

**SQA Examination Performance 2009**

**National Priority Measures**

**By end of S4**

**Percentage of S4 roll attaining**

National Priority 1

English and Mathematics at level 3 or better is 92% (the same as previous year)

National Priority 2

5+ awards at level 3 or better is 91% (two percentage points more than the previous year)

National Priority 3

5+ awards at level 4 or better is 77% (one percentage point more than the previous year and continues a three-year improving trend)

National Priority 4

5+ awards at level 5 or better is 37% (one percentage point more than previous year and continues a three-year improving trend)

At least one award in Mathematics at level 3 or better is 95% (one percentage point more than the previous year and continues a three-year improving trend).

**By end of S5**

Percentage of S4 roll attaining

1+ award at level 6 or better is 42% (one percentage point more than the previous year and continues a three-year improving trend)

National Priority 6

3+ awards at level 6 or better is 26% (the same as the previous year)

National Priority 7

5+ awards at level 6 or better is 12% (same as the previous year)

**Early Indications**

In the 2009 examination diet in Edinburgh, 9,496 pupils gained a total of 45,136 results.

Awards were attained from a range of 69 different subjects – from Accounting to Woodworking Skills.

## **Facts and figures:**

1361 successful Access 3 awards covering a range of 28 subjects  
22165 successful Standard Grade awards covering a range of 30 subjects  
2729 successful Intermediate 1 awards covering a range of 29 subjects  
5344 successful Intermediate 2 awards covering a range of 26 subjects  
7922 successful Higher Grade awards covering a range of 32 subjects  
1127 successful Advanced Higher awards covering a range of 25 subjects

## **Awards**

Overall, numbers of awards for Access 3, Higher, Intermediate 2 and Advanced Higher courses increased on the previous year. Overall numbers of Standard Grade and Intermediate 1 awards decreased on the previous year.

## **Standard Grades**

Numbers of Standard Grade awards in S3 have continued to increase. Good progress has been made in the following subjects, Biology, Geography, Mathematics, Music and Physics.

Overall, the numbers of no awards at Standard Grade have continued to decrease

## **Highers in S5**

The numbers of Higher passes in S5 have increased on the previous year. Overall, the number of pupils gaining 5 or more Higher passes A-C in S5 is broadly in line with previous years.

Subjects where improvement has been sustained include: Biology, Business Management, Computing, English and Spanish.

## **Advanced Higher**

Overall, the numbers of passes at Advanced Higher have improved on the previous year. Passes in a number of subjects have improved, including, Applied Mathematics, Computing, English, Geography, Graphic Communication, History, Modern Studies, Music and Physics.

SCQF Key:

Level 7: Advanced Higher A-C

Level 6: Higher at A-C

Level 5: Intermediate 2 A-C; Standard Grade at 1-2

Level 4: Intermediate 1 at A-C; S Grade at 3-4

Level 3: Access 3 Cluster; S Grade at 5-6

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