29	4
Voluntary work	0	0	0	1	0
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Higher Education - See Appendix 1 and 2

% Successful Applicants (including ex-students)

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of Applicants	982	870	929	857	898	947	1036	1010
Accepts	870	767	835	781	800	813	903	884
% Success	88.6 (76.3)	88.2 (76.7)	89.9 (76.6)	91.1 (78.3)	89.1 (75.0)	85.9 (73.4)	87.2 (73.2)	87.5 (74.6)
% Above National Figure	+12.3	+11.5	+13.3	+12.8	+14.1	+12.5	+14.0	+12.9

() = UCAS national figures for all applicants

Figures taken from 'UCAS Destinations Report 2024'

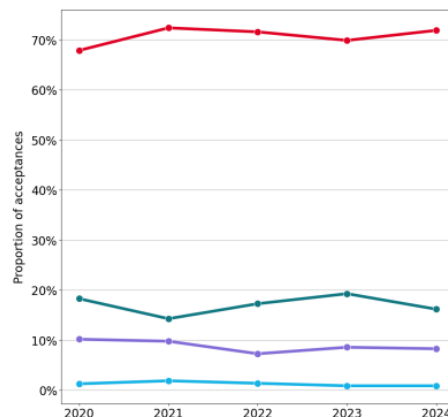
87.5% of all SFCS applicants secured a university place in 2024. This is 0.3% higher than in 2023 and 1.6% higher than in 2022. Overall, it is 12.9% higher than the national figure for 'All Applicants' and 8.7% higher than the national figure for '18-Year Olds' (78.8%).

Success rates for the College continue to be substantially higher than the national figures and this is a true reflection of the time and energy devoted to supporting students both through the curriculum and pastorally.

Acceptance Routes

Route (%)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
First Choice	69.6	67.9	72.4	71.6	69.9	71.9
Insurance Choice	8.6	10.2	9.8	7.3	8.6	8.3
Main Scheme Clearing	18.8	18.3	14.3	17.3	19.3	16.2
UCAS Extra	1.0	1.3	1.9	1.4	0.9	0.9

4.1 Proportion of acceptances by route



The above table displays the acceptance route as a percentage of all students who secured HE places. In 2024, 71.9% of SSFC “acceptances” took up a place at their first choice university. This is a 2.0% increase on 2022 and is the 2nd highest percentage in over 10 years. This figure is impressive and is a credit to the advice and guidance given, both within the Academic Coaching Programme and by the Careers Department, along with advice from teachers and curriculum leaders. This supports the College Strategic Priority of raising student destinations from ‘Good’ to ‘Great’.

The acceptance of 16.2% SSFC students via Clearing is 3.1% lower than 2023 and is the lowest since 2015. However, 16.2% still equates to 143 students and proves that Clearing not only provides a welcome safety net for those who miss out on first choice/insurance offers, but is a viable, and often attractive pathway into HE, with a substantial number of prestigious courses at competitive universities being offered.

Applications by 31st January Equal Consideration Deadline

Applications	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
By 15 th October	55	55	57	71	63	88
By January Deadline	839	763	805	833	940	966
Total Applicants	929	857	898	947	1,036	1,010
% meeting Jan deadline	96.2	95.4	96.0	95.5	96.8	95.6

The above table provides confirmation of the work done across the College to maximise students’ chances of receiving an offer from their chosen institution.

Applications to Oxbridge

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of Applicants	19	24	22	19	17	15	13	20	33
Accepts	6	8	4	2	3	2	2	3	8
% Success	31.6	33.3	18.2	10.5	17.6	13.3	15.4	15.0	24.2

Encouragement for Oxbridge applicants remains very strong. There is a supportive package to help develop potential Oxbridge applicants through the 'Stretch and Challenge Programme', including strategies to encourage more widening participation students to apply for competitive institutions/degree programmes.

Applications for Medicine

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of Applicants	19	19	19	24	25	36	48	35	43
Accepts	9	5	5	6	7	11	10*	8**	15
% Success	47.4	26.3	26.3	25.0	28.0	30.6	20.8	22.9	34.8

10* - Includes 3 foundation/gateway courses for medicine

8** - Includes 1 foundation year course for medicine

15*** - Includes 2 foundation/gateway courses for medicine

Applicants for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary courses are all given additional support in a similar way to Oxbridge students. Some come through the 'Pre-Medical School' enrichment programme whilst others join the support programme at a later stage. A number of students have also participated in external support programmes such as the University of Birmingham 'Routes to the Professions (Medicine)' and the Aston University 'Pathway to Healthcare' programme.

Applications to Russell Group Universities

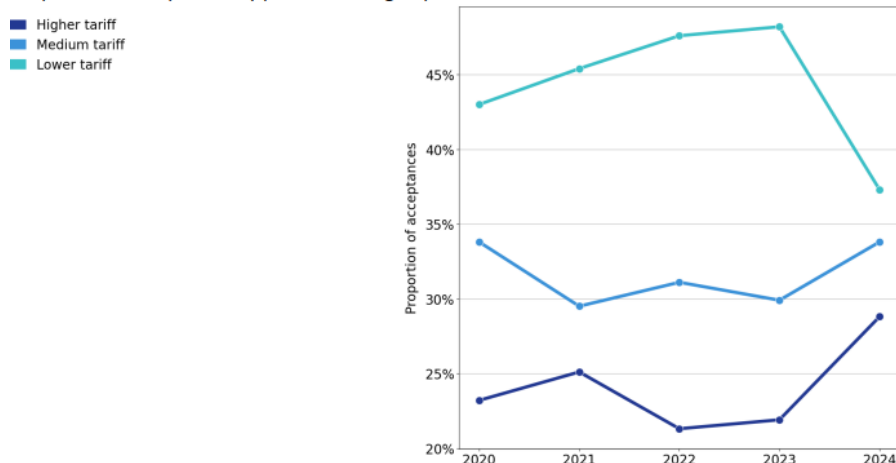
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of RG Accepts	167	157	130	189	172	199	160	190	251
Total Accepts	753	873	766	835	781	800	813	903	884
% Attending RG	22.2	18.0	17.0	22.6	22.0	24.9	19.7	21.0	28.4

28.4% of those securing a university place in 2024 joined a Russell Group university. This is 7.4% up on 2023 (21.0%) and is the largest percentage across the decade (The national figure for 2024 was 26.9%). This increase will be partly due to the reduced number of international students attending Russell Group Universities, but it is still very satisfying to see these universities choosing to offer places to SSFC students.

It should also be acknowledged that a substantial number of students are accepted at highly competitive non-Russell Group universities such as Aston, Keele and Leicester. It is worth noting that, if Aston was included in Russell group figures, it would raise the number of students attending institutions of this nature to around 51%.

Acceptance By Tariff Group

Proportion of acceptances by provider tariff group



Provider Tariff Group	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Lower Tariff (%)	43.0	45.4	47.6	48.2	37.3
Medium Tariff (%)	33.8	29.5	31.1	29.9	33.8
Higher Tariff (%)	23.2	25.1	21.3	21.9	28.8

Rather than just focussing on Russell Group universities, UCAS provide useful data by 'Tariff'. The higher the tariff, the higher a typical offer for that university would be. On the above graph, it can be seen that in 2024, an increased number of our students gained places at 'higher' and 'medium' tariff universities and fewer went to 'lower' tariff institutions.

