

## APPENDIX 1

### SQA Examination Results

In general, in years three and four, young people in Moray secondary schools now follow national qualifications courses or Standard Grade. Qualifications can be compared using the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF). This is not a new set of qualifications; it concerns the way in which qualifications can be compared in order to simplify progression between them.

<u>Term</u>	<u>Explanation</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
Level 3	Standard Grade at Foundation Level or Access 3	Level 5	Standard Grade at Credit Level or intermediate 2
Level 4	Standard Grade at General Level or Intermediate 1	Level 6	Higher Grade at A-C

National Comparison Deciles (NCDs) – Illustrate performance relative to the National Average

<u>Term</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
NCD 1, 2 or 9, 10	Performance well above/well below national average
NCD 5 or 6	Performance is in line with the national average
NCD 3, 4 or 7, 8	Performance is above/below the national average

### Percentages of S4 roll attaining, by the end of S4:

	English at Level 3 or better						Maths at Level 3 or better					
	2006/07		2007/08		2008/09		2006/07		2007/08		2008/09	
	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD
Buckie High	92	8	96	5	95	6	93	7	94	7	92	8
Elgin Academy	96	5	91	9	97	4	97	4	94	6	98	3
Elgin High	92	8	94	6	88	9	86	10	89	9	89	9
Forres Academy	98	3	94	6	93	7	97	3	95	6	95	6
Keith Grammar	107	100	100	100	103	100	105	100	98	2	105	100
Lossiemouth High	99	2	91	9	95	6	100	100	93	8	99	2
Milne's High	92	8	96	5	98	3	94	6	96	4	99	2
Speyside High	100	100	96	5	97	4	98	2	94	7	99	2
<b>Moray</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Comparators</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>National</b>	<b>94</b>		<b>94</b>		<b>94</b>		<b>93</b>		<b>94</b>		<b>95</b>	

	English & Maths at Level 3 or better						5 or more awards at Level 3 or better					
	2006/07		2007/08		2008/09		2006/07		2007/08		2008/09	
	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD
Buckie High	91	7	92	6	92	7	90	7	92	5	90	7
Elgin Academy	96	3	91	7	96	3	95	3	91	6	94	4
Elgin High	83	10	87	9	86	9	83	10	80	10	74	10
Forres Academy	96	3	94	5	92	6	95	3	88	8	90	7
Keith Grammar	105	100	97	2	101	100	107	100	99	1	103	100
Lossiemouth High	99	1	91	7	95	4	95	4	87	8	94	4
Milne's High	92	6	96	3	98	2	92	5	95	4	98	2
Speyside High	98	2	93	6	97	3	99	1	95	3	98	2
<b>Moray</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Comparators</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>National</b>	<b>92</b>		<b>92</b>		<b>92</b>		<b>91</b>		<b>91</b>		<b>91</b>	

Note: Where the underlying value is 100% (or greater) the NCD is expressed as 100. This is because there is no way of knowing how many other values are also 100%. If there are, say, 120 schools also with the value 100%, they effectively occupy the first three decile bands. A value of 99% would therefore be in decile 4. The same argument holds for values of zero 0.

	5 or more awards at Level 4 or better						5 or more awards at Level 5 or better					
	2006/07		2007/08		2008/09		2006/07		2007/08		2008/09	
	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD
Buckie High	78	5	79	5	78	6	33	5	33	6	36	5
Elgin Academy	82	4	84	3	89	2	40	3	48	2	49	2
Elgin High	71	7	69	8	63	9	25	8	27	8	30	7
Forres Academy	85	3	82	5	81	5	37	4	34	5	39	4
Keith Grammar	90	2	83	4	87	3	34	5	43	3	47	2
Lossiemouth High	85	3	76	6	85	3	27	7	33	6	35	5
Milne's High	84	4	89	2	93	1	35	5	39	4	41	4
Speyside High	94	1	88	2	91	1	48	2	46	2	41	3
<b>Moray</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Comparators</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>National</b>	<b>76</b>		<b>76</b>		<b>78</b>		<b>33</b>		<b>34</b>		<b>35</b>	

Analysis was carried out to compare Moray's S4 attainment performance against comparator authorities –

Ranking 2008/09	English at Level 3	Maths at Level 3	English & Maths at Level 3
1 <sup>st</sup>	Falkirk (97%)	Moray (96%) Dumfries and Galloway (96%) Falkirk (96%)	Falkirk (95%)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Angus (95%) Highland (95%)		Moray (94%)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Moray (95%)		Angus (92%) Dumfries and Galloway (92%) Highland (92%)
4 <sup>th</sup>			Scottish Borders (92%) Scottish Borders (92%)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Scottish Borders (94%)	Angus (94%) Highland (94%)	Scottish Borders (92%)
6 <sup>th</sup>	Dumfries and Galloway (93%)		

