

# **East Lothian Council**

**FOI Ref: 2019/650986**

***What grade/mark is considered a pass for English in Nat 5s?***

A Grade at A to C is a pass for English in Nat 5

***What was the % score for English in Nat 5 at Grades A-C both overall and in S4?***

Overall – 90.3% and S4 – 93.4%

***What were the S5 results for pupils achieving 5 or more Highers (only results at S6 have been mentioned)? How many of these were at Grade A-C?***

The answer for both is 16.5%

***What are the National average results in these same performance categories?***

East Lothian Council does not have access to the national average data for pupils achieving 5 or more Highers. The requester would need to submit this request to the Scottish Government. In view of this, under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to comply with your request as the information you require is not held.

***What is the National Average score for S4 pupils achieving 5 or more awards at Nat 5?***

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***Why if Maths in Nat 5 has been an "area of focus" has the pass rate remained steady and not improved as would presumably have been expected from applying additional resources?***

Since 2015 there has been an overall increase in the S4 Nat 5 Maths pass rate (net percentage point increase of 5% over the five year period) and in the percentage of S4 pupils being presented for Nat 5 Maths (net percentage point increase of 8% over the five year period). Feedback from the SQA with regard to performance at National 5 results nationally has been the need to improve numeracy levels. Numeracy has

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been an area of focus both at a local level and as part of the South East Improvement Collaborative. This has been a focus for both primary and secondary schools. As with any development, this can take time to impact fully on examination results as teachers are trained and develop their practice. We are confident that as the approach further develops across our schools that this will continue to have a positive impact on performance at National 5.

*Finally, it may help to explain that Freedom of Information legislation only applies to information which is held or recorded by a public authority. It does not apply to views, opinions, intentions, general questions or questions which simply require a yes/no answer. In view of this, some of the questions asked are not technically valid for the purposes of this legislation as they are not requests for specific recorded information that East Lothian Council may or may not hold.*

*In order to assist you, however, officers have addressed the questions posed to the best of their knowledge. For future reference, a link to the "Tips for Requesters" page of the Scottish Information Commissioner's website has been provided which you may find useful:*

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Tipsforrequesters.aspx>