Examples that will have had a key impact on these figures are increases in the number of acceptances at University of Birmingham (94 in 2023 to 129 in 2024) and Aston (141 in 2023 to 196 in 2024), and the decrease in acceptances at lower tariff universities such as Coventry (89 in 2023 to 55 in 2024) and BCU (184 in 2023 to 155 in 2024).

DfE Top Third Universities

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of DfE Top Third Accepts	231	361	330	350	324	364	495
Total Accepts	767	835	781	800	813	903	884
% Attending DfE Top Third	30.1	43.2	42.3	43.8	39.9	40.3	56.0

Top 10 Russell Group Destinations - 2024

University	No. of Students	University	No. of Students
Birmingham	129	Cardiff	8
Nottingham	23	Leeds	7
Warwick	18	Exeter	6
Liverpool	11	Sheffield	6
Manchester	10	York	6

Top 6 other Competitive University Destinations – 2024

University	No. of Students	University	No. of Students
Aston	196	Lancaster	7
Leicester	19	Aberystwyth	6
Keele	10	Loughborough/ Reading	3

Top 6 “New University” Destinations - 2024

University	No. of Students	University	No. of Students
BCU	155	Nottingham Trent	14
Coventry	55	Manchester Met.	12
Wolverhampton	33	Leicester De Montfort	8

Overall Top 10 HE Destinations – 2024

University	No. of Students	University	No. of Students
Aston	196	Leicester	19
BCU	155	Warwick	18
Birmingham	129	Nottingham Trent	14
Coventry	55	Manchester Met.	12
Wolverhampton	33	Liverpool	11

As in previous years, local universities continue to be the most popular destinations with Leicester, Nottingham Trent, Manchester Met, Liverpool, Manchester and Keele (in descending order) being the more popular “non-local” choices.

Since the start of the decade, there has been a steady increase in the number of acceptances at both Aston and University of Birmingham and the 2024 figures are more than 2.5 times greater than in 2018.

The number of students progressing to BCU and Coventry is again healthy (155 and 55 respectively), and the 196 acceptances at Aston is the highest figure we have ever had for a single institution. This gives real purpose to the ongoing partnerships between the College and local universities.

League Tables

The number of students accepted at various “Top 30” institutions is recorded in Appendix 1. As the DfE top third table contains both University of Birmingham and Aston University, it is not surprising that the number of students attending universities in this category is high (495 students, 56.0% of those accepted).

As the universities included in the variety of league tables vary from year to year, the information gathered for the other league tables is interesting but cannot be regarded as a key measure of performance.

HE Progression for Year 13 Completers (excluding ex-students)

% Year 13 Completers Progressing to HE

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of Students	1002	1053	915	1032	1020	1189	1112
Number entering HE	701	731	704	738	730	808	829
% of cohort	70.0	69.4	76.9	71.5	71.4	68.0	74.6

74.6% of the 2024 Year 13 completers secured a place in higher education. This is 6.6% higher than in 2023 and is the highest in a decade. It is also well above the national DfE figure of 45.0%. In addition, some students who have failed to achieve their offer grades, will re-apply during 2024-25 with more realistic aspirations, and possibly better grade profiles, due to “re-sits” (to-date, 112 ex-students have applied through UCAS for 2025 entry).

% Year 13 A level Completers Progressing to HE

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of Students	815	709	662	705	781	890	811
Number entering HE	570	522	521	495	539	594	634
% of group	69.9	73.6	78.7	70.2	69.0	66.7	78.2

78.2% of the Year 13 A level students progressed into HE in 2024. With the exception of 2020, the year of CAGs, this is the highest figure in over a decade.

% Year 13 Applied Course Completers Progressing to HE

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of Students	179	326	247	327	310	299	355
Number entering HE	126	218	182	243	191	214	232
% of group	70.4	66.9	73.7	74.3	61.6	71.6	65.4

65.4% of students on the 3 A level equivalent applied courses secured HE places in 2024; this is a 6.2% decrease compared to 2023 but still 3.8% higher than 2022. This decrease could be due to more BTEC students choosing apprenticeships and direct employment in abundant areas such as Business, Finance and IT.

In 2024, applied course students made up 26.8% of all year 13 leavers entering higher education. This is a 1.7% increase on the 2023 figure (25.1%).

It is also interesting to note the success rates for different ethnicities within the A level and applied programmes. The following table show the % of the 2 largest ethnic groups securing HE places:

% of Ethnic Group Cohort Entering HE	English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	Pakistani
A Level Programme	71.2 (59.1)	81.7 (56.3)
Applied Courses	52.9 (48.6)	70.2 (67.2)

() = 2023 figures

It can be seen that, in both cases, a larger % of the Pakistani cohorts progressed to HE than the White British cohorts. Both groups have increased rates compared to 2023.

Gender and Ethnicity

The following section looks at two types of data, 'Percentage of Each Year 13 Group Securing HE Places' and overall 'Student Success Rates' (number of students securing a place compared to number who applied, including re-sits and gap-year students).

Gender

Female students continue to out-perform males when securing places in HE, although the gap appears to be closing. Destination figures for 2024 Year 13 completers, indicate a difference of 8.2%. This is in-keeping with females achieving higher grades than males.

% of Y13 Leavers placed in HE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Female	73.2	72.1	80.0	76.5	73.1	70.1	78.0
Male	66.5	70.4	73.4	66.1	60.7	58.9	69.8
Difference (Female - Male)	6.7	1.7	6.6	10.4	12.4	10.3	8.2

As suggested in previous years, the reason for more female students securing places than males may be that they are more realistic in their aspirations and therefore make better plans for progression.

Acceptance Rate By Gender (all applicants)

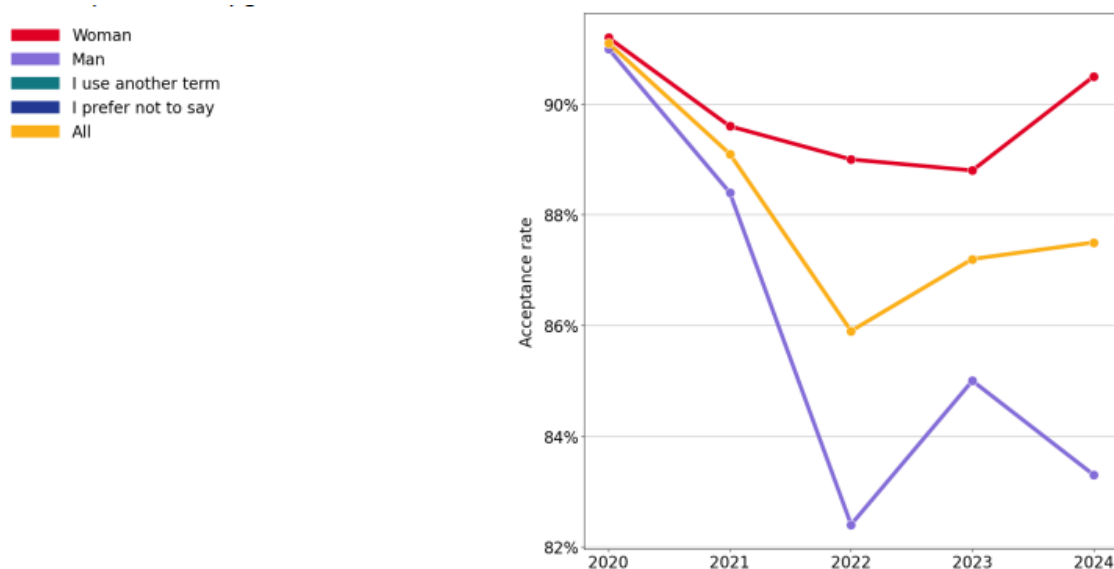
SSFC % Acceptance rate by gender (All applicants)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Female	88.0	91.2	89.6	89.0	88.8	90.5
Male	92.1	91.0	88.4	82.4	85.0	83.3
Difference (Female – Male)	-4.1	0.2	1.2	6.6	3.8	7.2

For Year 13 students, we frequently see a larger % of the female cohort secure HE places than males. However, when looking at the overall data (including gap year and resit students), there is usually less of a difference.

