

2009 Post-Appeal SQA Exam Results

This summary provides a snapshot of the performance of SQA exam candidates in independent schools. The information can be used in conjunction with [Scottish Schools Online](#) to compare exam results at individual schools with the performance of the independent sector as a whole¹, and with exam results nationally.

Exam performance at key milestones²

- ➔ By the end of **S4**, 68% of SCIS pupils had achieved 5 or more good Standard Grade or Intermediate 2 passes. This figure was 35% nationally.
- ➔ By the end of **S5**, 45% of SCIS pupils had achieved 5 or more Highers. This figure was 11% nationally.
- ➔ By the end of **S6**, 47% of SCIS pupils had achieved one or more Advanced Higher. This figure was 14% nationally.

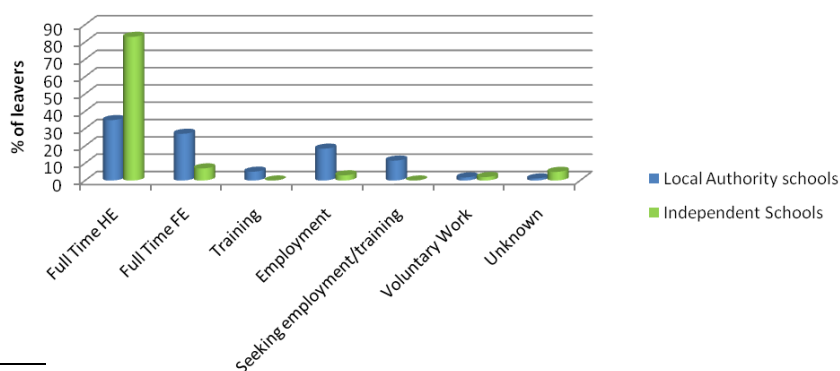
Performance at each stage

The following table sets out the pass rates and percentage of entries which were awarded grade A – or Grade 1 in the case of Standard Grades – for candidates who sat SQA exams in S4, S5 and S6.

2009 post-appeals	A-C Pass rate SCIS schools %	A-C Pass rate all schools %	A Pass rate SCIS schools %	A Pass rate all schools %
S4 Standard Grade	99.9	98.5	61.0	21.1
S4 Intermediate 2	95.7	88.4	72.4	51.9
S5 Highers	91.5	79.5	52.0	29.5
S6 Advanced Highers	89.9	79.1	41.1	27.2

After the exams.... school leaver destinations

Of the 3,172 independent school leavers who left school in summer 2009, 90% entered full time further or higher education.



¹ Scottish Schools Online has a search facility which allows you to find any school and review its exam results. This paper allows for a comparison of individual school performance with the independent sector as a whole.

² Data from Scottish Government Education and Analytical Services STACs 2009 Post-Appeals. These percentages are based on the estimated S4 roll.

S5 Highers – all subjects

This table sets out exam performance for all SQA Higher subjects for candidates in independent and Local Authority schools. The table allows for a comparison of exam performance across all subjects sat by candidates in S5.

