Education and skills data sheet– October 2026

Summary – Data from the 2021 Census shows that compared to Hampshire, the South East and England, Rushmoor has a lower percentage of residents with the highest level of qualifications. Primary school results vary and 42.1% of the schools have Key Stage 2 results above the England average. The majority of the state funded secondary schools in Rushmoor have Key Stage 4 results below the Hampshire and England averages. The results by school location are low in comparison to other local authorities and lower than the results by pupil residence.

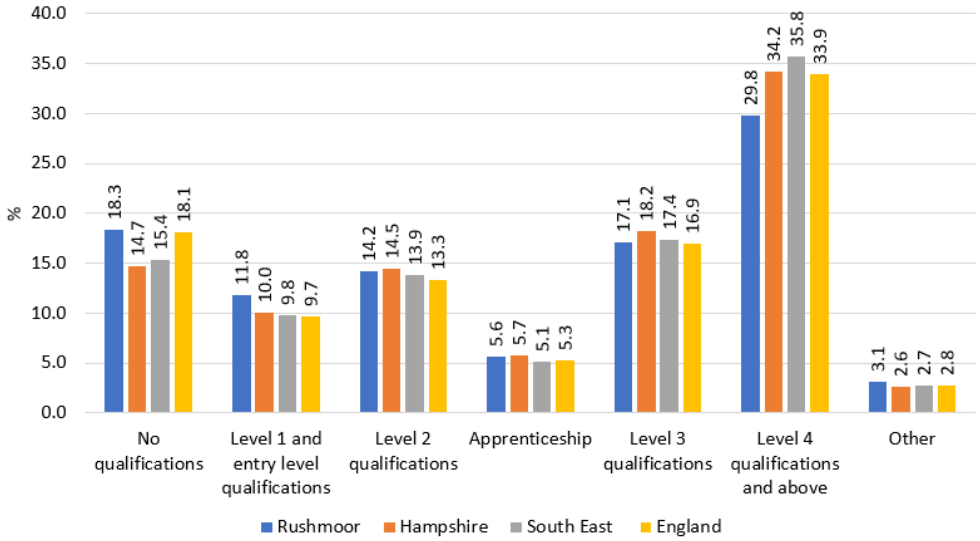
Education levels

Data from the 2021 Census shows that in comparison to Hampshire, the South East and England, Rushmoor has a lower percentage of residents qualified to level 4 and above and a higher percentage of residents with no qualifications.

Education levels

- No qualifications
- Level 1 and entry level qualifications: 1 to 4 GCSEs grade A* to C , Any GCSEs at other grades, O levels or CSEs (any grades), 1 AS level, NVQ level 1, Foundation GNVQ, Basic or Essential Skills
- Level 2 qualifications: 5 or more GCSEs (A* to C or 9 to 4), O levels (passes), CSEs (grade 1), School Certification, 1 A level, 2 to 3 AS levels, VCEs, Intermediate or Higher Diploma, Welsh Baccalaureate Intermediate Diploma, NVQ level 2, Intermediate GNVQ, City and Guilds Craft, BTEC First or General Diploma, RSA Diploma
- Apprenticeship
- Level 3 qualifications: 2 or more A levels or VCEs, 4 or more AS levels, Higher School Certificate, Progression or Advanced Diploma, Welsh Baccalaureate Advance Diploma, NVQ level 3; Advanced GNVQ, City and Guilds Advanced Craft, ONC, OND, BTEC National, RSA Advanced Diploma
- Level 4 qualifications and above: degree (BA, BSc), higher degree (MA, PhD, PGCE), NVQ level 4 to 5, HNC, HND, RSA Higher Diploma, BTEC Higher level, professional qualifications (for example, teaching, nursing, accountancy)
- Other: vocational or work-related qualifications, other qualifications achieved in England or Wales, qualifications achieved outside England or Wales (equivalent not stated or unknown)

Highest level of qualification



(Source: Office for National Statistics 2021 Census Education, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk))