The data for ‘All SSFC UCAS Applicants’ (i.e. Year 13 plus “gap year” students) on the ‘2024 UCAS Progression Report’, indicates a widening gap between the genders that closed a little in 2023 but has again expanded to 7.2% in 2024.

2024 National figures for 18-year-olds are Female 79.6% and male 77.6%. This is a gap of 2.0%, which is clearly much less than the College figure, however, it can also be seen how much better both male and female SSFC students perform when compared to national figures.

SSFC Acceptance Rate By Gender (all applicants)



Ethnicity

Overall, the success of students from many ethnic backgrounds continues to be strong. This is particularly evident when looking at the tables at the foot of this section, comparing the success of different ethnicities for 'All SSFC applicants' to overall national values.

The table below displays Year 13 success as a percentage of the ethnic group from 2018 to 2024. Ignoring Chinese and Black Caribbean because of their small sample size, substantial increases can be seen across all of the remaining key ethnicities.

White English/Welsh/Scottish has returned to a similar figure to 2022, whilst Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi and Black African have increased substantially on 2023 figures (+16.5%, +11.5%, +6.9% and 10.6% respectively).

Ethnicity Group	% of each group achieving HE place by end of Year 13						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
White English/Welsh/Scottish	62.9	63.1	68.9	63.4	66.9	61.7	66.3
Asian Indian	88.7	81.8	79.1	75.9	69.4	71.4	87.9
Asian Pakistani	76.6	76.3	83.8	80.6	69.5	66.1	77.6
Asian Bangladeshi	74.0	77.5	87.0	71.0	76.3	72.6	79.5
Asian Chinese	85.7	100	100	100	83.3	100	90.9
Black African	78.0	73.0	85.0	82.4	65.0	64.7	75.3
Black Caribbean	64.7	78.9	85.7	55.6	62.5	64.7	91.7

On the 'UCAS Progression Report', issued in 2 parts (November and January), the college's overall application data can be compared to national figures for 18-year-olds. This data is presented in the form of broader, more general, ethnic groups than those used internally by the College.

The tables below indicate the % of **all** SSFC applicants, including gap year students, securing a university place.

() = number of applicants by ethnic group

% of Asian Applicants placed in HE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SSFC	90.2 (459)	91.2 (399)	89.0 (462)	84.6 (486)	84.8 (505)	85.5 (530)
National	86.8	88.4	87.2	83.9	83.2	84.2
Difference	+3.4	+2.8	+1.8	+0.7	+1.6	+1.3

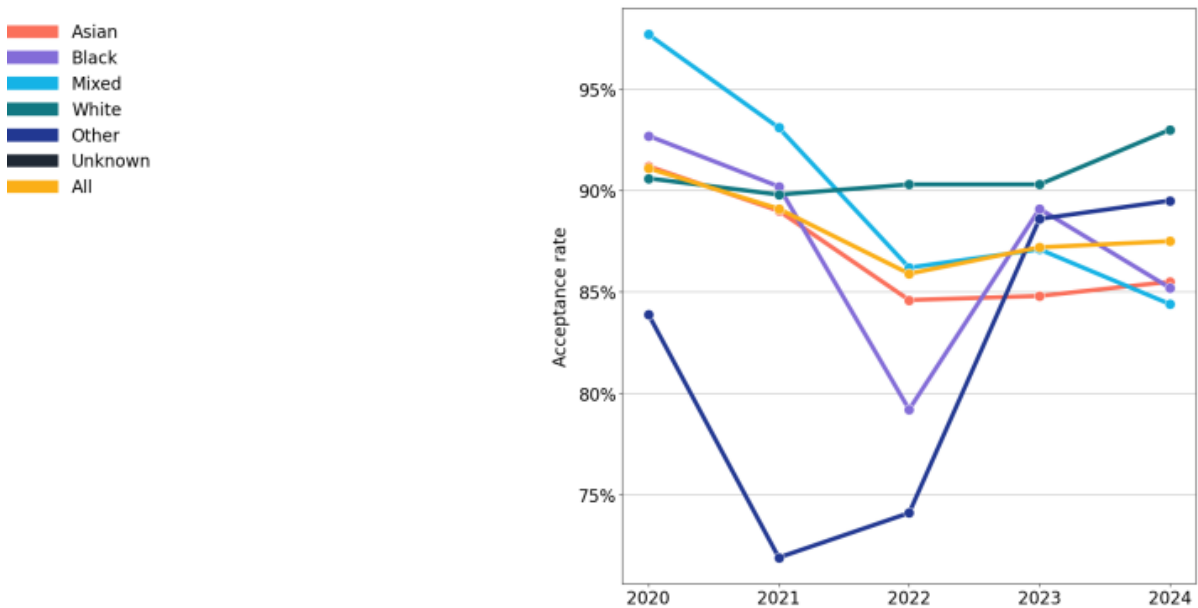
% of Black Applicants placed in HE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SSFC	89.4	92.7	90.2	79.2	89.1	85.2

	(66)	(55)	(51)	(72)	(92)	(88)
National	88.5	90.4	89.4	86.3	85.1	86.4
Difference	+0.9	+2.3	+0.8	-7.1	+4.0	-1.2

% of Mixed Applicants placed in HE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SSFC	94.0 (50)	97.7 (44)	93.1 (58)	86.2 (58)	87.1 (70)	84.4 (64)
National	85.9	89.4	87.2	84.3	83.5	85.1
Difference	+8.1	+8.3	+5.9	+1.9	+3.6	-0.7

% of White Applicants placed in HE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SSFC	89.4 (320)	90.6 (318)	89.8 (285)	90.3 (298)	90.3 (318)	93.0 (284)
National	85.5	89.1	86.8	83.5	83.6	85.3
Difference	+3.9	+1.5	+3.0	+6.8	+6.7	+7.7

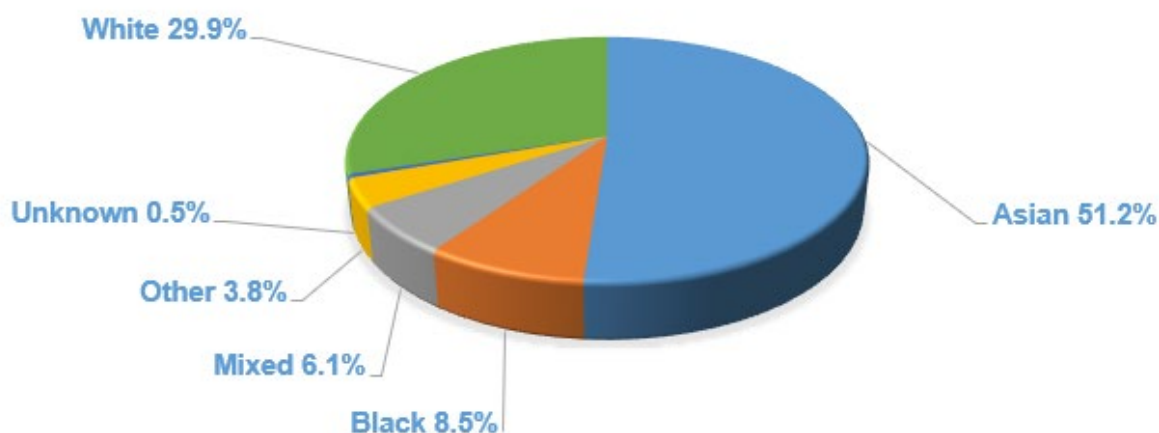
Acceptance Rates by Ethnic group



It can be seen that in 2023, all ethnic groups performed well against national figures. Whilst 'Asian' and 'White' students have continued this trend in 2024, 'Black' and 'Mixed' students have fallen slightly and will need to be monitored in terms of possible reasons for this.

