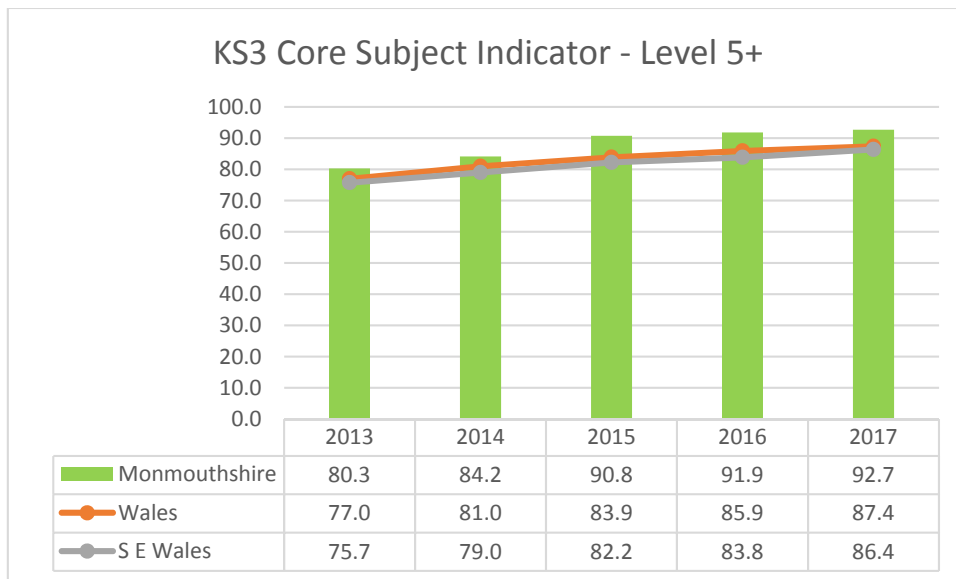


### Key Stage 3 – Core Subject Indicator

Cohort = 825 (increase of 90 pupils compared to 2016).

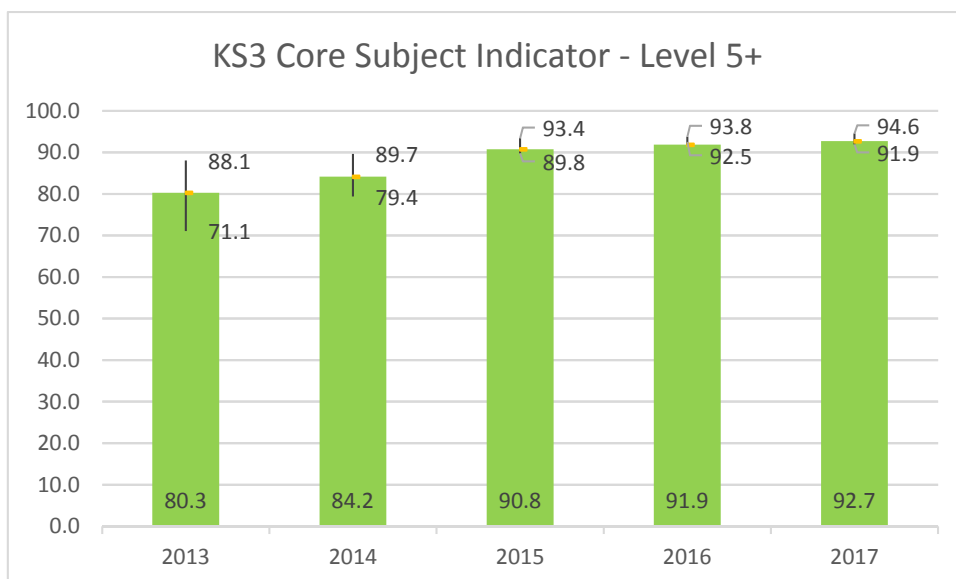


Monmouthshire’s score at the expected level increased by 0.8 percentage points (pp) in 2017 to 93.8%, this means that 765 of the 825 pupils achieved the benchmark (compared to 700 of 762 in 2016).

