



SCOTTISH COUNCIL OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

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CONFIDENCE IN THE INDEPENDENT SECTOR

The Scottish Government's census for independent schools, published today, confirms the upward trend in the number of pupils in the independent sector in Scotland. The statistics confirm that 4.5 per cent of school pupils in Scotland are now in independent schools.

Judith Sischy, Director of SCIS, said:-

"This is a record statistic and represents confidence in the independent sector. Parents make an important commitment when choosing an independent school, despite the significant financial output in fees, and truly value the education their children receive."

SCIS feels that the strength of the sector lies in the standard of education provided, the range of academic subjects, the opportunities to gain skills through co-curricular activities, the support given to pupils across a wide range of ability and the dedication and commitment of the staff.

"We aim to offer a value based, caring education to day and boarding pupils, to the brightest pupils and to those with additional support needs. The independent sector makes a significant contribution to the education system in Scotland and offers parents security, stability and optimism for the future (Judith Sischy)."

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