It should, once again, be noted that these figures apply to all applicants, including those applying for a second time. The figures at the top of Page 13 represent those completing Year 13 and look very healthy.

SSFC PROPORTION OF ACCEPTANCES BY ETHNIC GROUP - 2024



Sustained Positive Destinations

The information below, was provided in March 2025 by the **Sixth Form Colleges Association**. It compares sustained positive destinations for Solihull Sixth Form College with national figures for sixth form colleges and 16-19 academies.

2021/22 Sustained Leaver Destinations Data

Destinations – all 2021/22 leavers		
Institution	Overall education or employment / training destination	UK Higher Education Institution (HEI)
Solihull SFC	86%	62%
SFCs and 16-19 academies	85%	55%
All schools and colleges	80%	46%

Overall education or employment / training – 3-year trend			
Year	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Solihull SFC	85%	89%	86%
SFCs and 16-19 academies	85%	87%	85%

This data confirms that in-house calculations of % students progressing to positive destinations is producing realistic figures. It is also confirmed by the SFCA that in 2020/21, with an HE VA of 9, the College is in the top 25% of sixth form colleges for

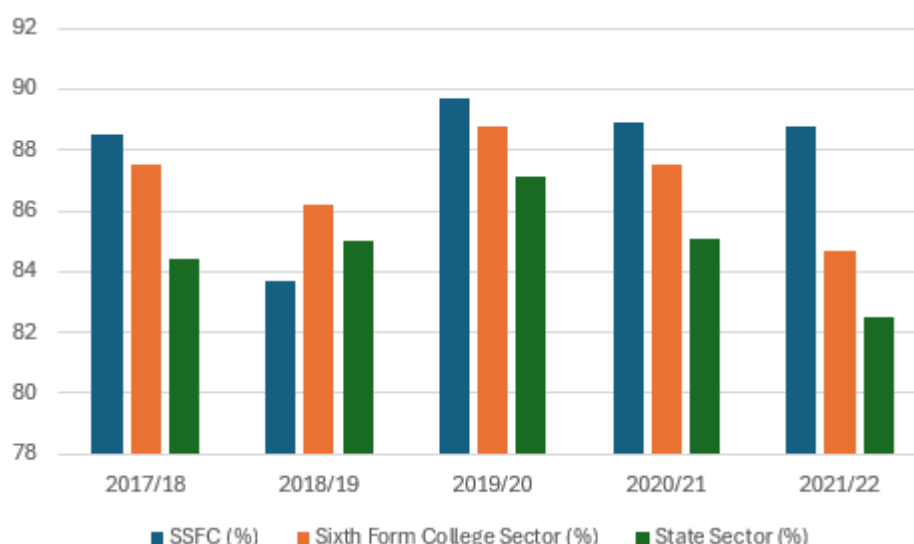
HE destinations. The proportion of students going to top-third universities is also in the top 25%.

It can also be seen that the college support for less privileged students, from areas with the lowest HE participation rate, pays off in the way that these students stay on at their chosen universities once enrolled (SSFC 88.8%, Sixth Form College Sector 84.7%).

Continuation rates after completion of first year of study for students from areas with Lowest HE Participation Rates

Year	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
SSFC (%)	88.5	83.7	89.7	88.9	88.8
Sixth Form College Sector (%)	87.5	86.2	88.8	87.5	84.7
State Sector (%)	84.4	85.0	87.1	85.1	82.5

HESA Data – Students from areas with Lowest HE Participation Rates - % Continuation in HE



Appendices

Appendix 1 – HE Destinations 2019-24

Appendix 2 – Extracts from the UCAS Destinations Report 2024

Appendix 3 – SFCA Sustained Destinations Data (2021/22, 2022/23)

Appendix 4 – SFCA Destinations Data 2021/22

Appendix 5 – Gov.UK Destinations of 16-18 Level 3 Study Leavers 2022/23

Appendix 1- HE Destinations 2019-24

Russell Group	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	TOTAL
Birmingham	93	81	114	82	94	129	593
Nottingham	18	8	13	4	12	23	78
Warwick	13	14	10	16	10	18	81
Liverpool	9	18	8	13	12	11	71
Manchester	11	3	13	7	16	10	60
Cardiff	9	8	7	7	10	8	49
Leeds	3	8	6	6	6	7	36
Exeter	0	2	2	0	2	6	12
Sheffield	3	7	4	5	7	6	32
York	6	5	5	2	5	6	29
Oxford	2	2	0	2	2	5	13
Queen Mary University, London	2	0	1	0	1	4	8
Bristol	5	6	4	1	0	4	20
Cambridge	0	1	2	0	1	3	7
Southampton	3	1	4	5	3	2	18
Durham	1	2	2	1	1	2	9
Edinburgh	1	0	0	0	1	2	4
Newcastle	3	1	1	1	4	1	11
Kings College London	3	4	1	2	1	1	12
Imperial College London	1	0	0	2	1	1	5
UCL	2	1	1	2	0	1	7
Glasgow	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Queen's University Belfast	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
LSE	1	0	1	2	0	0	4
TOTAL	189	172	199	160	190	251	

Competitive	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	TOTAL
Aston	148	134	129	129	141	196	877
Leicester	9	10	7	14	15	19	74
Keele	10	13	16	10	7	10	66
Lancaster	0	1	2	3	2	7	15
Aberystwyth	3	3	3	5	6	6	26
Loughborough	3	3	0	3	5	3	17
Reading	5	2	4	0	2	3	16
Bath	2	2	2	1	1	2	10
Swansea	6	3	3	3	5	1	21
Salford	2	2	5	1	5	1	16
Bangor	1	1	0	1	5	1	9
Sussex	3	0	1	5	2	1	12
UEA	0	2	1	2	1	1	7
Hull	0	1	1	1	1	1	5
Brunel	1	4	1	0	1	0	7
Bradford	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
TOTAL	133	182	176	179	199	252	