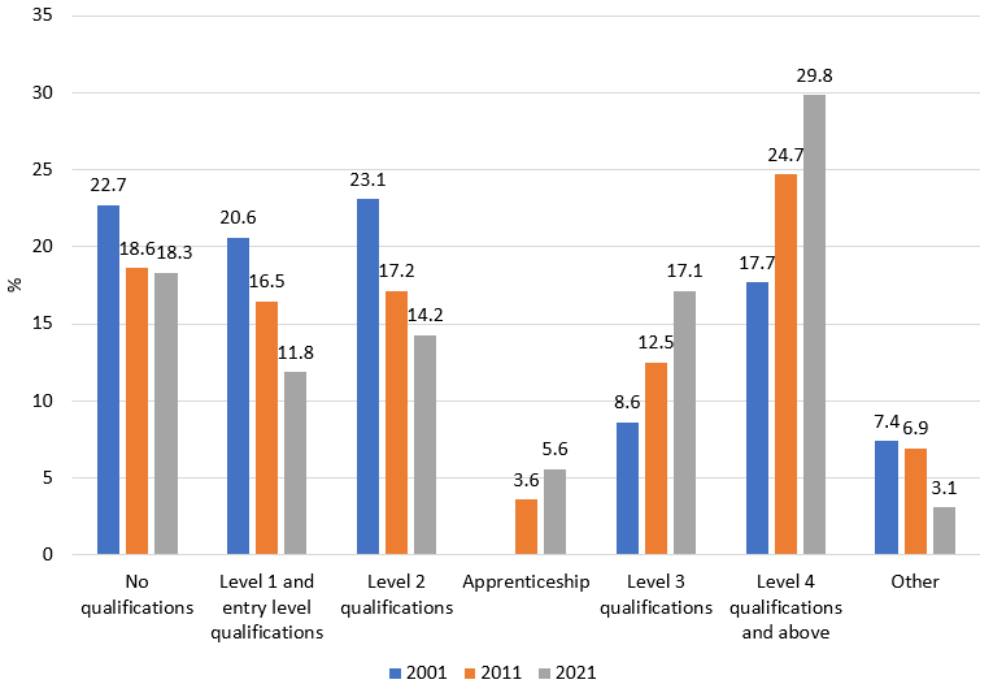
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Education levels over the past 20 years

Over the past 20 years there has been an improvement in the percentage of residents qualified to level 4 and level 3. Also, a lower percentage of residents had level 1 and level 2 as their highest level of qualification.