Both the Wales and South East Wales increased at a rate higher than that of Monmouthshire. The Welsh average increased by 1.5pp to 87.4%, but still sits 5.3pp behind Monmouthshire’s score.

The South East Wales average saw a 2.6pp rise over the same period, which shortens the gap to Monmouthshire to 6.3pp, having been 7.0pp in 2016.

In terms of local authority rankings, Monmouthshire are placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Wales, having been 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2016.



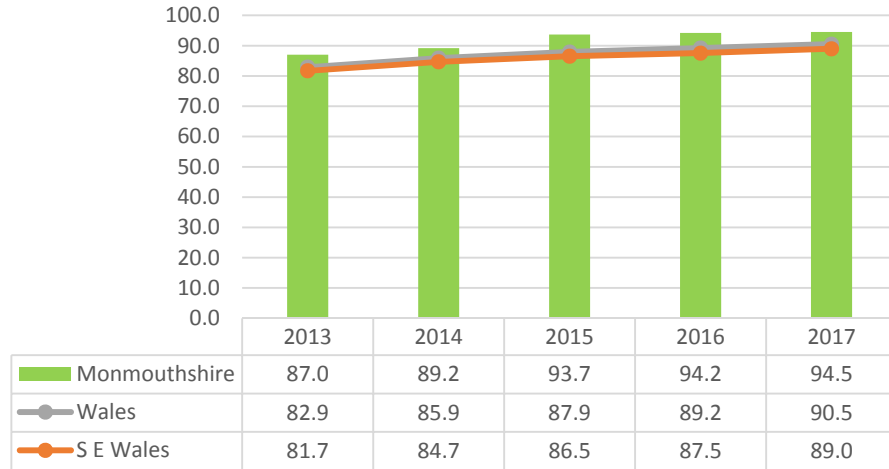
The graph above shows the Monmouthshire average (green bars), alongside the range of scores across the 4 secondary schools within the county.

Despite the overall Monmouthshire score increasing, the range of scores for the secondary schools widened – due to the score of the lowest performing school dropping by 0.6 percentage points (pp) in 2017. The score of Monmouthshire’s top performing school has increased for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row, reaching 94.6% in 2017 – an increase of 0.8pp compared to the previous year.

3 schools (75.0%) bettered their 2016 score in 2017, and the same 3 have seen scores rise each year over the 5 year period. Despite this, only 1 of the 4 schools hit their set target this year.

**Key Stage 3 - English**

KS3 English - Level 5+



The Monmouthshire score for 2017 is 94.5%, which equates to 780 of the 825 cohort achieving the benchmark.

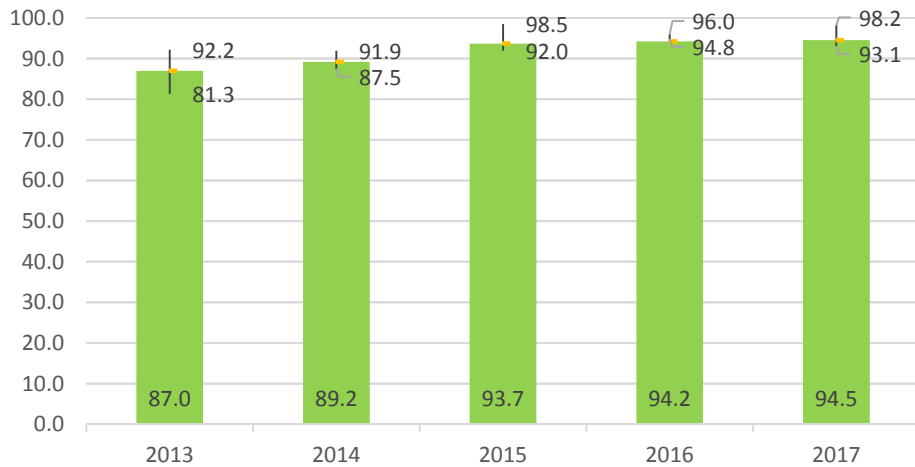
Performance for Monmouthshire, Wales and South East Wales has increased year on year for the past 5 years, with Monmouthshire seeing a 0.3 percentage point (pp) increase from 2016.