New	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	TOTAL
Birmingham City	122	131	136	175	184	155	903
Coventry	121	90	71	68	89	55	494
Wolverhampton	25	19	34	15	31	33	157
Nottingham Trent	36	35	37	31	34	14	187
Manchester Met.	11	8	11	10	21	12	73
Leicester De Montfort	19	10	14	14	20	8	85
Liverpool, John Moores	3	4	12	15	12	8	54
University of Law	9	11	4	7	4	8	43
University College Birmingham	4	3	3	7	10	7	34
Wrocester	16	11	13	9	13	6	68
Central Lancashire	2	0	1	2	1	5	11
Newman	6	6	14	9	7	4	46
University of West of England	3	5	6	4	3	4	25
Plymouth	0	5	3	6	6	3	23
Gloucestershire	1	3	4	0	4	3	15
Derby	6	5	3	4	4	3	25
Leeds Met. / Beckett	4	2	7	4	0	3	20
Portsmouth	1	3	1	0	0	3	8
Oxford Brookes	6	1	3	0	6	2	18
Sheffield Hallam	8	4	5	2	1	2	22
Northampton	3	2	3	5	1	2	16
Staffordshire	7	3	1	1	3	1	16
Hertfordshire	4	0	2	2	1	1	10
Bournemouth	0	0	1	6	1	1	9
Glamorgan / South Wales	0	1	1	0	0	1	3
Chester	2	0	0	3	0	1	6
Lincoln	3	5	0	3	2	0	13
TOTAL	422	367	390	402	458	345	

Complete University Guide - Top 30 Universities 2020-24

2020		2022		2023		2024	
Cambridge	1	Oxford	2	Cambridge	1	Cambridge	3
Oxford	2	Cambridge	0	Oxford	2	Oxford	5
St Andrews	0	LSE	2	LSE	0	LSE	0
LSE	0	St Andrews	0	St Andrews	0	St Andrews	0
Imperial	0	Imperial	2	Bath	1	Imperial	1
Loughborough	3	Durham	1	Imperial	1	Loughborough	3
Durham	2	Loughborough	3	Loughborough	5	Durham	2
Lancaster	1	Bath	0	Durham	1	Bath	2
Bath	2	UCL	2	UCL	0	UCL	1
UCL	1	Warwick	16	Lancaster	2	Warwick	18
Warwick	14	Lancaster	3	Warwick	10	Lancaster	7
Exeter	2	Edinburgh	0	Edinburgh	1	Surrey	2
Birmingham	81	Southampton	5	Surrey	2	Birmingham	129
Bristol	6	Birmingham	82	Birmingham	94	Exeter	6
Edinburgh	0	Bristol	1	Exeter	2	Edinburgh	2
Leeds	8	Leeds	6	Bristol	0	Bristol	4
Manchester	3	Manchester	7	Southampton	3	York	6
Southampton	1	Surrey	2	York	5	Sheffield	6
Glasgow	0	Exeter	0	Manchester	16	Liverpool	11
King's College	4	York	2	Sheffield	7	Southampton	2
Nottingham	8	Liverpool	13	Cardiff	10	UEA	1
York	5	Kings, London	2	Leeds	6	Manchester	10
Newcastle	1	Glasgow	0	UEA	1	Leeds	7
Royal Holloway	0	Queens, Belfast	0	King's College	1	King's College	1
East Anglia	2	Nottingham	4	Liverpool	12	Queens Belfast	0
Aberdeen	0	Cardiff	7	Glasgow	0	Newcastle	1
Belfast	0	UEA	2	Queen's Belfast	0	Cardiff	8
Sheffield	7	Sheffield	5	Nottingham	12	Glasgow	1
Heriot-Watt	0	Leicester	14	UO the Arts	0	UO the Arts	2
Cardiff	8	Harper Adams	0	Newcastle	4	Nottingham	23
	162		183		199		264

Guardian League Tables - Top 30 Universities 2020-24

2020		2022		2023		2024	
Oxford	2	St Andrews	0	St Andrews	0	Oxford	5
St Andrews	0	Oxford	2	Oxford	2	St Andrews	0
Cambridge	1	Cambridge	0	Cambridge	1	Cambridge	3
Durham	2	LSE	2	LSE	0	LSE	0
LSE	0	Imperial	2	Imperial	1	Imperial	1
Bath	2	Durham	1	Bath	1	Durham	2
Loughborough	3	Bath	0	Durham	1	Bath	2
Warwick	14	Warwick	16	UCL	0	Warwick	18
Imperial	0	UCL	2	Warwick	10	UCL	1
Lancaster	1	Loughborough	3	Loughborough	5	Loughborough	3
Bristol	6	Glasgow	0	Lancaster	2	Lancaster	7
Glasgow	0	Edinburgh	0	Aberdeen	0	Aberdeen	0
Edinburgh	0	Aberdeen	0	Glasgow	0	U O the Arts	2
UCL	1	Lancaster	3	Edinburgh	1	Glasgow	1
Strathclyde	0	Exeter	0	UO the Arts	0	Edinburgh	2
York	5	Southampton	5	Strathclyde	2	Bristol	4
Exeter	2	Bristol	1	Bristol	0	Strathclyde	1
Leeds	8	Strathclyde	0	Exeter	2	Exeter	6
Dundee	0	UO the Arts	4	York	5	Surrey	2
Aberdeen	0	Leeds	6	Southampton	3	Sheffield	6
UWE	5	York	2	Sheffield	7	Aston	196
Birmingham	81	Aston	129	Surrey	2	Southampton	2
Southampton	1	West London	1	King's College	1	Essex	0
Swansea	3	Surrey	2	Manchester	16	Ulster	0
Manchester	3	UWE Bristol	4	Aston	141	York	6
Coventry	90	Swansea	3	Swansea	5	Chichester	0
Northumbria	0	Birmingham	82	Leeds	6	Liverpool	11
Stirling	0	UEA	2	Ulster	0	King's College	1
Chichester	0	King's, London	2	Cardiff	10	Swansea	1
Aston	134	Sheffield	5	Bolton	0	West London	0
	364		279		224		283

Times League Tables - Top 30 Universities 2020-24

2020		2022		2023		2024	
Cambridge	1	St Andrew's	0	St Andrew's	0	LSE	0
Oxford	2	Oxford	2	Oxford	2	St Andrews	0
St Andrews	0	Cambridge	0	Cambridge	1	Oxford	5
LSE	0	Imperial	2	LSE	0	Cambridge	3
Imperial	0	UCL	2	Imperial	1	Durham	2
Durham	2	Edinburgh	0	UCL	0	Imperial	1
Loughborough	3	King's, london	2	Durham	1	UCL	1
UCL	1	LSE	2	Bath	1	Bath	2
Bath	2	Manchester	7	Warwick	10	Warwick	18
Warwick	14	Bristol	1	Loughborough	5	Loughborough	3
Lancaster	1	Glasgow	0	Exeter	2	Bristol	4
Exeter	2	Warwick	16	Glasgow	0	Lancaster	7
Bristol	6	Birmingham	82	Edinburgh	1	Exeter	6
Glasgow	0	Southampton	5	Lancaster	2	Sheffield	6
Leeds	8	Sheffield	5	York	5	Aberdeen	0
Southampton	1	Lancaster	3	Bristol	0	Glasgow	1
Edinburgh	0	Queen Mary	0	Southampton	3	Edinburgh	2
Manchester	3	Leeds	6	Sheffield	7	York	6
Birmingham	81	Nottingham	4	Aberdeen	0	Southampton	2
York	5	Exeter	0	Strathclyde	2	Strathclyde	1
East Anglia	2	Newcastle	1	Surry	2	Surrey	2
Royal Holloway	0	York	2	Birmingham	94	Birmingham	129
Dundee	0	Leicester	14	Manchester	16	Liverpool	11
Sheffield	7	Liverpool	13	Leeds	6	King's College	1
Strathclyde	0	Cardiff	7	Cardiff	10	Reading	3
Nottingham	8	Aberdeen	0	UEA	1	Belfast	0
Aberdeen	0	Durham	1	King's College	1	Leicester	19
Harper Adams	0	Queen's, Belfast	0	SOAS	3	Manchester	10
Liverpool	18	Reading	0	Liverpool	12	Leeds	7
Kings College	4	UEA	2	Royal Holloway	1	Nottingham	23
	171		179		189		275

