

The Sunday Times Parent Power 2006

THE TOP 500 SECONDARY SCHOOLS

These are the top 500 independent fee-paying and state secondary schools in Britain and Northern Ireland. They are ranked according to the percentage of A and B grades obtained at A-level in 2006 (which is given a double weighting in the calculation of the rankings) and the percentage of A* and A grades achieved at GCSE. The sector ranking is the school's position in the tables of top independent or top state schools. State schools appear below in bold type. The top 500 independent and top 500 state secondary schools are profiled on the Sunday Times Parent Power CD-Rom

Overall rank	2006	2005	Name	Gender	Sector	A-level % A/B	GCSE % A*/A
1	(31)	North London Collegiate School	G	1	99.0	96.9	
2	(1)	Wycombe Abbey School	G	2	99.3	93.4	
3	(11)	St Paul's School	G	3	97.7	95.6	
4	(6)	Writington Girls' School	G	4	96.0	94.6	
5	(24)	Guldford High School for Girls	G	5	96.5	94.8	
6	(8)	St Paul's School	B	6	97.2	93.3	
7	(9)	Westminster School	Bm	7	97.0	93.3	
8	(25)	Perse Girls' School	G	8	96.6	92.8	
9	(2)	City of London School for Girls	G	9	95.1	95.1	
10	(79)	St Mary's School Ascot	G	10	96.7	92.9	
11	(4)	Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls	E	11	95.4	91.3	
12	(23)	James Allen's Girls' School	L	12	97.4	88.6	
13	(29)	Royal Grammar School	G	13	96.5	87.5	
14	(17)	Wadfield College School	B	14	95.8	88.3	
15	(16)	Kings' College School	B	15	93.9	91.4	
16	(17)	Colyton Grammar School	G	16	91.9	92.5	
16	(13)	Etton College	B	16	95.9	84.6	
16	(5)	King Edward VI High School for Girls	G	16	93.5	89.3	
19	(34)	St Catherine's School	G	18	95.8	84.0	
20	(43)	The Cheltenham Ladies' College	G	19	93.9	87.4	
21	(21)	Oxford High School GDST	G	20	94.5	85.9	
21	(51)	South Hampstead High School GDST	G	20	92.8	89.4	
23	(40)	Merchant Taylors' School	G	22	92.9	87.7	
24	(28)	The Lady Eleanor Hallam School	G	23	93.2	87.7	
25	(95)	Kendrick Girls' Grammar School	G	2	90.9	91.8	
26	(19)	The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School	B	24	92.3	88.6	
27	(12)	Sevenoaks School	M	25	94.2	84.6	
28	(33)	Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet	B	3	95.1	82.5	
29	(22)	Winchester College	B	26	91.2	87.1	
30	(56)	University College School	B	27	92.8	83.1	
31	(15)	The Godolphin and Latimer School	G	28	92.4	83.5	
32	(27)	Bedington School	B	29	89.9	87.4	
33	(27)	St Helen's School	G	30	92.9	81.8	
34	(45)	The Manchester Grammar School	B	31	90.5	86.4	
35	(18)	St Swithun's School	G	32	91.1	85.0	
36	(30)	The Tiffin Girls' School	G	4	90.2	86.7	
37	(31)	King Edward's School	B	33	89.9	86.2	
38	(49)	Tonbridge School	B	34	94.5	76.9	
39	(34)	Wimbleton High School GDST	G	35	89.4	86.0	
40	(11)	The School of St Helen and St Katharine	G	36	89.6	85.1	
41	(38)	The Latymer School	L	5	87.0	90.0	
42	(26)	Manchester High School for Girls	G	37	93.9	67.7	
43	(53)	Colchester Royal Grammar School	Bm	6	92.0	79.1	
44	(20)	Downe House	G	38	90.5	81.9	
45	(52)	The Henrietta Barnett School	B	7	90.8	80.5	
46	(50)	Harrow School	B	39	92.0	77.3	
47	(44)	St Olave's and St Saviour's Grammar School	Bm	8	88.5	84.0	
48	(89)	Pate's Grammar School	M	9	87.9	84.0	
48	(45)	The Perse School	Bm	40	90.1	80.4	
50	(36)	Nottingham High School	G	41	90.6	78.8	