The Welsh average increased by 1.3pp to 90.5%, the greater increase has seen the gap between the Monmouthshire and Wales average shorten to 4.0 from 5.0 in 2016.

Similar to the Welsh average, the South East Wales average increased by a greater amount than the Monmouthshire score, by 1.5pp to 89.0%.

As per 2016, Monmouthshire are the 2<sup>nd</sup> best ranking authority in Wales.

KS3 English - Level 5+



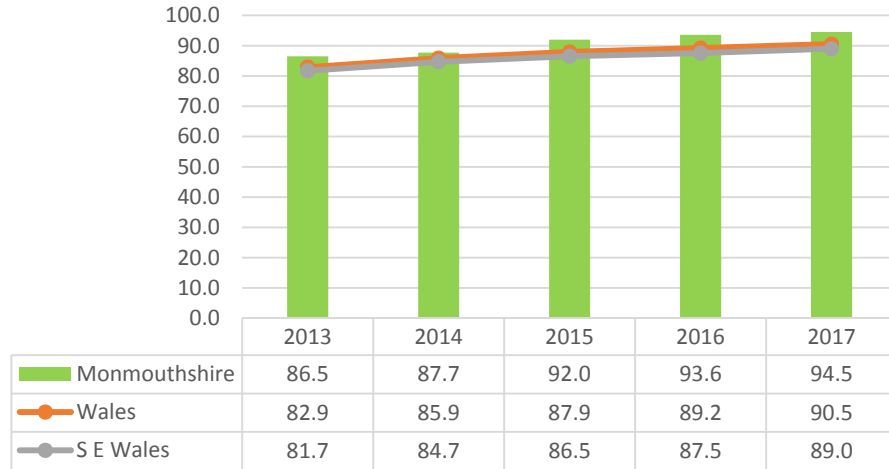
The range of scores widened in 2017, with the top performing school achieving a higher score and the score of the worst performing school dropping. Only 2015 saw a higher score by a school over the past 5 years, with the lowest performing school having a score higher than the Monmouthshire average for 2 of the 5 years shown.

3 schools improved on their 2016 performance in 2017, with a single school seeing a decline in performance.

2 of the 4 schools hit or improved on their target.

**Key Stage 3 - Mathematics**

KS3 Mathematics - Level 5+



The Monmouthshire average for Mathematics for 2017 is 94.5%, with 780 of the 825 pupil cohort achieving the expected level.

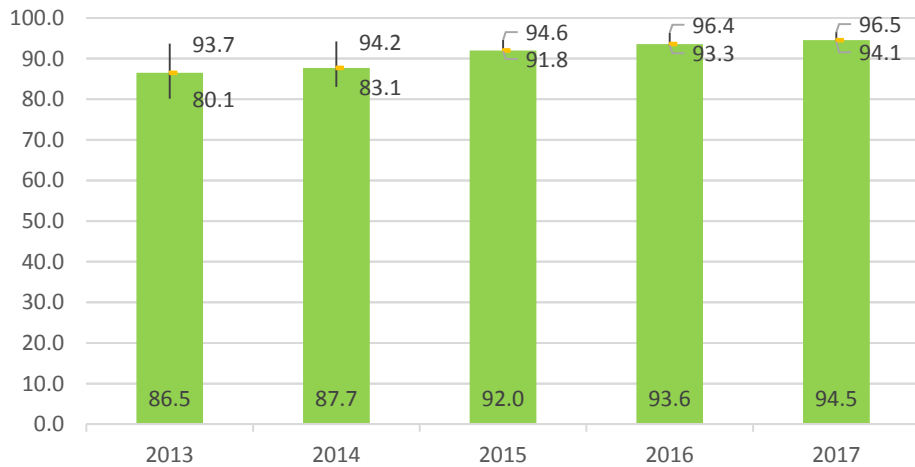
As seen with English, Monmouthshire’s score has increased (by 0.9 percentage points), but at a smaller margin than the gains seen at Wales and South East Wales level.

The Welsh average increased by 1.3pp to 90.5%, with a gap to Monmouthshire of 4.0 percentage points (pp). This is fairly consistent to the past 3 years, where the gap has been between 4.4 and 4.0.

The South East Wales average rose by 1.5pp from 2016 to 2017, with a gap of 5.5pp to Monmouthshire (6.1 in 2016).

Monmouthshire rank 2<sup>nd</sup> in Wales, an increase for the 4 consecutive year.

KS3 Mathematics - Level 5+



For the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row, scores at both ends of the ranges have improved. The top performing schools in 2017 had a score of 96.5%, an improvement of 0.1 percentage point (pp) compared to the best school in 2016, and 1.9pp to 2015.

The score of the worst performing school has increased by 14.0pp over the 5 year period, with a 0.8pp gain seen in 2017.

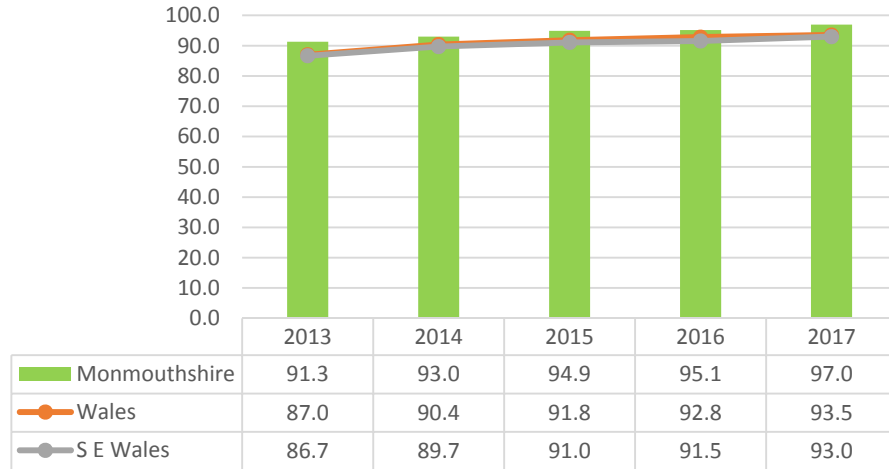
With the improvements seen over the past 5 years, the gap has narrowed to 2.4 in 2017, having been 3.1 in 2016.

3 schools improved on their 2016 performance in 2017, with 1 schools seeing a decline in performance.

2 of the 4 schools hit or improved on their target.

**Key Stage 3 – Science**

**KS3 Science - Level 5+**



The Monmouthshire score for 2017 is a 5 year high of 97.0%, which equates to 800 of the 825 cohort achieving the expected level in Science.

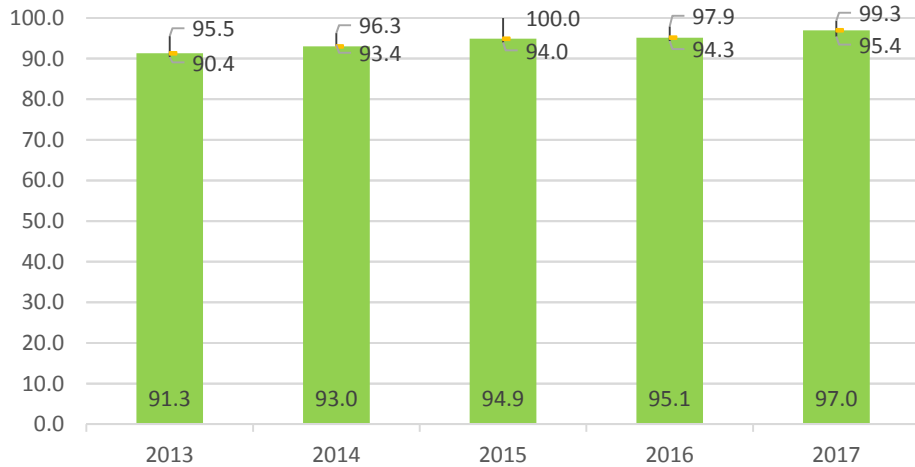
The score has increased by 1.9 percentage points (pp), the increase is equal to the biggest achieved over the 5 years, and is greater than the increases seen by Wales and South East Wales.