Top Third Universities

University	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Aston University	134	129	129	141	196
Cardiff University	8	7	7	10	8
Central School of Speech and Drama	0	0	0	0	0
City University	1	2	0	3	1
Courtauld Institute of Art	0	0	0	0	0
Glasgow School of Art	0	0	0	0	0
Goldsmiths College	1	1	1	1	1
Guildhall School of Music and Drama	0	0	0	0	0
Heriot-Watt University	0	0	0	0	0
Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine	0	0	2	1	1
Kings College London	4	1	2	1	1
London School of Economics and Political Science	0	1	2	0	0
Loughborough University	3	0	3	5	3
Queen Mary and Westfield College	0	1	0	1	4
Queens University of Belfast	0	0	0	1	0
Royal Academy of Music	0	0	0	0	0
Royal College of Music	0	0	0	0	0
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland	0	0	0	0	0
Royal Holloway and Bedford New College	0	1	1	1	4
Royal Veterinary College	0	0	0	0	1
School of Oriental and African Studies	0	0	2	3	0
St Georges Hospital Medical School	0	0	0	1	0
University College London	1	1	2	0	1
University of Aberdeen	0	0	0	0	0
University of Bath	0	2	0	1	2
University of Birmingham	81	114	82	94	129
University of Bristol	6	4	1	0	4
University of Cambridge	1	2	0	1	3
University of Durham	2	2	1	1	2
University of East Anglia	2	1	2	1	1
University of Edinburgh	0	0	0	1	2
University of Exeter	2	2	0	2	6
University of Glasgow	0	0	0	0	1
University of Kent	2	0	2	3	2
University of Lancaster	1	2	3	2	7
University of Leeds	8	6	6	6	7
University of Leicester	10	7	14	15	19
University of Liverpool	18	8	13	12	11
University of Manchester	3	13	7	16	10
University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1	1	1	4	1
University of Nottingham	8	13	4	12	23
University of Oxford	2	0	2	2	5
University of Reading	2	4	0	2	3
University of Sheffield	7	4	5	7	6
University of Southampton	1	4	5	3	2
University of St Andrews	0	0	0	0	0
University of Strathclyde	0	0	0	1	1
University of Surrey	2	0	2	0	2
University of Sussex	0	2	5	2	1
University of Warwick	14	10	16	2	18
University of York	5	5	2	5	6
	330	350	324	364	495

Appendix 2 - Taken from UCAS Progression Report 2024

14.1 Acceptances by CAH1 subject group

CAH1 subject group	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
(CAH01) medicine and dentistry	7	13	13	10	16
(CAH02) subjects allied to medicine	124	134	117	158	149
(CAH03) biological and sport sciences	47	43	39	38	47
(CAH04) psychology	66	68	70	72	70
(CAH05) veterinary sciences	2	0	0	0	1
(CAH06) agriculture, food and related studies	2	1	2	3	1
(CAH07) physical sciences	12	14	11	15	17
(CAH09) mathematical sciences	19	5	14	11	11
(CAH10) engineering and technology	49	38	51	45	56
(CAH11) computing	52	52	74	77	81
(CAH13) architecture, building and planning	21	21	14	17	15
(CAH15) social sciences	81	88	78	108	77
(CAH16) law	59	66	78	77	82
(CAH17) business and management	108	123	106	113	111
(CAH19) language and area studies	23	22	24	31	30
(CAH20) historical, philosophical and religious studies	21	25	16	26	26
(CAH22) education and teaching	35	22	33	30	34
(CAH23) combined and general studies	4	2	1	1	3
(CAH24) media, journalism and communications	12	13	14	18	6
(CAH25) design, and creative and performing arts	30	43	48	41	40
(CAH26) geography, earth and environmental studies	8	10	11	11	12
All	782	803	814	902	885

Taken from UCAS Progression Report 2024

15.1 Acceptances by CAH3 subject group Top 20, 2024 rank

CAH3 subject group and rank		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1	(CAH16-01-01) law	59	66	78	77	82
2	(CAH11-01-01) computer science	31	32	49	50	63
3	(CAH04-01-01) psychology (non-specific)	63	59	65	62	60
4	(CAH17-01-08) accounting	29	34	32	33	37
5	(CAH15-01-02) sociology	42	33	34	49	32
6	(CAH02-05-03) biomedical sciences (non-specific)	31	25	27	38	25
7	(CAH22-01-02) teacher training	33	18	24	18	23
8	(CAH02-02-03) pharmacy	16	24	13	16	21
9	(CAH15-02-01) economics	16	26	24	28	20
	(CAH17-01-02) business studies	36	34	32	19	20
11	(CAH02-04-02) adult nursing	10	13	22	25	19
	(CAH17-01-07) finance	14	17	16	19	19
13	(CAH25-01-03) design studies	16	19	32	19	17
	(CAH15-03-01) politics	10	12	12	16	17
	(CAH03-02-01) sport and exercise sciences	22	20	15	14	17
	(CAH10-01-02) mechanical engineering	9	8	7	8	17
17	(CAH01-01-02) medicine (non-specific)	6	11	11	8	16
	(CAH02-05-02) healthcare science (non-specific)	6	4	7	4	16
19	(CAH20-01-01) history	16	13	10	16	15
	(CAH25-01-04) cinematics and photography	4	10	6	15	15
	(CAH03-01-08) molecular biology, biophysics and biochemistry	7	9	7	9	15

Registered Centre Progression Summary

UCAS

Confidential analysis for Registered centres
Solihull Sixth Form College

Cycle:
2024

Changes in brackets refer to the previous cycle. PP refers to a percentage point change.

Applicants
1,010 (-3%)

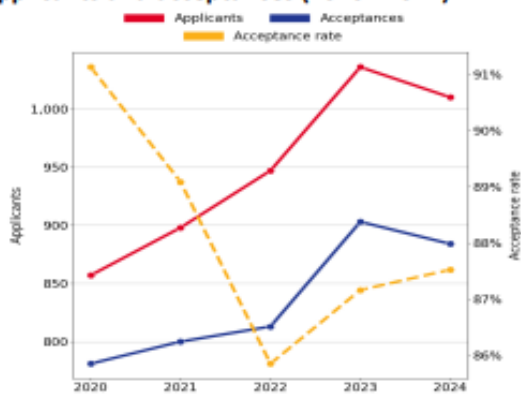
Acceptances
884 (-2%)

Acceptance Rate
88% (+0pp)

Offers (Applicants)
967 (-4%)

Applicant Offer Rate
98% (-1pp)

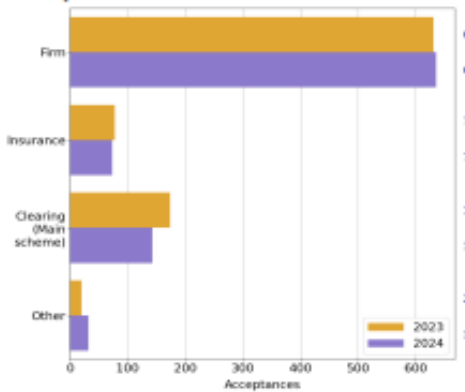
Applicants and acceptances (2020 - 2024)