Highest level of qualification from the 2001 to the 2021 Census

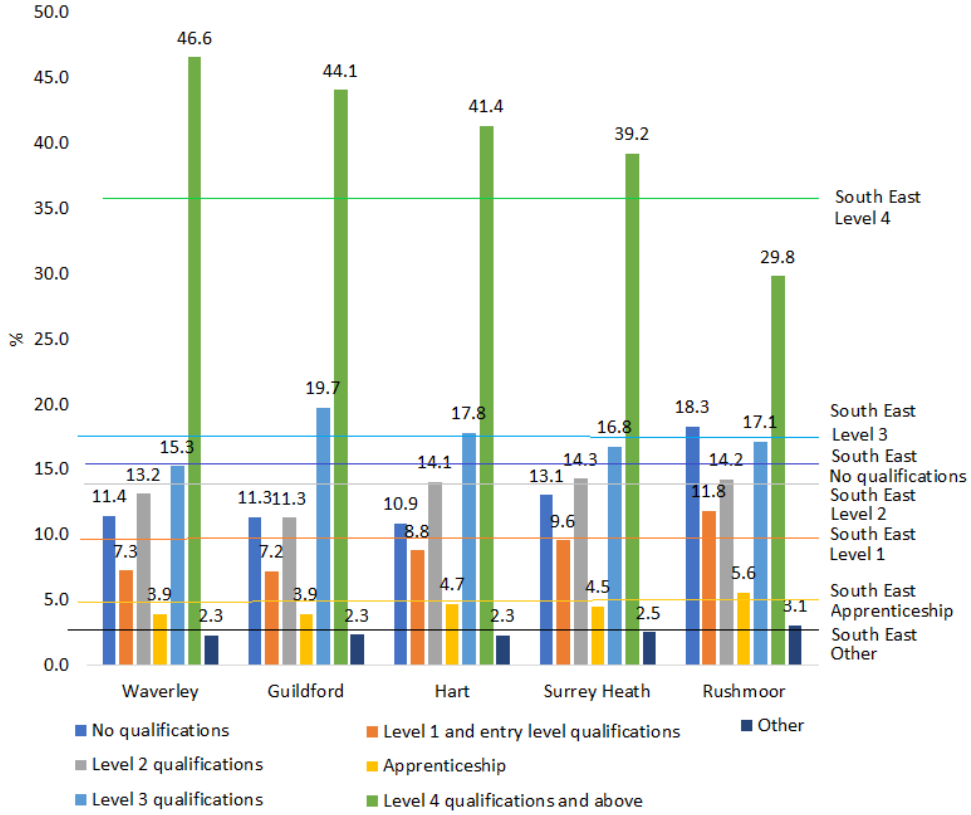


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Education levels compared to geographical neighbours and Hampshire authorities

The following chart shows the highest level of qualification for residents in Rushmoor's neighbouring geographical districts. In comparison, Rushmoor has the lowest percentage for residents educated to level 4 and the highest percentage of residents with no qualifications.

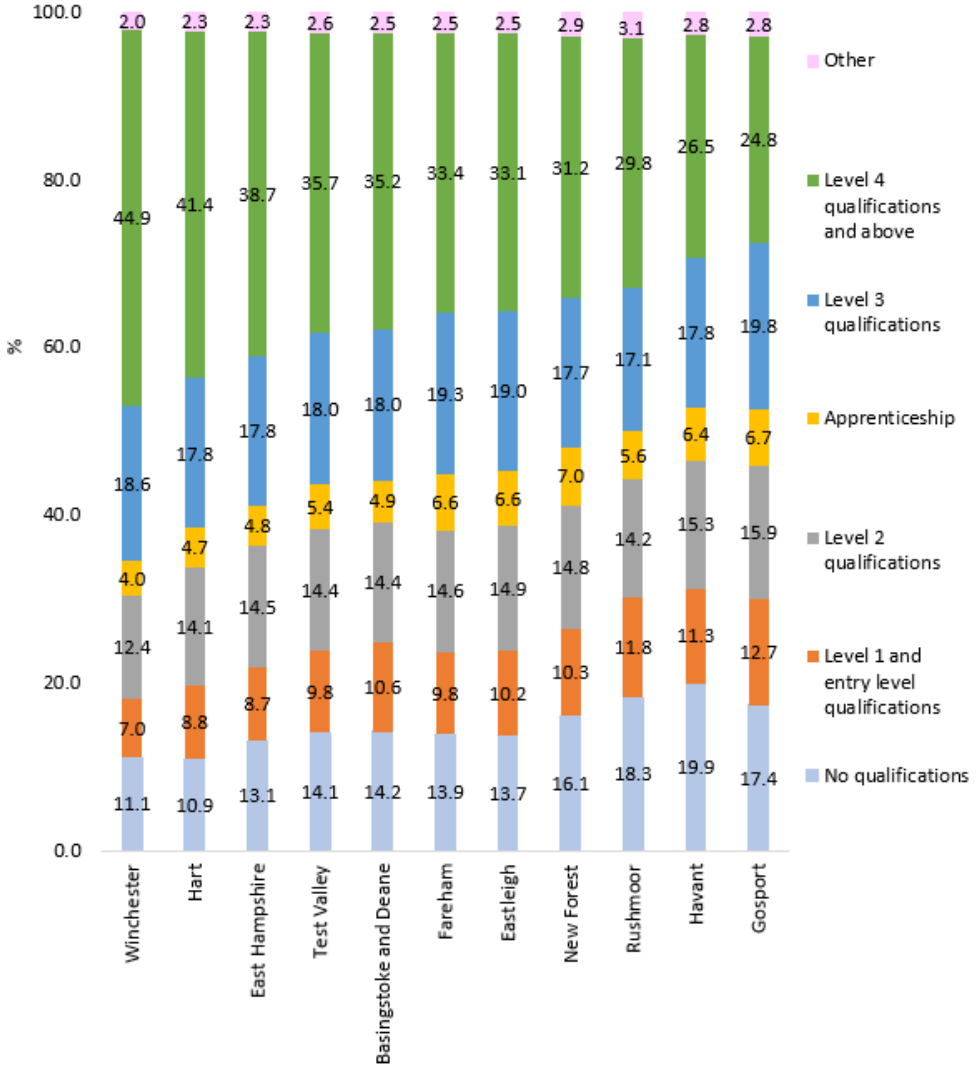
Highest level of qualification for residents in Rushmoor's neighbouring geographical districts – 2021 Census