The Welsh average increased by 0.7pp to 91.6%, with a gap of 3.5 to the Monmouthshire score.

The South East Wales average increased by 1.5pp to 93.0%. 4.0pp lower than Monmouthshire.

Monmouthshire are now the top ranking authority in Wales for Science, having been 6<sup>th</sup> in 2016.

**KS3 Science - Level 5+**

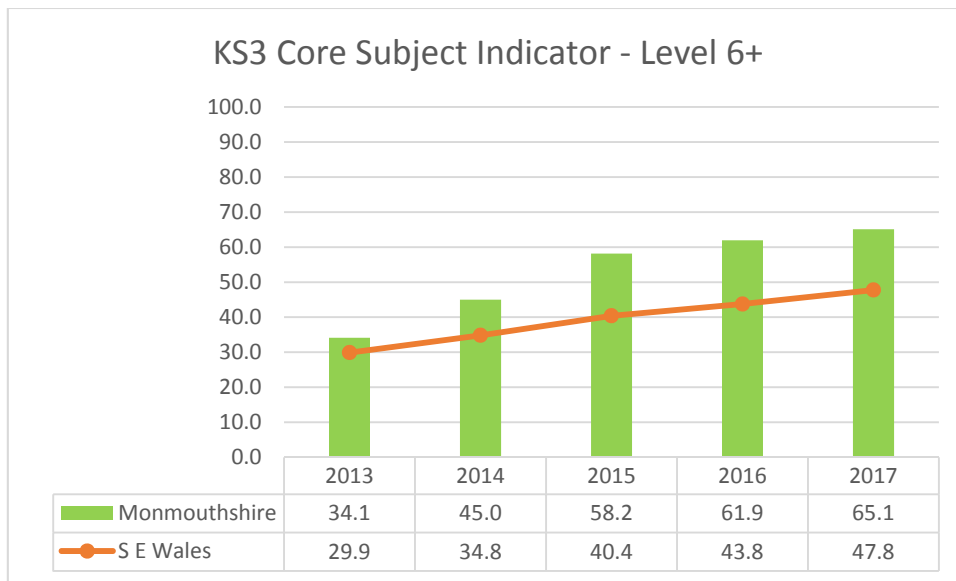


The score of the lowest performing school has increased year on year since 2013 – with a 1.1pp rise in 2017 to 95.4%. The 99.3% achieved by the highest performing school is a gain of 1.4pp compared to 2016.

All 4 schools improved on their 2016 performance in 2017.

3 of the 4 schools hit or improved on their target.

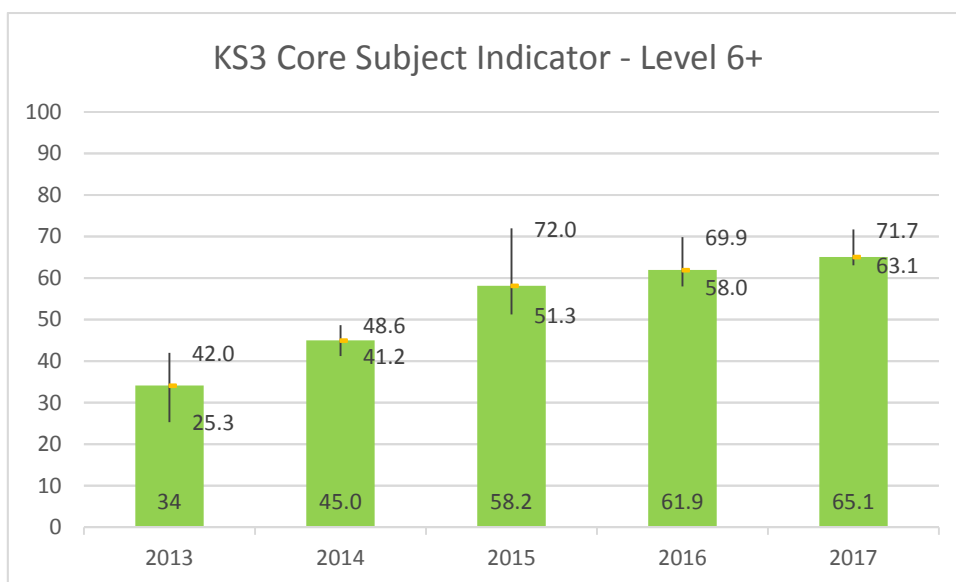
### Key Stage 3 – Core Subject Indicator (Expected Level +1)