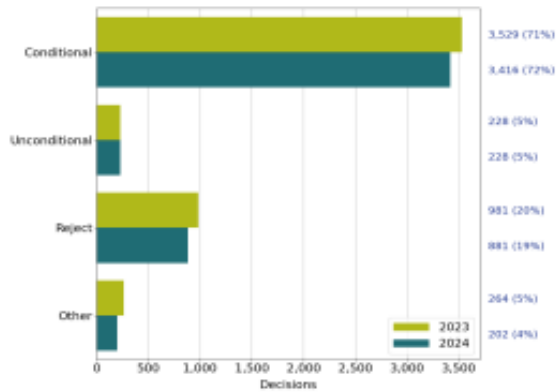
Deadline applied by

	2024	2023
by Oct 15 deadline	9%	6%
after Oct 15, by Jan ECD	87%	91%
after Jan ECD, by Jun 30	2%	2%
after Jun 30 (Direct to Clearing)	2%	1%

Acceptance routes



Provider decisions



Top 5 HEPS by acceptances (2024 ranking)

	2024	2023
Aston University, Birmingham	193	137
Birmingham City University	154	184
University of Birmingham	127	93
Coventry University	54	93
University of Wolverhampton	33	32

Top 5 subjects (CAH3) by acceptances (2024 ranking)

	2024	2023
(CAH16-01-01) law	82	77
(CAH11-01-01) computer science	63	50
(CAH04-01-01) psychology (non-specific)	60	62
(CAH17-01-08) accounting	37	33
(CAH15-01-02) sociology	32	49

Appendix 3 – SFCA Sustained Destinations Data 2022/23



Degree Classification obtained by students at UK universities in the 2022/23 academic year																
Provider	Cohort size	First	Upper Second	First class and upper second class honours	Lower Second	Third	Unclassified	Provider	Cohort size	First	Upper Second	First class and upper second class honours	Lower Second	Third	Unclassified	
All UK HEIs	The Sixth Form College, Solihull	425	22.4%	55.5%	77.9%	18.8%	2.1%	1.4%	Russell Group	The Sixth Form College, Solihull	125	30.6%	54.8%	13.4%	0.8%	0.0%
	Sixth Form College sector	29275	28.3%	48.9%	77.2%	18.2%	2.2%	2.4%		Sixth Form College sector	8230	32.8%	53.4%	10.8%	1.1%	1.8%
	State sector	188770	28.2%	49.1%	77.3%	17.6%	2.1%	3.0%		State sector	52020	32.9%	53.2%	10.9%	1.2%	1.9%
	Independent sector	23950	31.8%	54.0%	85.8%	10.8%	0.9%	2.5%		Independent sector	14635	34.2%	55.3%	89.5%	7.7%	0.6%

Provider	Cohort size	First	Upper Second	First class and upper second class honours	Lower Second	Third	Unclassified	Provider	Cohort size	First	Upper Second	First class and upper second class honours	Lower Second	Third	Unclassified		
Students from areas with lowest HE participation rate	The Sixth Form College, Solihull	50	5.9%	74.5%	80.4%	17.6%	0.0%	2.0%	Students whose parents do not have higher education qualifications	The Sixth Form College, Solihull	195	18.7%	60.1%	17.8%	2.1%	1.6%	
	Sixth Form College sector	3990	23.1%	48.8%	71.9%	22.7%	2.8%	2.6%		Sixth Form College sector	11935	25.4%	49.1%	74.5%	20.5%	2.4%	2.6%
	State sector	21330	23.4%	48.5%	71.9%	22.3%	3.0%	2.9%		State sector	72915	25.5%	49.5%	75.0%	19.7%	2.4%	2.9%
	Independent sector	485	24.9%	57.6%	82.5%	13.4%	1.2%	2.9%		Independent sector	3285	27.5%	54.7%	82.2%	14.1%	1.3%	2.4%

Continuation rates after completion of first year of study for the 2021/22 academic year

Provider	Cohort size	Continued	Gainied intended award or higher	Gainied other award	Left with no award	Provider	Cohort size	Continued	Gainied intended award or higher	Gainied other award	Left with no award		
All UK HEIs	The Sixth Form College, Solihull	800	86.9%	0.1%	1.5%	11.5%	Russell Group	The Sixth Form College, Solihull	195	89.8%	0.0%	10.2%	
	Sixth Form College sector	47985	86.5%	0.1%	1.9%	11.5%		Sixth Form College sector	12995	91.7%	0.0%	0.8%	7.5%
	State sector	308185	85.3%	0.4%	2.0%	12.3%		State sector	86605	91.3%	0.0%	0.8%	7.9%
	Independent sector	32115	91.5%	0.0%	1.0%	7.5%		Independent sector	20675	93.9%	0.0%	0.6%	5.5%

Provider	Cohort size	Continued	Gainied intended award or higher	Gainied other award	Left with no award	Provider	Cohort size	Continued	Gainied intended award or higher	Gainied other award	Left with no award		
Students from areas with lowest HE participation rate	The Sixth Form College, Solihull	100	88.8%	0.0%	1.0%	10.2%	Students whose parents do not have higher education qualifications	The Sixth Form College, Solihull	410	86.5%	0.0%	12.3%	
	Sixth Form College sector	6615	84.7%	0.1%	2.5%	12.7%		Sixth Form College sector	20040	85.2%	0.1%	2.1%	12.8%
	State sector	38240	82.5%	0.5%	2.5%	14.6%		State sector	122000	83.3%	0.4%	2.3%	14.0%
	Independent sector	820	89.9%	0.0%	1.8%	8.3%		Independent sector	4305	88.2%	0.1%	1.4%	10.3%

Notes

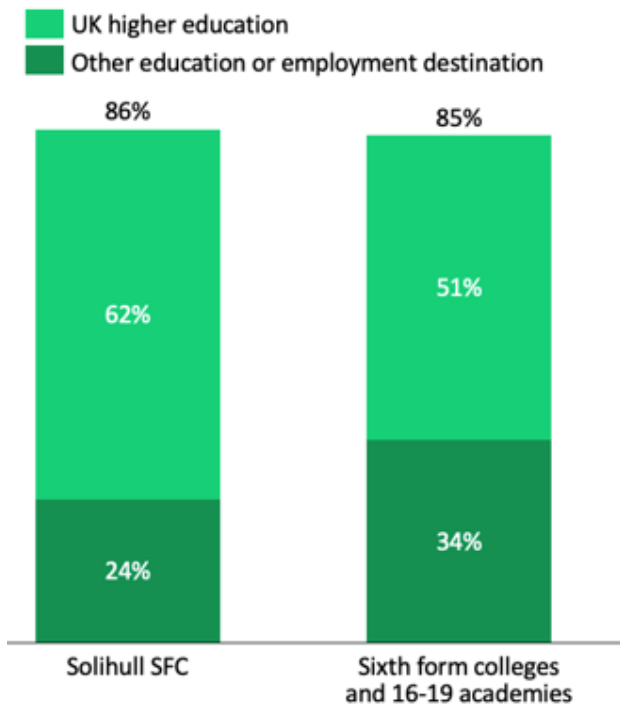
- The Sixth Form College sector includes Sixth Form Colleges and 16-19 academies.
- Medical, allied and veterinary degrees have been removed from the classification analysis. These degrees are generally classified under a pass/merit/distinction system, which get categorised under 'Unclassified' in the raw data, so they have been removed from the analysis to avoid distortion.
- The lowest participation wards data is formed by ranking wards by the proportion of young people in that area who entered higher education by the age of 19. POLAR4 is based on the cohorts who would have entered higher education between 2009 and 2013. This gives five quartile groups of areas ordered from '1' (those wards with the lowest participation) to '5' (those wards with the highest participation). Students have been allocated to the neighbourhoods on the basis of their home postcode. Those students whose postcode falls within wards with the lowest participation (quartile 1) are denoted as being from a low participation neighbourhood. A map of HE participation rates can be found at: <https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-statistics/low-participation-areas/>
- Dormant - this category includes students who have suspended their studies but not been formally de-registered.
- All student cohorts are rounded to the nearest five.