Ranking 2008/09	5 + Awards at Level 3	5 + Awards at Level 4	5 + Awards at Level 5
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dumfries and Galloway (92%) Falkirk (92%) Highland (92%) Moray (92%)	Moray (83%)	Moray (40%) Scottish Borders (40%)
2 <sup>nd</sup>		Highland (82%)	
3 <sup>rd</sup>		Scottish Borders (80%)	Dumfries and Galloway (38%) Highland (38%)
4 <sup>th</sup>		Angus (78%) Dumfries and Galloway (78%)	Falkirk (35%)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Angus (91%)		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Scottish Borders (90%)	Falkirk (77%)	Angus (34%)

The ranking tables show that in terms of S4 attainment. Achieving 5 or more awards at Level 5 (Standard Grade at Credit Level or Intermediate 2) has been and continues as a Service Improvement Plan action with performance improving consistently over the last 3 years from 35% in 2006/07 to 40% in 2008/09.

Further analysis was carried out to compare Moray's Secondary Schools' S4 attainment rankings against their twenty comparator schools –

	<b>S4</b>					
<b>School</b>	<b>Eng @ Lev 3</b>	<b>Maths @ Lev 3</b>	<b>Eng &amp; Maths @ Lev 3</b>	<b>5 + Lev 3</b>	<b>5 + Lev 4</b>	<b>5 + Lev 5</b>
Buckie High	9th equal	18th	15th equal	13th equal	14th equal	8th
Elgin Academy	8th equal	5th equal	7th equal	9th equal	6th equal	4th equal
Elgin High School	20th	18th equal	16th equal	21st	20th	11th equal
Forres High School	19th equal	14th equal	16th equal	16th equal	10th equal	8th equal
Keith Grammar School	1st	1st	1st	1st	4th	2nd
Lossiemouth High School	14th equal	3rd equal	8th equal	9th equal	6th equal	10th equal
Milne's High School	10th equal	5th equal	5th equal	5th equal	4th equal	14th equal
Speyside High School	4th equal	1st equal	4th equal	2nd	4th equal	6th equal

**Percentages of S4 roll attaining, by the end of S5:**

	1 or more awards at Level 6 or better						3 or more awards at Level 6 or better					
	2006/07		2007/08		2008/09		2006/07		2007/08		2008/09	
	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD
Buckie High	38	5	38	5	38	6	16	7	19	6	19	7
Elgin Academy	44	4	50	3	42	5	27	3	30	3	24	5
Elgin High	29	8	34	7	28	9	14	8	14	8	13	9
Forres Academy	42	4	48	3	45	4	23	5	25	4	25	4
Keith Grammar	43	4	39	5	44	4	23	4	16	7	25	4
Lossiemouth High	28	8	36	6	38	6	13	8	17	7	19	6
Milne's High	48	3	40	5	43	4	28	3	23	4	26	4
Speyside High	52	2	45	3	46	3	22	5	17	7	34	2
<b>Moray</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Comparators</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>National</b>	<b>39</b>		<b>39</b>		<b>41</b>		<b>22</b>		<b>22</b>		<b>23</b>	

	5 or more awards at Level 6 or better					
	2006/07		2007/08		2008/09	
	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD
Buckie High	6	7	8	5	9	5
Elgin Academy	11	4	10	4	13	3
Elgin High	4	9	5	8	3	9
Forres Academy	9	5	7	6	11	4
Keith Grammar	11	4	6	7	15	2
Lossiemouth High	5	8	4	9	7	7
Milne's High	10	4	6	7	10	5
Speyside High	10	4	5	8	20	1
<b>Moray</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Comparators</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>National</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>11</b>	

**Analysis was carried out to compare Moray's S5 attainment performance against comparator authorities –**

<b>Ranking 2006/07</b>	<b>1 + Awards at Level 6</b>	<b>3 + Awards at Level 6</b>	<b>5 + Awards at Level 6</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Scottish Borders (44%) Angus (44%) Highland (44%)	Highland (26%) Scottish Borders (26%)	Highland (12%) Scottish Borders (12%)
2 <sup>nd</sup>			
3 <sup>rd</sup>		Angus (24%)	Dumfries and Galloway (11%)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Moray (42%)	Dumfries and Galloway (23%)	Moray (10%) Angus (10%)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dumfries and Galloway (41%)	Moray (22%)	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Falkirk (39%)	Falkirk (21%)	Falkirk (8%)

Improving S5 attainment was a Service Improvement Plan Action during 2008/09 and results have improved in two areas and been maintained the other. Improving S5 attainment remains a priority in the Department's Service Improvement Plan.

