

Attainment 8

Attainment 8 (A8) is a measure published annually showing the average academic performance of a secondary school. It is calculated by adding together pupils' highest scores across eight government approved school subjects.

The eight subjects are divided into three categories, called "buckets":

- Bucket 1 - English and maths, which are worth double marks, but English will only count for double marks if both English literature and English Language are taken. The higher grade of the two is used; The lower score can count as part of bucket 3
- Bucket 2 – The top three scores from the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) subjects taken, ie sciences, computer science, history, geography and language
- Bucket 3 – The top three scores from remaining EBacc subjects or other government approved qualifications (eg other GCSEs or Level 2 Certificates in some technical subjects).

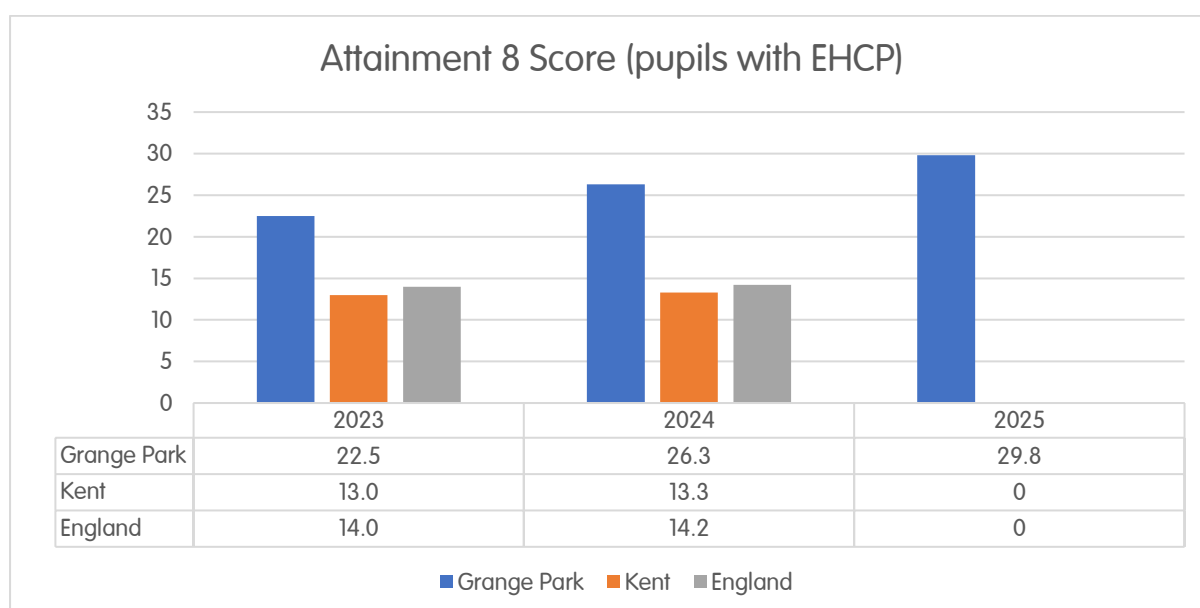
The grades are converted into points, put through a formula and finally out comes the school's A8 score.

No data for 2024/2025 is available on the local area interactive tool so all comparisons are for 2023/2024.

Grange Park's A8 Performance

Comparison with pupils with an EHCP that attend mainstream and special provisions.

- 13% higher than Kent (equivalent to a 97.7% relative increase).
- 12.1% higher than England (equivalent to an 85.2% relative increase).
- Grange Park's A8 has steadily increased over the last three academic years, showing a 7.3% rise from 2023 to 2025.



Grange Park Comparison (All pupils - EHCP and Non EHCP) Closing the SEN Gap

- Data shows Grange Park is bridging the gap between SEN pupils and all pupils in relation to A8 scores.
- The difference in attainment between SEN and non-SEN cohorts has reduced, demonstrating clear impact.

