

School	Scottish	English	IB
<i>Perth and Kinross</i>			
Glenalmond College		GCSE, A, AS Cambridge Pre-U (Music)	
Kilgraston School	S, I2, H, AH		
Morrison's Academy	S, I1, I2, H, AH SB		
Strathallan School	S, I2, H	GCSE, A, AS	
<i>South Ayrshire</i>			
Wellington School, Ayr	S, I1, I2, H, AH		
<i>South Lanarkshire</i>			
Fernhill School	S, I1, I2, H, AH		
Hamilton College	S, I1, I2, H, AH		
<i>Stirling</i>			
Beaconhurst School	S, I1, I2, H, AH		
Queen Victoria School	S, I1, I2, H, AH		

Pupils in the independent sector  
excel at Languages and Sciences



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## Qualifications offered at each Independent School in Scotland



**Independent schools have a strong tradition of academic attainment, reflected in pupils' performance in public exams. Most independent schools in Scotland follow the Scottish curriculum and exams are awarded by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). SQA exams correspond to the General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) in England and Wales and are recognised for entrance to all universities in the UK.**

### Scottish Standard Grades, Intermediate, Higher and Advanced Higher

Standard Grade or Intermediate level exams are usually taken in the fourth year of secondary school. In fifth and sixth year, students usually follow a two year programme at Higher and Advanced Higher level. Academic and vocational subjects are offered, providing breadth and depth of study. The independent sector in Scotland offers a particularly diverse range of subjects at Advanced Higher level.

### English AS and A levels

Some schools – usually the boarding schools – follow the English curriculum with GCSEs, AS and A levels awarded by different exam boards in England. A number of schools offer a combination of English AS and A Levels and Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers, based on what they believe provides the best course of study for their pupils.

### International Baccalaureate

A small number of independent schools now offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) and others are considering its merits. The IB is designed to develop a broad range of skills. Students take six subjects for two years and study English, Maths, Science, a language (ancient or modern) and a social subject. They follow a course in the Theory of Knowledge, undertake a programme of Creativity, Action and Service and write a 4000 word essay on a subject of their choice.

### Scottish Baccalaureate

The Scottish Baccalaureate award consists of a coherent group of Higher and Advanced Higher qualifications and an Interdisciplinary Project of the candidates' own choosing which is marked at Advanced Higher level.

### Scottish and English qualifications - equivalent stages

Age	Scotland Year Group	Qualification	England Year Group	Qualification
14/15	Secondary 3	Standard Grade	4th year	GCSE
15/16	Secondary 4	Intermediate 1 & 2	5th year	GCSE
16/17	Secondary 5	Highers	Lower 6th	AS
17/18	Secondary 6	Advanced Highers	Upper 6th	A2

### Examination abbreviations – see table of schools, below

Scotland		England		International	
Access	Access Courses	GCSE	General Certificate of Education		
S	Standard Grade	A	Advanced Level		
I1	Intermediate 1	AS	Advanced Subsidiary Level		
I2	Intermediate 2				
H	Higher				
AH	Advanced Higher				
SB	Scottish Baccalaureate			IB	International Baccalaureate

### Qualifications offered by mainstream independent schools in Scotland:

#### Mainstream Schools

School	Scottish	English	IB
<b>Aberdeen</b>			
Aberdeen Waldorf School	S		
Albyn School	S, I1, I2, H, AH		
International School of Aberdeen			IB
Robert Gordon's College	S, I1, I2, H, AH		
St Margaret's School for Girls	S, I1, I2, H, AH		
<b>Angus</b>			
Lathallan School	S, I1, I2, H, AH		
<b>Argyll and Bute</b>			
Lomond School	S, I1, I2, H, AH		
<b>Clackmannanshire</b>			
Dollar Academy	S, I2, H, AH, SB	A	

School	Scottish	English	IB
<b>Dundee</b>			
High School of Dundee	S, I2, H, AH		
<b>East Lothian</b>			
Loretto		GCSE, A, AS	
<b>East Renfrewshire</b>			
Belmont House School	S, I1, I2, H		
<b>Edinburgh</b>			
Clifton Hall School	S, I1, I2, H, AH		
Edinburgh Academy	I2, H	GCSE, A, AS	
Edinburgh Rudolf Steiner	S, I1, I2, H, AH	GCSE, A, AS	
Fettes College		GCSE, A, AS	IB
George Heriot's School	S, I1 (Maths), I2, H, AH	A (Art & Music) AS (Art, Music, Film St)	
George Watson's College	S, I1, I2, H, AH	GCSE, AS, A	IB*
<i>*International Baccalaureate Candidate Status: school hopefully offering from 2011</i>			
The Mary Erskine School	S, I2, H, AH	A	
Merchiston Castle School	S, I2, H, AH	GCSE, A, AS	
St George's School	S, I1, I2, H, AH	GCSE, A, AS	
St Mary's Music School	S, I1, I2, H, AH	A & AS (Music)	
Stewart's Melville College	I2, H, AH	A	
<b>Fife</b>			
Casa Della Pace Montessori	AH	GCSE, A	
Eco School			
Osborne House School	S, I1, I2, H, AH		
St Leonards		GCSE	IB
<b>Glasgow</b>			
Craigholme School	S, I1, I2, H, AH SB		
The Glasgow Academy	S, I2, H, AH	GCSE, A, AS (Art)	
The High School of Glasgow	S, I2, H, AH		
Hutchesons' Grammar School	S, I2, H, AH	A, AS	
Kelvinside Academy	S, I1, I2, H, AH		
St Aloysius' College	S*, I1, I2, H, AH	GCSE*, A*, AS*	
<i>*certain subjects only</i>			
<b>Inverclyde</b>			
Cedars School of Excellence	S, I1, I2, H		
St Columba's School	S, I2, H, AH SB		
<b>Moray</b>			
Gordonstoun		GCSE, A, AS	

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