The 4Matrix *Share & Compare* Data Collaboration Service 2023

> ## Registration is now open.
> ## In 4Matrix, go to *Admin > Share & Compare* and follow the Register link.

We are pleased to confirm that we will be running our annual KS4 *Share & Compare* service again for summer 2023, which will open for results submissions at 9.30am on Thursday 24th August 2023.

The Share & Compare service will be critical for schools as 2023 represents another unique year with grading expected to be brought back in line with pre-pandemic levels. Providing an early proxy for Progress 8 and Attainment 8 based on Scaled Scores in August will be extremely helpful to gain an early indicative insight into how your school sits in the national context of 2023.

Key Benefits of taking part:

1. Provisional Attainment 8 Estimates within days of GCSE results being published, well in advance of the DfE's publication in October.
2. More robust Attainment 8 Estimates than using 2022 or 2019 estimates
3. Based on aggregated results data from other 4Matrix schools.

What is *Share & Compare*?

Share & Compare is a data collaboration service. 4Matrix Schools can send their 2023 results data to 4Matrix, including subject grades, key performance indicators and anonymised pupil-level data.
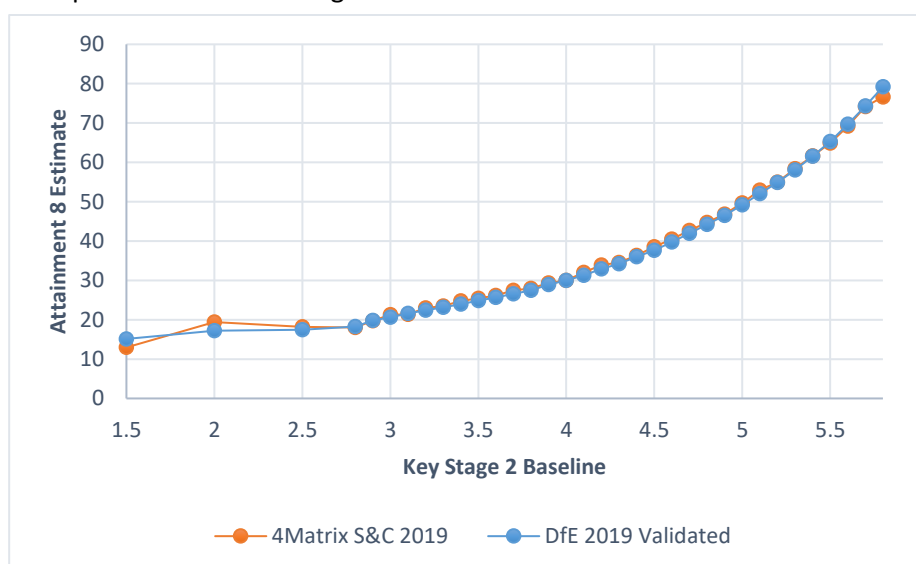
4Matrix will then produce a provisional set of Attainment 8 Estimates to use within the 4Matrix software. It is exclusive to 4Matrix customers and best of all, it's free! To encourage more schools to take part, we will only share the results from *Share & Compare* with schools that have submitted data to us. It is an 'opt-in' service.

How Does 4Matrix Use the Data from Each School?

As soon as we have received data from enough schools, 4Matrix will publish provisional Attainment 8 Estimates. We expect to issue the first set of comparative data prior to the end of August.

In 2019, the *S&C* A8 Estimates were, on average, within 2% of the DfE figures published in January 2020.

In 2018, the *S&C* A8 Estimates were, on average, within 1% of the DfE figures published in January 2019.

Data Validation and Accuracy

Because 4Matrix works by mapping results to QAN codes and all results are validated by the 4Matrix import routines, we will be able to combine data quickly and accurately from schools running a wide variety of qualifications.

Another important factor is the validity of key stage 2 data which is used to generate Attainment 8 Estimates. 4Matrix has a specific import routine for data obtained from GIAP, which includes the actual Scaled Scores achieved by students.

How to Get Involved

We recommend registering for Share & Compare as soon as possible. In 4Matrix, go to *Admin > Share & Compare* and follow the register link.

You will not need to re-register if you took part in *S&C 2022*, however, you may wish to check and validate your login credentials by logging into the S&C tool as soon as possible.

On GCSE results day, **Thursday 24th August**, after following JCQ embargo advice, open the *Share & Compare* tool again and follow the prompts to upload your anonymised data.

JCQ Note: Results imported into the 4Matrix software application do not leave the school and are therefore not subject to the JCQ regulations. As always, our users can import, view and analyse their data internally on embargo day, and restrict to Admin access only.

For more information, including details on GDPR, please visit:

4Matrix.com/share

The 4Matrix *S&C* Quick User-Guide, PDF format:

4Matrix.com/share-guide