As consistently seen across Key Stage 3 this year, the percentage of Monmouthshire pupils achieving rose for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row in 2017. 537 of the 825 cohort achieved the benchmark in 2017 – reaching 65.1%.

The score has risen by 3.2 percentage points (pp) from 2016. This has contributed to a 31.0pp rise over the past 5 years, with the South East Wales average rising by 17.9pp over the same period.

The gap between the Monmouthshire score and that of South East Wales has decreased to 17.3 in 2017, having been 18.1 in 2016.



This graph shows the range between the scores of the secondary schools, alongside Monmouthshire’s overall score. As can be seen, the overall performance of schools at both ends of the scale have improved, with the top performing school now having a score of 71.7% compared to 69.9% in 2016, an improvement of 1.8 percentage points.

3 of the 4 schools saw scores increase from 2016, with 1 of 4 hitting or surpassing their target.

**Key Stage 3 – Local Authority Rankings – Level 5+**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Core Subject Indicator</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Science</b>
<b>1</b>	Gwynedd	Ceredigion	Gwynedd	Monmouthshire
<b>2</b>	Monmouthshire	Monmouthshire	Monmouthshire	Gwynedd
<b>3</b>	Ceredigion	Vale of Glamorgan	Vale of Glamorgan	Ceredigion
<b>4</b>	Vale of Glamorgan	Gwynedd	Ceredigion	Vale of Glamorgan
<b>5</b>	Flintshire	Isle of Anglesey	Flintshire	Bridgend
<b>6</b>	Bridgend	Flintshire	Carmarthenshire	Conwy
<b>7</b>	Torfaen	Powys	Torfaen	Isle of Anglesey
<b>8</b>	Conwy	Bridgend	Conwy	Powys
<b>9</b>	Isle of Anglesey	Conwy	Bridgend	Torfaen
<b>10</b>	Powys	Swansea	Pembrokeshire	Flintshire
<b>11</b>	Pembrokeshire	Pembrokeshire	Powys	Carmarthenshire
<b>12</b>	Carmarthenshire	Cardiff	Swansea	Denbighshire
<b>13</b>	Swansea	Torfaen	Isle of Anglesey	Cardiff
<b>14</b>	Rhondda Cynon Taf	Merthyr Tydfil	Rhondda Cynon Taf	Rhondda Cynon Taf
<b>15</b>	Merthyr Tydfil	Rhondda Cynon Taf	Denbighshire	Newport
<b>16</b>	Wrexham	Carmarthenshire	Newport	Pembrokeshire
<b>17</b>	Cardiff	Denbighshire	Cardiff	Merthyr Tydfil
<b>18</b>	Denbighshire	Wrexham	Wrexham	Swansea
<b>19</b>	Newport	Newport	Blaenau Gwent	Blaenau Gwent
<b>20</b>	Caerphilly	Blaenau Gwent	Caerphilly	Wrexham
<b>21</b>	Blaenau Gwent	Caerphilly	Merthyr Tydfil	Caerphilly
<b>22</b>	Neath Port Talbot	Neath Port Talbot	Neath Port Talbot	Neath Port Talbot