

# Independent schools announce their exam results

**The Scottish Council of Independent Schools (SCIS) announced today that 63% of pupils studying maths have achieved a Higher grade A.**

In Edinburgh there is a large number of children who attend independent schools. As at 2019 there are 11,230 independent school pupils out of a total of 58,300.

The data, collected from SCIS's 74 member schools, also shows strong results in languages with 82% of students achieved a Higher grade A in Mandarin. In other languages 88% of those studying German, 81% of those studying French and 70% studying Spanish also achieved an A.

Pupils at Scotland's independent schools achieved A – C passes in 95% of National 5, 94% of Higher and 94% of Advanced Highers in all subjects.

John Edward, Director of SCIS, said: "Congratulations to all students receiving their SQA results today. I am thrilled to see Scotland's independent schools achieve such outstanding results despite the unprecedented challenges they faced during the pandemic.

"It is particularly encouraging to see so many pupils flourish in languages. Languages provide young people with enhanced communication and adaptability skills and a deeper cultural awareness, as well as opening up a world of job opportunities, which means that providing children with the opportunity to learn a new language from a younger age is paramount."

Other Higher results for students across Scotland's independent schools include:

- 56% achieved a grade A in English; 94% achieved an A-C pass
- 61% achieved a grade A in Maths; 91% achieved an A-C pass
- 55% achieved a grade A in Physics; 94% achieved an A-C pass
- 59% achieved a grade A in Chemistry; 94% achieved an A-C pass
- 59% achieved a grade A in Biology; 92% achieved an A-C pass

Edward concluded: "Independent schools in Scotland have a track record of academic excellence and this is reflected once again in this year's results. Smaller pupil/teacher ratios and significant investment in teaching facilities attracts some of the best teachers from across Scotland and beyond and this is reflected in the pupils' outstanding exam performance.

"Despite challenging circumstances, Scotland's independent sector continues to demonstrate dedication, energy and expertise in providing choice, diversity and excellence for Scotland's young people."