

Flintshire County Council

Key Stage 5 National Curriculum Assessment Results in Wales: 2012

Background Summary

- 1.1 The National Assembly for Wales issued GCE A level and equivalent achievements information for Wales, 2011/12 in their First Release “Examination Results in Wales, 2011/12”, in December 2011.
- 1.2 These statistics include results of external examinations taken by pupils aged 17 at the beginning of the academic year, in schools in Wales.
- 1.3 Schools also receive individual analysis of the results of their pupils in their “SSSP” form. This process changed from the “RE2” form we used to receive with the indicators of performance now taking account of vocational and other courses, which had not previously been included. The SSSP form reports on performance at the Level 3 Threshold, achieved by learners who get two A-E grades at A Level or equivalent in a vocational course. This form also provides information on the performance of pupils in the Local Authority area and across Wales and it is the source of the figures given below.
- 1.4 Comparisons of performance are much more difficult to make in post 16 education. As the figures are for schools, the number of students represented in the figures is only a proportion of those in 16-19 education and the proportion of those pupils being educated in schools in each authority area will vary, as may the proportion of students who completed the courses they started. Figures are based only on those students who did complete courses.

1.5 **LEA SUMMARY RESULTS GCSE A LEVEL EXAMINATIONS AND EQUIVALENT (LEVEL 3)**

Key Indicators of performance show:

Proportion of pupils entering a volume equivalent to 2 A Levels who achieved the Level 3 threshold:

2012	Flintshire 97%	Wales 97%
2011	Flintshire 97%	Wales 96%
2010	Flintshire 97%	Wales 95%

Average wider points score for pupils aged 17:

2012	Flintshire 700	Wales 773
2011	Flintshire 817	Wales 799
2010	Flintshire 670	Wales 748

Average points score includes learners who have completed the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification (WBQ). In 2010 only one Flintshire school had learners gaining points for completing the Advanced WBQ but in 2011 and 2012 eight schools had learners completing and gaining additional points.

1.6 Analysis of Results for Girls and Boys

- The following table reflects the results of boys and girls in Flintshire in 2012 and 2011. Threshold figures are for pupils who have entered 2 or more A Level subjects or equivalent.

	BOYS		GIRLS		DIFFERENCE	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
Achieving the Level 3 Threshold	98%	97%	97%	97%	-1%	0%
Average wider points score	659	792	734	841	75	49

Across Wales as a whole the gender gap for achieving the Level 3 Threshold was 2% in 2012. 98% of girls and 96% of boys in Wales achieved the threshold.

For the wider points score, the gender gap in Wales in 2012 was 88, Girls scoring 813 points and boys 725.