**Further analysis was carried out to compare Moray's Secondary Schools' S5 attainment performance rankings against their twenty comparator schools –**

	<b>S5</b>		
<b>School</b>	<b>1 + Lev 6</b>	<b>3 + Lev 6</b>	<b>5 + Lev 6</b>
Buckie High	13th equal	14th equal	11th equal
Elgin Academy	19th	20th	11th equal
Elgin High School	20th equal	19th equal	19th equal
Forres High School	9th	10th equal	11th
Keith Grammar School	6th equal	5th equal	3rd
Lossiemouth High School	13th equal	15th equal	16th equal
Milne's High School	18th	15th equal	16th equal
Speyside High School	7th equal	3rd equal	3rd

**Percentages of S4 roll attaining, by the end of S6:**

	1 or more awards at Level 6 or better						3 or more awards at Level 6 or better					
	2006/07		2007/08		2008/09		2006/07		2007/08		2008/09	
	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD
Buckie High	43	5	42	6	40	7	28	6	28	6	28	6
Elgin Academy	39	6	51	3	52	3	25	6	35	4	41	2
Elgin High	39	6	33	8	40	6	21	8	17	9	21	8
Forres Academy	51	3	49	4	54	3	40	2	39	2	32	4
Keith Grammar	37	7	46	5	48	4	20	8	29	6	24	7
Lossiemouth High	39	6	35	7	44	6	20	8	21	8	25	7
Milne's High	38	7	48	4	44	5	26	6	38	3	32	5
Speyside High	53	3	55	2	45	5	29	5	36	3	28	6
<b>Moray</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Comparators</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>National</b>	<b>42</b>		<b>43</b>		<b>44</b>		<b>29</b>		<b>30</b>		<b>31</b>	

	5 or more awards at Level 6 or better						1 or more awards at Level 7 or better					
	2006/07		2007/08		2008/09		2006/07		2007/08		2008/09	
	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD	%	NCD
Buckie High	18	5	15	6	16	7	13	4	7	8	13	5
Elgin Academy	17	6	23	4	26	3	10	6	19	2	18	3
Elgin High	13	7	9	9	13	8	8	7	8	7	8	8
Forres Academy	31	2	25	3	21	4	14	4	14	4	14	4
Keith Grammar	13	7	21	5	16	6	11	5	16	3	9	7
Lossiemouth High	10	8	13	7	11	9	7	7	10	6	12	5
Milne's High	15	6	26	3	20	5	16	3	14	4	17	3
Speyside High	14	7	22	4	15	6	8	7	14	4	8	7
<b>Moray</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Comparators</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>National</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>20</b>		<b>21</b>		<b>12</b>		<b>13</b>		<b>14</b>	

**Further analysis was carried out to compare Moray's S6 attainment performance against comparator authorities –**

<b>Ranking 2006/07</b>	<b>1 + Awards at Level 6</b>	<b>3 + Awards at Level 6</b>	<b>5 + Awards at Level 6</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Highland (50%)	Scottish Borders (35%)	Scottish Borders (25%)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Scottish Borders (48%)	Highland (34%)	Dumfries and Galloway (23%)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dumfries and Galloway (47%)	Dumfries and Galloway (33%)	Highland (22%)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Moray (46%)	Angus (30%) Falkirk (30%) Moray (30%)	Angus (20%)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Angus (43%) Falkirk (43%)		Moray (18%)
6 <sup>th</sup>			Falkirk (17%)

<b>Ranking 2006/07</b>	<b>1 + Awards at Level 7</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Scottish Borders (17%)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dumfries and Galloway (15%)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Angus (14%)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Highland (13%) Moray (13%)
5 <sup>th</sup>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Falkirk (11%)

Improving S6 attainment was a Service Improvement Plan Action during 2008/09 and results have improved in one area, been maintained in another but decreased slightly in the remaining two areas. Improving S6 attainment remains a priority in the Department's Service Improvement Plan.

Further analysis was carried out to compare Moray's Secondary Schools' S6 attainment performance rankings against their twenty comparator schools –

School	S6			
	1 + Lev 6	3 + Lev 6	5 + Lev 6	1 + Lev 7
Buckie High	14th	8th equal	10th equal	3rd equal
Elgin Academy	12th equal	9th equal	12th equal	11th equal
Elgin High School	8th equal	18th equal	15th equal	15th equal
Forres High School	6th equal	10th equal	9th	8th equal
Keith Grammar School	6th	15th equal	10th equal	15th equal
Lossiemouth High School	11th equal	14th equal	19th equal	7th equal
Milne's High School	21st	20th	20th	13th equal
Speyside High School	16th	17th	19th	19th