51	(32)	Notting Hill and Faling High School GDST	G	42	86.3	81.9	
52	(30)	Pitney High School GDST	G	43	88.4	81.9	
53	(69)	Thorndon School	G	44	90.4	76.5	
54	(81)	King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys	Birmingham	B	10	88.0	81.0
55	(54)	Alley's School	M	45	86.1	84.5	
55	(60)	King's High School for Girls	Warwick	G	45	88.6	79.5
57	(164)	Twycross House School	Atherstone	M	47	86.7	81.9
58	(83)	Headington School	Oxford	G	48	88.4	77.9
59	(41)	St Mary's School Calne	Calne	G	49	89.9	74.8
60	(75)	The Abbey School	Reading	G	50	86.4	81.3
61	(47)	Radley College	Abingdon	G	51	89.3	87.9
62	(74)	Reading School	Reading	B	11	86.4	80.7
62	(70)	St Albans High School for Girls	St Albans	G	52	86.1	81.4
64	(111)	Lurne Christi College	Londonderry	M	12	91.1	70.5
65	(48)	City of London School	L	53	90.1	72.2	
66	(71)	Charterhouse	Godalming	Bm	54	88.1	76.1
67	(56)	Colchester County High School for Girls	Colchester	G	13	84.8	82.6
68	(64)	The Maynard School	Exeter	G	55	87.6	76.8
69	(4)	Chelmsford County High School for Girls	Chelmsford	G	14	86.9	77.6
69	(133)	Harpington School	Harpington	B	56	82.5	86.4
71	(36)	Woodford Grange High School	Woodford Green	B	57	88.4	81.9
72	(73)	Whitgift School	Croydon	B	57	84.8	73.6
73	(72)	Benenden School	Cranbrook	G	58	90.3	69.6
73	(90)	Newstead Wood School for Girls	Orpington	G	16	84.0	82.0
75	(98)	King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls	Birmingham	G	17	86.1	77.4
76	(92)	Rugby School	Rugby	M	59	85.6	77.7
77	(68)	Oundle School	Peterborough	M	60	84.5	79.8
78	(78)	Eltham College	London	Bm	61	86.5	75.6
79	(80)	King Edward School	London	M	62	85.5	76.8
80	(116)	Harlow on the Hill Grammar School, Chelmsford	Harlow on the Hill	Bm	13	83.9	67.7
81	(58)	King Edward VI Grammar School, Chelmsford	Chelmsford	B	18	85.4	75.2
82	(112)	Lytner Upper School	London	M	64	86.1	73.5
83	(157)	Epsom College	Epsom	M	65	81.8	82.0
84	(140)	Nottingham High School	Nottingham	B	66	85.7	74.0
85	(124)	Abingdon School	Abingdon	B	67	89.6	66.1
85	(101)	The Grange School	Northwich	M	67	84.4	76.4
87	(77)	The King's School, Canterbury	Canterbury	M	69	85.2	74.8
88	(127)	The Portsmouth Grammar School	Portsmouth	M	70	85.4	74.1
89	(55)	St George's School, Ascot	Ascot	G	72	90.4	63.6
91	(99)	The Judd School	Tonbridge	Bm	19	86.0	72.3
92	(61)	Loughborough High School	Loughborough	G	73	83.3	77.5
93	(152)	Burgess Hill School for Girls	Burgess Hill	G	74	81.1	80.8
94	(94)	Wilson's School	Wallington	B	20	86.0	70.0
95	(10)	Channing School	London	G	75	83.2	75.6
96	(159)	Dauntsey's School	Devizes	M	76	84.1	72.2
97	(-)	King Edward VI School	Southampton	M	77	84.6	71.4
97	(123)	The Abbey School	Bath	M	77	83.5	73.4
99	(87)	Royal Grammar School	Newcastle upon Tyne	M	79	87.0	66.2
100	(106)	Canford School	Wimborne	M	80	84.7	70.1
101	(223)	Tonbridge Grammar School	Tonbridge	Gm	21	86.0	67.0
102	(85)	Marlborough College	Marlborough	M	81	82.3	74.3
103	(170)	Redfang High School for Girls	Bristol	G	82	87.2	64.5
104	(100)	Sheffield High School GDST	Sheffield	G	83	82.0	74.1
105	(176)	Dr Challoner's High School	Little Chalfont	G	22	82.0	74.0
105	(194)	Rodean School	Brighton	G	83	86.6	64.8
107	(177)	Sutton Grammar School for Boys	Sutton	B	23	81.2	74.7
108	(108)	Talbot Heath School	Bournemouth	G	85	90.9	55.2
109	(131)	Widening School	Widening	M	84	80.7	69.4
