## **Exam results**



## **SQA Higher Grade**

| Year | Number of presentations | %A   | %B   | %C    | %Pass | National pass rates¹ |
|------|-------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|----------------------|
| 2014 | 40                      | 40.0 | 27.5 | 17.5  | 85    |                      |
| 2015 | 43                      | 44.1 | 34.8 | 4.6   | 83.7  | 80                   |
| 2016 | 52                      | 44.2 | 17.3 | 26.9  | 88.4  | 78                   |
| 2017 | 44                      | 52.2 | 29.5 | 18.2  | 100   | 77                   |
| 2018 | 82                      | 56.0 | 21.9 | 13.4  | 91.3  | 77                   |
| 2019 | 71                      | 49.3 | 18.3 | 14.00 | 81.6* | 74.8                 |
| 2020 | 51                      | 56.8 | 21.5 | 17.7  | 96    | 89.2                 |

<sup>\*</sup> In 2019 significant changes were introduced to Higher course assessment, exams and grading; A-C pass rates dropped nationally with more candidates being awarded a 'D' grade 'pass.'

### **SQA Advanced Higher**

| Year | Number of presentations | %A    | %B   | %C | %Pass | National pass rates |
|------|-------------------------|-------|------|----|-------|---------------------|
| 2014 | 5                       | 100.0 |      |    | 100   |                     |
| 2015 | 7                       | 85.7  | 14.2 |    | 100   |                     |
| 2016 | 7                       | 100   |      |    | 100   | 82                  |
| 2017 | 5                       | 100   |      |    | 100   | 80                  |
| 2018 | 8                       | 100   |      |    | 100   | 81                  |
| 2019 | 4                       | 75    | 25   |    | 100   | 79.4                |
| 2020 | 6                       | 83.3  | 16.7 |    | 100   | 85                  |

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> SQA Annual Statistical Report https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/64717.html

# SQA National 5 (Introduced in 2015)

| Year | Number of presentations | %A   | %B   | %C   | %Pass | National pass rates |
|------|-------------------------|------|------|------|-------|---------------------|
| 2015 | 31                      | 64.5 | 19.3 | 3.2  | 87.0  | 80                  |
| 2016 | 53                      | 52.8 | 28.3 | 13.2 | 94.3  | 80                  |
| 2017 | 67                      | 62.6 | 10.4 | 22.3 | 95.3  | 80                  |
| 2018 | 72                      | 58.3 | 15.2 | 13.8 | 87.3  | 78                  |
| 2019 | 79                      | 53.1 | 21.5 | 11.3 | 85.9* | 78.1                |
| 2020 | 74                      | 48.7 | 21.5 | 21.6 | 91.8  | 88.9                |

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#### GCSE

| Year | Number of presentations |     | <b>A</b> * | А   | %Pass | National<br>Average |
|------|-------------------------|-----|------------|-----|-------|---------------------|
| 2015 |                         |     | 44         |     | 84    | 67                  |
| 2016 |                         |     | 58         |     | 79    | 67                  |
| 2017 |                         |     | 50         |     | 86    | 70                  |
|      |                         |     |            |     |       |                     |
|      |                         | % 9 | %8         | % 7 |       |                     |
| 2018 |                         | 47  |            |     | 83    | 70                  |
| 2019 |                         | 75  |            |     | 83    | 70                  |
| 2020 | 12                      | 67  |            |     | 100   | 78.8                |

The GCSE grade system changed from letters  $(A^* - G)$  to the new numerical system (9 - 1) in 2018; 9 being the highest. Grade 7 is broadly equivalent to an A, with 9 being above an  $A^*$ . The pass rate - Grade 4 - is equivalent to a C on the former system.

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