Course	Entries				% of entries - A		% of entries - B		% of entries - C		% of entries - D		% of entries - no award	
	Local Authority		Independent school		Local Authority	Independent	Local Authority	Independent	Local Authority	Independent	Local Authority	Independent	Local Authority	Independent
	No.	Entries as a % of S5 roll	No.	Entries as a % of S5 roll										
Accounting	616	1	55	1.7	37	45.5	19	16.4	21	25.5	7	7.3	15	5.5
Administration	1427	3	15	0.5	8	0	23	33.3	33	53.3	15	0	19	13.3
Architectural Technology	7	0	0	0.0	29	0	57	0	14	0	0	0	0	0
Art and Design	5222	12	314	9.6	30	60.5	32	22.6	27	13.7	7	2.2	3	0.6
Biology	6055	14	751	23.0	27	47.7	24	23.6	24	18	10	6	13	4.5
Business Management	2640	6	399	12.2	25	37.8	25	27.3	25	18.3	8	7	15	8
Care	6	0	0	0.0	17	0	17	0	33	0	0	0	33	0
Chemistry	7430	17	816	25.0	32	56.7	23	22.1	23	14	9	4.2	10	2.7
Classical Greek	4	0	3	0.1	75	66.7	0	0	25	33.3	0	0	0	0
Classical Studies	217	0	55	1.7	30	38.2	21	20	22	23.6	5	9.1	20	9.1
Computing (New)	2844	6	155	4.8	20	27.7	25	31	25	21.9	10	5.8	19	13.5
Dance Practice	34	0	0	0.0	24	0	32	0	32	0	0	0	0	0
Drama	1670	4	173	5.3	17	26	42	45.7	29	23.1	7	4	3	1.2
Early Education and Childcare (New)	4	0	0	0.0	0	0	25	0	50	0	25	0	0	0
Economics	266	1	186	5.7	42	40.9	22	22.6	15	15.1	6	5.9	10	8.1
English	18253	42	2078	63.7	25	47.8	26	24.8	25	16.7	9	4.2	14	6.1
English for Speakers of Other Languages	52	0	0	0.0	71	0	17	0	10	0	0	0	2	0
French	3488	8	513	15.7	47	64.7	21	16	17	11.5	6	2.9	9	4.3
Gaelic (Learners)	79	0	0	0.0	23	0	20	0	28	0	14	0	13	0
Gaidhlig	70	0	0	0.0	30	0	37	0	24	0	3	0	6	0
Geography (New)	4976	11	629	19.3	30	46.7	23	25.1	22	18.3	8	3.7	15	6
Geology	11	0	0	0.0	45	0	18	0	18	0	18	0	0	0
German	959	2	128	3.9	50	64.1	23	17.2	16	14.8	5	0.8	6	3.1
Graphic Communication	2713	6	66	2.0	24	31.8	24	27.3	25	24.2	10	10.6	15	4.5
History	6193	14	724	22.2	27	51.9	28	30	25	12.6	8	3.6	10	1.9
Home Economics - Health and Food Technology	411	1	4	0.1	26	0	33	50	23	50	6	0	11	0
Home Economics: Fashion and Textile Technology	93	0	4	0.1	23	75	29	0	30	25	8	0	11	0
Home Economics: Lifestyle and Consumer Technology	135	0	10	0.3	20	10	31	30	27	50	13	10	7	0
Human Biology	2134	5	180	5.5	24	49.4	28	26.7	24	13.9	10	3.9	13	5.6
Information Systems	740	2	60	1.8	17	23.3	28	40	31	20	11	10	12	6.7
Italian	104	0	19	0.6	61	89.5	20	10.5	11	0	5	0	4	0
Latin	158	0	95	2.9	53	63.2	17	17.9	18	13.7	3	2.1	9	3.2
Managing Environmental Resources	46	0	15	0.5	24	13.3	20	13.3	39	53.3	4	0	11	20
Mathematics	13928	32	1412	43.3	27	48.2	26	26.8	21	15.3	9	4.5	14	5.1
Mechatronics	9	0	0	0.0	78	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Media Studies	215	0	0	0.0	11	0	28	0	24	0	19	0	17	0
Modern Studies	3824	9	310	9.5	29	55.2	26	22.6	25	13.5	8	3.5	12	4.8
Music	3230	7	164	5.0	37	73.2	33	22	19	3.7	4	0.6	4	0
Philosophy	280	1	32	1.0	23	50	20	21.9	24	12.5	11	3.1	21	12.5
Photography for the Media	131	0	1	0.0	25	0	36	0	30	100	1	0	4	0
Physical Education	3224	7	94	2.9	13	18.1	32	36.2	38	33	10	9.6	5	3.2
Physics	6465	15	714	21.9	36	56.9	25	24.2	17	9.8	7	4.1	12	4.3
Politics	18	0	0	0.0	22	0	17	0	33	0	17	0	6	0
Product Design	1331	3	81	2.5	14	27.2	20	42	29	23.5	14	2.5	20	4.9
Psychology	87	0	0	0.0	39	0	21	0	13	0	10	0	15	0
Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies (New)	1122	3	95	2.9	53	85.3	20	7.4	14	5.3	4	2.1	6	0
Russian	4	0	0	0.0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sociology	46	0	0	0.0	28	0	30	0	28	0	2	0	11	0
Spanish	820	2	191	5.9	57	68.6	23	14.7	11	9.9	5	3.7	5	3.1
Sports Coaching Studies	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Technological Studies	439	1	54	1.7	37	53.7	22	20.4	15	7.4	8	7.4	16	11.1
Travel and Tourism	13	0	0	0.0	15	0	54	0	23	0	0	0	8	0
Urdu	29	0	0	0.0	97	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Visual Arts	2	0	0	0.0	0	0	50	0	50	0	0	0	0	0

* percentages may not sum to 100 because a small number of entries had not been evaluated at time of writing.

** the S5 roll includes candidates in both mainstream and special schools

*** for independent schools, the percentage of the S5 roll entering for each subject may appear low in some cases because not all S5 pupils sit SQA exams; they may sit A-Levels or International Baccalaureate exams.