

# IMPROVE ATTAINMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, WITH A FOCUS ON INCLUSION

## HOW ARE WE DOING?



### Exam Performance for School Year 2016-17:

#### Exam results evidence of continued high standards across Borders schools

"Once again, our young people have excelled in their national examinations. Our S4 results were exceptionally strong with an increased percentage of young people achieving a minimum of five National 5 awards. In our S5 and S6, we saw another year of excellent attainment."

Our staff, local community, parents and carers should be extremely proud of each and every individual pupil success and achievement on this examination results day"  
**Justin Sinclair**  
 (Headteacher, Earlston High School)

"I was very relieved to get the results I needed to go on to study Law at Glasgow University. I worked very hard this year and it was all worth it! I am very proud to have made it. I put in a lot of effort in S6, I needed to work hard and it has paid off really well."  
**Alistair Crooks** (Galashiels Academy)

"I am really happy with these results. It took a lot of time, effort and sacrifice revising for hours. All my teachers were very supportive; they believed in me and worked for me marking all the extra work I submitted. The important thing to remember is it is not about working to get by but it is about working to stretch yourself above what you thought you were capable of."  
**Olivia Brunton** (Peebles High School)

"What made the difference for me was teachers who were available after school when I needed them, for example, at the schools' Study Zone, which took place before the prelims and final exams."  
**Katie Walker** (Eyemouth High School)

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### Exam Results 2016/17:

#### S4 PUPIL ATTAINMENT 2016/17

**39.98%**  
 achieved **5+ SCQF Level 5**  
 (National 5s) or above

(up from 37.32% in 2013/14)

#### S5 PUPIL ATTAINMENT 2016/17

**18.05%**  
 achieved **5+ SCQF Level 6**  
 (Higher) or above

(up from 14.9% in 2013/14)

#### S6 PUPIL ATTAINMENT 2016/17

**33.53%**  
 achieved **5+ SCQF Level 6**  
 (Higher) or above

(up from 30% in 2013/14)

### Our performance

#### ATTENDANCE (APRIL - JUNE 2016/17 SCHOOL YEAR)

**95.1%**  
 pupils **attended** their **primary school**

Scottish average for 14/15 = 95.1%

**91.2%**  
 pupils **attended** their **secondary school**

Scottish average for 14/15 = 91.8%

#### EXCLUSIONS (APRIL - JUNE 2016/17 SCHOOL YEAR)

**12** primary **30** secondary

April - June 15/16 9 Prim/32 Secon

### Pass Rates 2016/17:

National 5	Higher	Advanced Higher
SB = 81.02%	SB = 79.54%	SB = 83.24%
Scotland = 79.50%	Scotland = 77.00%	Scotland = 80.00%



**Priority 2: Improving attainment & achievement levels – Executive Quarterly PIs**

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How many primary and secondary school pupils were excluded?	<p><b>CP02-P25P How many primary and secondary school pupils were excluded?</b></p> <p>■ 2014/15 ■ 2015/16 ■ 2016/17 ■ 2017/18</p>	42	<p><b>How are we performing:</b></p> <p>The overall levels are reducing over the longer term and significantly since 2013/14. The majority of the 42 pupils excluded from school during Q1 were single incidents, with few repeat exclusions (i.e. where a pupil is excluded more than once in a 3 month period).</p> <p><b>Actions we are taking to improve/maintain performance:</b></p> <p>Schools continue to focus on reducing exclusions and providing a more inclusive education. We continue to analyse exclusions individually within each area and school individually. The decrease realised in Q1 2017/18 has resulted from action planning within specific school contexts to ensure a clear focus on reducing exclusions during 2017/18.</p>		Donna Manson

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