

Exam Changes

Over the last three years the Academy's public exam curriculum has evolved away from our previous "dual system" to a near completely Scottish one. Previously, we presented pupils in 5ths for GCSEs (the English system), 6ths studied predominantly for Scottish Highers, and then in 7ths these could be developed into A-levels in most subjects.

In the session 2015–16, we saw the first full presentation of the "new" Highers which were revised by the Scottish Qualifications Authority to accommodate the new national initiative of Curriculum for Excellence, which has now rolled-up through the year groups to reach senior exams.

We also delivered our first full diet of Advanced Highers in almost all subjects, replacing the previous offer of A-levels. Art and Music are the exception to this, and they remain with the A-level system.

At Advanced Higher pupils generally undertake a significant pieces of coursework (eg a dissertation or practical investigation). This, combined with a final exam in May, gives a final course grade.

A-Levels

We now offer A-levels only in Art and Music as part of our timetabled curriculum. We also offer A-levels on an ad-hoc basis for native speakers in some modern languages.

With the new A-level syllabi, the final A-Level grade is based on work done in the 7ths.

AS-Level (Advanced Subsidiary)

In broad terms, the AS is equivalent to the Higher but is part of the English GCE scheme.

The AS is a stand-alone qualification, and is a useful stepping stone to the A-level.

Highers

Most pupils in the 6th Year (S5) take up to five Highers. In Mathematics and English in 6ths it is also possible to take exams one level below, at National 5.

Final grades in most subjects are assessed in two ways: through some kind of assignment or project (coursework) and also in a final exam in May/June. In order to sit the exam each candidate must pass 'Unit Tests' during the year.

A number of 7th Year (S6) pupils also take or re-take Highers, most in combination with Advanced Highers or A-levels in other subjects. Exam results in S5 (our 6ths) are the benchmark level nationally, and so only the results of our 6ths are shown here.

National 5s

Last session (2015–16) marked our final bulk presentation at GCSE in 5ths (S4). We have replaced the GCSE with the new SQA National 5 system, with our pupils sitting eight National 5 exams in our 5th year (S4). Last year, the English Department were the first to attempt the National 5s.

GCSE

GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education) exams were taken by all in the 5th year (S4). They are set by three English Exam Boards (OCR, AQA and Edexcel). We use all three Boards, with each subject choosing which Board's syllabus to follow, based on which best articulates with the Higher in 6th year.

Each subject is examined in June of 5th year (S4) though additional coursework and project work also contributes towards the final grade.

Advanced Highers Results 2016

	A	B	C	D	NA	Total	A%	AB%	ABC%
Biology	4	2	2	1	0	9	44	67	89
Business Mgt	4	2	1	0	0	7	57	86	100
Chemistry	6	0	3	0	0	9	67	67	100
Computing	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Design & Manufacture	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100
Drama	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100
Economics	2	4	3	0	0	9	22	67	100
English	6	3	1	0	0	10	60	90	100
French	3	1	0	0	0	4	75	100	100
Geography	3	4	0	0	0	7	43	100	100
German	2	0	0	0	0	2	100	100	100
History	3	8	1	0	0	12	25	92	100
Italian	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Latin	1	0	0	0	0	1	100	100	100
Mandarin	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Maths	10	1	1	1	0	13	77	85	92
Mechanics	3	0	1	0	4	8	38	38	50
Modern Studies	2	6	0	0	0	8	25	100	100
Music	5	0	0	0	0	5	100	100	100
Photography	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Physical Education	0	2	2	0	0	4	0	50	100
Physics	9	2	2	0	0	13	69	85	100
RMPS	5	2	1	0	0	8	63	88	100
Spanish	4	0	0	0	0	4	100	100	100
Whole School	72	37	20	2	4	135	53	81	96

A-level Results 2016

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	Tot	A*%	A*A%	*AB%	*ABC%
Art	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	7	43	57	86	100
Music	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	100	100	100
Japanese	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	100	100	100
Whole	4	2	2	1	0	0	0	9	44	67	89	100

AS-level Results 2016

	A	B	C	D	E	U	Tot	%A	%AB	%ABC
Art	2	6	4	2	1	0	14	14	57	86
Music	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	100	100
Whole	2	10	4	2	1	0	18	11	67	89

Higher Results 2016 (6ths only)

	A	B	C	D	F	Tot	A%	AB%	ABC%
Biology	10	10	5	2	0	27	37	74	93
Business Management	6	2	8	1	0	17	35	47	94
Chemistry	16	9	2	0	0	27	59	93	100
Classical Studies	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Computing Science	2	1	0	0	1	4	50	75	75
Design & Manufacture	2	2	2	0	1	7	29	57	86
Drama	3	3	0	0	0	6	50	100	100
Economics	3	2	0	0	0	5	60	100	100
English	32	14	10	2	1	59	54	78	95
ESOL	1	2	1	0	0	4	25	75	100
French	14	0	0	0	0	14	100	100	100
Geography	12	11	3	0	0	26	46	88	100
German	2	2	0	0	0	4	50	100	100
History	26	9	0	1	0	36	72	97	97
Italian	2	0	0	0	0	2	100	100	100
Latin	1	0	0	0	0	1	100	100	100
Mandarin	6	0	0	0	0	6	100	100	100
Mathematics	22	8	1	2	1	34	65	88	91
Modern Studies	10	7	12	0	1	30	33	57	97
Music	4	0	0	0	0	4	100	100	100
Photography	1	0	0	0	0	1	100	100	100
Physical Education	1	1	0	0	0	2	50	100	100
Physics	9	6	1	1	0	17	53	88	94
RMPS	4	2	5	0	1	12	33	50	92
Spanish	13	2	0	0	1	16	81	94	94
Whole	202	93	50	9	7	361	56	82	96

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5ths National 5 2016

	A	B	C	D	F	Tot	%A	%AB	%ABC
English	48	14	3	1	1	67	72	93	97

5ths GCSE 2016

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	Tot	*%	A+*%	AB%	ABC%
Art	3	4	6	7	7	0	0	27	11	26	48	74
Biology	9	15	7	4	3	3	1	42	21	57	74	83
Bus Studies	0	6	3	5	8	2	0	24	0	25	38	58
Chemistry	13	14	7	4	0	0	0	38	34	71	89	100
Computing	0	0	1	2	1	2	1	7	0	0	14	43
Drama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	na	na	na	na
Design & Technology	1	0	7	4	5	1	0	18	6	6	44	67
French	9	5	3	8	5	0	0	30	30	47	57	83
Geography	0	16	14	18	5	0	0	53	0	30	57	91
German	1	1	5	1	1	0	0	9	11	22	78	89
History	4	19	16	4	0	1	0	44	9	52	89	98
Latin	2	3	1	1	2	1	0	10	20	50	60	70
Maths	13	19	18	17	2	1	0	70	19	46	71	96
Mand	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	7	43	86	100	100
Music	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	8	13	75	100	100
PE	0	0	3	2	5	1	0	11	0	0	27	45
Physics	2	13	11	6	6	1	0	39	5	38	67	82
RE	6	7	9	3	0	1	0	26	23	50	85	96
Science	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0
Spanish	10	3	2	1	5	0	0	21	48	62	71	76
Portuguese	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	100	100	100
Whole School	77	134	116	87	57	15	2	488	16	43	67	85