



Baroness Berridge of the Vale of Catmose

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the School System
Sanctuary Buildings Great Smith Street Westminster London SW1P 3BT
tel: 0370 000 2288 www.education.gov.uk/help/contactus

Lord Watts
House of Lords
London
SW1A 0PW

30 March 2020

Dear Lord Watts,

During the House of Lords questions on 10 March on 'Education: Gender Equality' and on 11 March on 'Gender Segregation in Apprenticeships', I responded to your queries by stating there had been a 31% increase in the number of girls taking A-Level STEM subjects.

I would like to take the opportunity to clarify that the increase refers to the number of entries by gender, rather than the number of girls. The number of entries is not equivalent to the number of girls as an individual can sit more than one STEM A-Level.

This is, however, still reflective of the increased uptake of STEM subjects by girls. We have seen a 31% increase in girls' entries to STEM A-Levels in England between 2010 and 2019.

I hope that this clarification to my answer has been useful and I will place a copy in the house libraries.

ELIZABETH BERRIDGE

PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE