

## Clever poorer pupils miss out on top grades

ALMOST half of clever, poor students fail to score top grades in their GCSE.

A new study warns that bright pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds are less likely to be among the top performers in primary school - and those that are, are likely to fall behind their richer classmates by the time they take their GCSEs.

The Sutton Trust, which published the research, said the findings show that action is needed to address this “wasted talent”.

The study looked at the results at the end of primary school, and at GCSE level of high-achieving disadvantaged pupils in England and their wealthier peers.

It found that poorer students are three times less likely to be in the top 10pc of students in English and maths at the end of primary school.