(Source: Office for National Statistics 2021 Census Education, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk))

The following chart shows information for all the Hampshire districts. The 2021 Census data shows that Rushmoor the third lowest percentage of residents educated to level 4 and above in Hampshire. Rushmoor also has the second highest percentage of residents with no qualifications.

Highest level of qualification for residents in Hampshire districts – 2021 Census



(Source: Office for National Statistics 2021 Census Education, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk))

Primary schools in Rushmoor

Rushmoor has 30 primary schools that cater for infant school age (year R [reception] to year 2) or junior school age children (years 4 to 6) or both (years R to 6), and one through school which caters for year R to 11, Alderwood (in Aldershot). There are 10 primary schools in Aldershot (including Stanhope Primary which opened in September 2025) and 20 in Farnborough. More details can be found on the Department for Education web site: http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance/.

The Key Stage 2 results for primary schools were last published in December 2025. The Department for Education states: School performance data should be considered alongside a range of other information about the school, which could include looking at school websites, reading Ofsted reports, and speaking to the school directly. Conclusions should not be drawn on a single piece of data alone.

The following table shows the percentage of children at the end of year 6 (in 2025) meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths, in the 19 schools with Key Stage 2 children (Stanhope Primary School did not have any pupils at the end of Key Stage 2 in 2025).

Percentage of pupils meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths. Green text indicates the result are above the England average	
School	**2025**
Alderwood School	70%
Cherrywood Primary*	44%
Cove Junior	54%
Grange Community Junior	72%
Guillemont Junior	61%
Manor Junior	52%
Park Primary*	67%
South Farnborough Junior	67%
St Bernadette's Primary*	50%
St Joseph's Primary	88%
St Mark's CE Primary*	65%
St Michael's CE Junior	46%
St Patrick's Primary*	55%
St Peter's CE Junior*	58%
Talavera Junior	77%
The Cambridge Primary	43%
The Ferns Primary Academy*	55%
Tower Hill Primary	75%
Wellington Community Primary	61%
Hampshire average	63%
England average	62%

(Source: Department for Education http://www.education.gov.uk/)

*35 pupils or less at the end of Key Stage 2

The school results vary and 42.1% of schools (8 schools) have results above the England average for the percentage of pupils meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths (this is lower than in 2024 when it was 55.6% - 10 schools). It should be noted that some schools had very small numbers of pupils at the end of Key Stage 2.

Secondary schools in Rushmoor

There are four state funded schools in Rushmoor which cater for secondary education:

- Alderwood (Aldershot)
- Cove School (Farnborough)
- Bohunt Farnborough (on the site of the closed Fernhill School [Farnborough but catchment area also covers part of Hart])
- The Wavell School (Farnborough)

There is also a local voluntary aided Catholic school (All Hallows) which Rushmoor children attend, which is in Farnham.

Some children who live in Rushmoor also attend other schools not in the Borough, for example some of the schools are: Ash Manor School (Ash), Farnham Heath End (Farnham), Frogmore Community College (Yateley), Yateley School (Yateley) and Kings International College (Camberley).

More details about local schools can be found on the Department for Education web site:
http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance/

The borough also contains two independent Catholic schools that cater for secondary education. These are Farnborough Hill and Salesian College (both have sixth forms).

GCSE results

Department for Education publishes the following key performance information for schools:

Note: the Department for Education are not able to calculate Progress 8 scores for academic years 2024/25 and 2025/26. This is because there is no KS2 assessment data available to calculate the baseline for Progress 8 for these years due to Covid-19 disruption

- **Progress 8** - This score shows how much progress pupils at a school made between the end of key stage 2 and the end of key stage 4, compared to pupils across England who got similar results at the end of key stage 2. This is based on results in up to 8 qualifications, which include English and maths.
- **English and maths GCSEs –** This the percentage of pupils at a school getting a Grade 4 (a standard pass) and above and Grade 5 (a good pass) and above.
- **Attainment 8** - Schools get a score based on how well pupils have performed in up to 8 qualifications, which include English, maths, 3 English Baccalaureate qualifications including sciences, computer science, history, geography and languages, and 3 other additional approved qualifications.

School results

The majority of the state funded secondary schools in Rushmoor have results below the Hampshire and England average.

State funded schools in Rushmoor	Grade 4 or above in English & maths GCSEs*	Grade 5 or above in English & maths GCSEs	Attainment 8 score
Wavell School	65.2	39.7	45.7
Bohunt Farnborough	63	37	41.2
Alderwood School	60.9	35.4	41.1
Cove School	50.3	31.5	39.6
Hampshire	**65**	**44.8**	**45.8**
England average	**64.8**	**46.3**	**46.2**
Key	Above the 2026 England average	Below the 2026 England average	

*schools in order of the % of pupils achieving grade 4 and above in maths and English
(Source: Release home - Key stage 4 performance - Explore education statistics - GOV.UK)

GCSE results by school location and pupil residence

The latest data which compares the GCSE results by school location and pupil residence is the provisional 2026 GCSE results, which were published in October 2026. This included data for Rushmoor with results by school location and by pupils' residence.

The data shows that results by school location are low in comparison to other local authorities and lower than the results by pupil residence.

2026 provisional GCSE results	Number of pupils at the end of key stage 4 (number of schools)	Average Attainment 8 score per pupil	Percentage of pupils who achieved grade 9-4 in English and maths	Percentage of pupils who achieved grade 9-5 in English and maths
Rushmoor by school location	750 (6 schools)	39.4	55.5	33.2
Rushmoor by pupil residence	1,075 (35 schools)	44	62.9	41
Hampshire	-	45.8	65	44.8
England	-	46.2	64.8	46.3

Key:

In the bottom 10% of results for the 296 local authorities in England	In the bottom 5% of results for the 295 local authorities in England

(Source: Release home - Key stage 4 performance - Explore education statistics - GOV.UK)

Note: The six school may include special needs schools, but the number of pupils at the end of Key 4 is small and the pupils may also live in Rushmoor

Ofsted

Ofsted has changed their judgement for inspections of state-funded schools. There are five grades exceptional, strong standard, expected standard, needs attention and urgent improvement.

Grade	Grade explained
Exceptional	Practice is exceptional: of the highest standard nationally. Other schools can learn from it.
Strong standard	The school reaches a strong standard. Leaders are working above the standard expected of them.
Expected standard	The school is fulfilling the expected standard of education and/or care. This means they are following the standard set out in statutory and non-statutory legislation and the professional standards expected of them
Needs attention	The expected standards are not met but leaders are likely able to make the necessary improvements.
Urgent improvement	The school needs to make urgent improvements to provide the expected standard of education and/or care.

Under these grades there are further headings, including achievement, attendance and behaviour, curriculum and teaching, inclusion, leadership and governance and personal development and wellbeing. In addition, whether safeguarding standards are met.

For further information visit Ofsted website: Find an Ofsted inspection report

Special schools

Rushmoor has two Community Special Schools, both located in Farnborough. Henry Tyndale School which caters for children aged 2-19 and Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College which caters for primary and secondary school aged children (4-16 years old).

Further education in Rushmoor

Farnborough Sixth Form and Farnborough College of Technology cater for secondary school leavers. In addition, the technical college also offers Higher Education courses and adult learning courses.