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Schools in Wales: Examination Performance 2007

Schools in Wales: Examination Performance 2007 is published today. This provides a detailed analysis of last year's Key Stage assessments and GCSE/A level results. Much of the information has already been published in previous statistical volumes. This publication brings the information together as a comprehensive summary of examination performance in Wales. This Statistical First Release presents a selection of information contained in the volume and on StatsWales.

Key Stages 1, 2 and 3

- At Key Stage 1 in 2007, the percentage of pupils achieving at least the expected level in teacher assessments was lower for all subjects when compared with 2006.
- At Key Stage 2 in 2007, the percentage of pupils achieving at least the expected level in teacher assessments was lower for all subjects than in 2006, but at least 9 percentage points higher than in 1999.
- At Key Stage 3 in 2007, the percentage of pupils achieving at least the expected level in teacher assessments was higher in 2006 in English and Welsh and lower in Mathematics and Science.

GCSE and Vocational Equivalent

- 55 per cent of pupils aged 15 achieved the level 2 threshold in 2007 (data not available for prior years). 60 per cent of girls and 50 per cent of boys achieved this level.
- The percentage of GCSE subject entries achieving grades A*-C in 2007 was 63 per cent, one percentage point higher than in 2006.
- 54 per cent of entries in Mathematics achieved grade A*-C. For English Language the percentage was 61 per cent and for Welsh (First Language) it was 73 per cent.

A Level and Vocational Equivalent

- 10,552 17-year-old pupils entered 2 or more A levels or achieved vocational equivalents in 2007, almost 180 less than in 2006.
- The most popular subject at A level in 2007 was History, with 2,502 entries.
- 74 per cent of subject entries - including vocational A levels - achieved grades A-C, with the pass rate for grade A-E being 97 per cent.

Comparison with England

- A lower proportion of pupils in Wales achieved the expected level in Mathematics at Key Stage 1 than in England, but the same proportion achieved the expected level in Science.
- A higher proportion of pupils in Wales achieved the expected level in English and Mathematics at Key Stage 2 than in England, but the same proportion achieved the expected level in Science.
- A lower proportion of pupils in Wales achieved the expected level in the core subjects at Key Stage 3 than in England.
- The percentage achieving the level 2 threshold in Wales was 6 percentage points lower than in England, however the percentage achieving the level 2 threshold including a GCSE pass in English or Welsh first language and mathematics was only 2 percentage points lower than in England.

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