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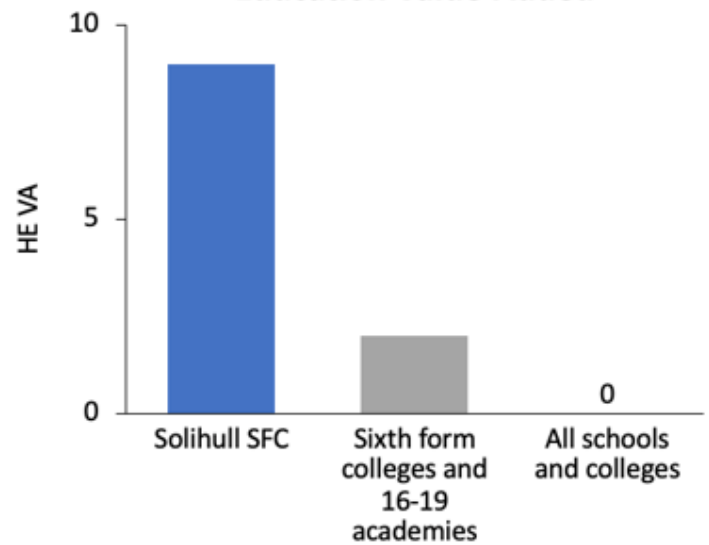
Appendix 4 – SFCA Sustained Destinations Data 2021/22

Destinations – all 2021/22 leavers		
Institution	Overall education or employment / training destination	UK Higher Education Institution (HEI)
Solihull Sixth Form College	86%	62%
Sixth form colleges and 16-19 academies	85%	55%
All schools and colleges	80%	46%

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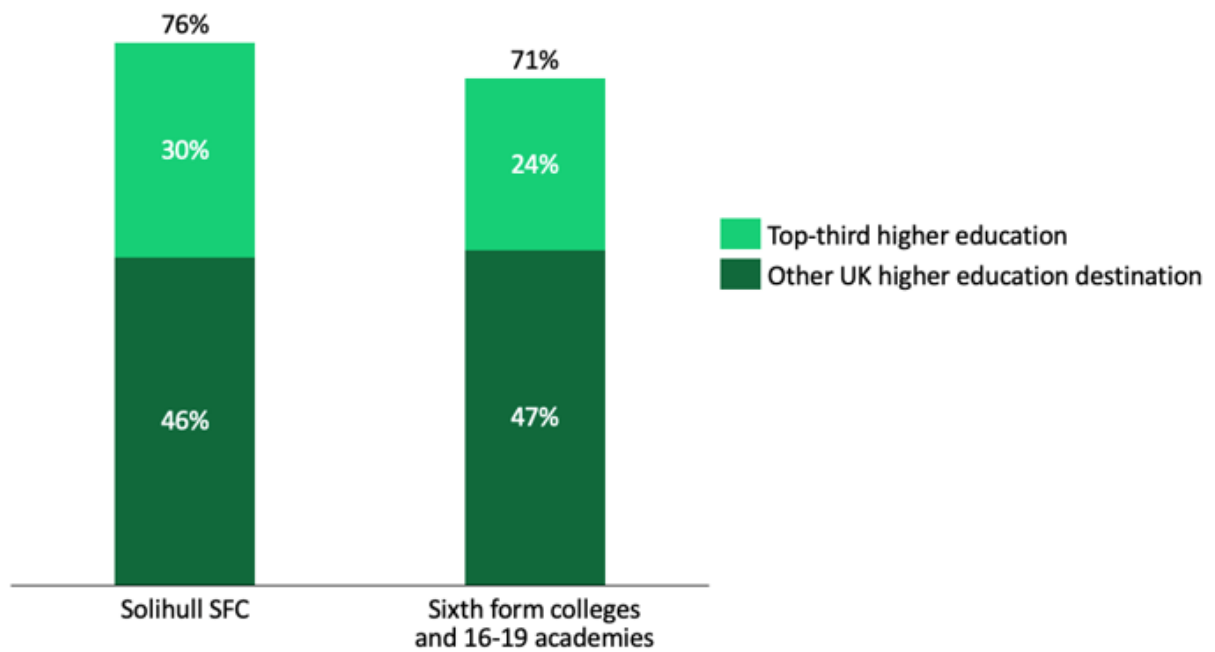


2020/21 Higher Education Value-Added




Destinations – Level 3 2020/21 leavers				
Institution	Higher education value-added	Level 4+ education or training	UK Higher Education Institution (HEI)	Top-third institution
Solihull Sixth Form College	9	78%	76%	30%
Sixth form colleges and 16-19 academies	2	75%	71%	24%
All schools and colleges	0	71%	66%	25%

2020/21 L3 Leaver Destinations



Appendix 5 – Destinations of 16-18 Study Leavers 2022/23

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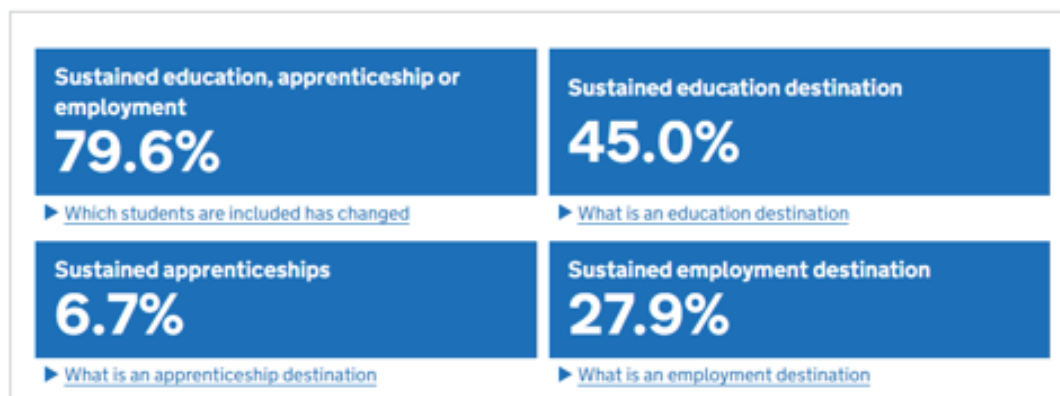
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Students reaching the end of 16 to 18 study in 2022 and staying in education or employment for at least 2 terms after this. This is revised data published in February 2025.

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Students that left 16 to 18 study at this school or college in 2022, who either stayed in education or went into employment from October to March the following year, or stayed in an apprenticeship for at least 6 months.

Students progressing to education or employment

Total number of students: 1062