110	(142)	Bromley High School GDST	Bromley	G	87	83.2	69.4
111	(82)	The Purcell School	Watford	M	88	84.5	66.5
112	(146)	Uppingham School	Uppingham	M	89	83.8	67.9
113	(101)	Sir William Perkins's School	Chertsey	G	90	78.9	77.6
114	(241)	Queen Elizabeth's Hospital	Bristol	G	91	89.6	55.9
114	(130)	St Albans School	St Albans	Gm	91	84.6	65.8
116	(114)	Casterton School	Kirkby Lonsdale	G	93	77.1	80.7
116	(158)	Surbiton High School	Kingston-upon-Thames	G	93	85.2	64.5
118	(202)	Wakefield Girls' High School	Wakefield	G	95	81.4	72.0
118	(52)	Waverley School	Waverley	B	82	80.0	70.8
120	(143)	Norwich School	Norwich	Bm	97	84.6	64.9
121	(118)	Dulwich College	London	B	98	80.2	73.2
121	(58)	Queenswood	Hatfield	G	98	81.3	70.8
123	(148)	Stratford-upon-Avon Grammar School for Girls	Stratford-upon-Avon	G	24	79.0	75.2
124	(247)	Fancis Holland School, Graham Terrace	London	G	100	78.8	75.2
124	(178)	Heathfield School GDST	Pinner	G	100	81.8	69.1
126	(63)	Bolton School Girls' Division	Bolton	G	102	76.0	80.6
127	(186)	The Godolphin School	Salisbury	G	103	84.1	64.1
128	(167)	Windsor College	Shrewsbury	G	104	90.7	50.6
129	(112)	The Queen's School	Chester	G	105	78.9	74.0
130	(141)	Central Newcastle High School GDST	Newcastle upon Tyne	G	106	78.1	75.2
131	(128)	Leeds Girls' High School	Leeds	G	107	76.0	79.3
132	(109)	Wallington High School for Girls	Wallington	G	25	79.0	73.0
133	(129)	Croydon High School GDST	Croydon	G	108	82.1	66.3
133	(88)	Old Palace School of John Whitgift	Croydon	G	108	77.7	75.1
135	(305)	Westcliff High School for Girls	Westcliff-on-Sea	G	26	84.7	59.9
135	(167)	The King's School, Chester	Chester	M	110	78.5	71.8
137	(150)	Solihull School	Solihull	M	111	83.2	62.1
138	(120)	Bradford Grammar School	Bradford	M	112	85.1	67.8
138	(119)	Fettes College	Edinburgh	M	112	84.0	60.1
140	(93)	St Peter's School	York	M	114	81.4	65.2
141	(149)	Exeter School	Exeter	M	115	85.2	57.0
142	(188)	Bristol Grammar School	Bristol	M	116	83.2	60.8
143	(183)	Northampton High School	Northampton	G	117	84.0	59.0
144	(108)	Altrincham Grammar School for Girls	Altrincham	G	27	78.2	70.1
144	(207)	Sherborne School	Sherborne	B	118	82.7	61.1
146	(61)	Queen's Gate School	London	B	119	79.7	66.7
146	(174)	Oakham Grammar School	Reigate	M	119	81.0	64.1
148	(205)	Oakham School	Oakham	M	121	82.8	60.5
149	(189)	Dame Allan's Girls' School	Newcastle upon Tyne	Gm	122	78.3	68.7
150	(69)	Nonsuch High School for Girls	Sutton	G	28	74.0	77.0
151	(96)	Shrewsbury High School GDST	Shrewsbury	G	123	83.1	58.6
152	(175)	Shrewsbury School	Shrewsbury	B	124	79.8	65.1
152	(252)	St Francis' College	Letchworth	G	124	81.3	62.2
154	(235)	Bromsgrove School	Bromsgrove	M	126	84.4	55.8
154	(266)	The Leys School	Cambridge	M	126	80.0	64.6
156	(162)	Coventry School	Coventry	M	128	89.4	63.6
156	(107)	Wolverhampton School	Wolverhampton	M	128	79.1	61.2
158	(183)	Leicester County Grammar School	Leicester	M	129	80.4	63.4
159	(165)	Wallington Grammar School	Wallington	Bm	30	77.8	68.5
160	(103)	Haberdashers' Monmouth School for Girls	Monmouth	G	130	77.9	68.1
161	(205)	The Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe	High Wycombe	B	31	79.3	65.2
162	(37)	Immanuel College	Bushey	M	131	80.7	65.2
162	(257)	Queen Mary's Grammar School	Walsall	Bm	32	7	