

Exam results will be notified today



Thousands of pupils across Edinburgh receive their exam results by post this morning. Some will have elected to get their results ahead of that by text, although many will be waiting for the postman with the large envelope.

Spare a thought for them. We all know what it is like even if all our predictions were surpassed, it is still a nervous time.

It appears that candidates in Scotland's capital have once again exceeded expectations from previous years and that there have been notable improvements in several key measures.

A total of 39,884 resulted awards were certificated for 8,007 candidates in over 80 subjects ranging from Accounting to Urdu.

A particular strength is the attainment of pupils by the end of S5 and S6 where strong levels of attainment have either been maintained or improved at all levels.

Highlights include:

- By the end of S4, 43% of the S4 roll achieved 5 qualifications at National 5 level which is an increase of 4 percentage points from last year.
- By the end of S5, 37% of the S4 roll achieved 3 or more Highers – a 2 percentage point improvement on last year and an 8 percentage point improvement since 2011.
- By the end of S6, 66% of the S4 roll achieved one or more Highers – a 3 percentage point increase on last year and an 11 percentage point improvement since 2011.

- By the end of S6, 25% of the S4 roll achieved one or more Advanced Highers – a 3 percentage point increase on last year.

Twins Thomas and Adam Anderson, 16 years, both sat 5 Highers at Liberton High School this summer.

Thomas said: “Some of the exams like the Science ones were quite tough but teachers at Liberton were really good. I’m interested in politics so I’m wanting to do law at University.”

Adam said: “I’m taking Advanced Highers next year in Physics, Maths and Computing Science so I’m hoping to go to the University of Edinburgh to study Physics and become a physicist.”



Convener of
Education – Paul
Godzik

Councillor Paul Godzik, Education Convener for the City of Edinburgh Council, welcomed today’s results. He said: “SQA exam results show that 2016 has been another really positive year for our pupils, with performance rising yet again. It’s a real achievement to have not only sustained but built on the successes from previous years.

“This year’s results are very encouraging with a year on year improvement since 2011 resulting in our best ever results and by the end of S6 an impressive 66% achieved one or more Highers – a 11 percentage point improvement since 2011.

“I want to congratulate all those who sat exams this year, and thanks must also go to all our staff who have been working extremely hard. Our pupils should be very proud of themselves too – all their hard work has certainly paid off and praise should also go to parents who have supported their children over the past year.

“Another key aim is to make sure all school leavers enter a positive destination of employment, training or further education. Initiatives such as the Edinburgh Guarantee are going a long way to making this a reality for many of our former pupils.

“With 92% of our young people achieving and sustaining a positive destination this is a real success story. We will be looking to build on this in the future and I look forward to seeing many more placements and positive results.”

All candidates will receive their results by means of the traditional postal delivery on Tuesday 9 August. Those candidates who have activated their MySQA accounts, through which they can choose to receive their exam results by text in addition to their results certificate, will also receive these by 9am on Tuesday 9 August.