

## **CABINET STATEMENT**

**TITLE: A Level and AS Level Results**

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A Level and AS Level students in Rhondda Cynon Taf have received their results.

Of particular note is that the number of young people in the County Borough who have secured A-E passes at AS Level has increased on last year and the number of candidates is the highest so far.

86.5% of candidates achieved A-E grades which is an increase on 2009 of 4%.

According to the figures released today, 3119 candidates took AS Level exams this year compared to 2814 in 2009.

Young people in Rhondda Cynon Taf continued to perform well at A Level with 95.8% of candidates achieving an A\*-E pass although this is slightly lower than last year's rate.

It is important to remember the figures released today are from WJEC, one of a number of examination boards. It is estimated up to a third of students will receive results from other examination boards, which do not release their results until later.

In addition to the A and AS Level results, a number of schools in Rhondda Cynon Taf have also had some very good results in the Welsh Baccalaureate.

I would like to congratulate the record number of teenagers in Rhondda Cynon Taf who are today celebrating some great results.

These results have come about because of hard work by students and staff at our schools, as well as the vital support provided by families who are committed to helping young people reach their potential. Results such as these seen today are a result of months of dedication and commitment by everyone involved.

Year after year we continue to be proud and pleased with the achievements of our young people. More than ever before are choosing to remain in education and study for A and AS Levels and we will continue to support them as they do so.

We must also congratulate and commend the hundreds of students who have taken advantage of vocational courses, the results of which are not included in today's released figures.

Whether undertaking academic or vocational courses, these young people have been striving to secure the experience and qualifications needed for their next stage in life and education. We wish them all the best of luck.

To ensure further progress in the future we must provide young people with the opportunities that come with access to the best possible education provision.

### **Supplementary Information**

The following statistics in this release are based on WJEC A and A/S level results only and should be treated with a degree of caution as schools will have entered varying, but possibly significant, proportions of students for examinations with other examination boards. On average, two thirds of entries in Wales are with WJEC.

The results also do not include vocational qualifications, which have an A/AS level equivalence and will need to be added to the totals when results are available.

### **2010 WJEC Results**

#### A Level Examinations

	2010 LA	Variation from 2009	2010 Wales	Variation from 2009
% A*-E	95.8	-2.0	97.1	-0.5
% A*-C	67.1	-8.1	N/A	N/A
% A*-A	16.7	-3.0	24.4	-0.6

#### A/S Level Examinations

	2010 LA	Variation from 2009	2010 Wales	Variation from 2009
% A-E	86.5	+4.0	86.9	+0.8
% A-C	52.1	+1.2	N/A	N/A
% A	12.6	+0.8	16.3	-0.4

#### Entries

	2010 LA	2009 LA	Variation from 2009

A Level	1992	2153	-161
A/S Level	3119	2814	+305

### WJEC A level results: trends over time

Rhondda Cynon Taf LA

	% Grades A*-E	% Grades A*-C	% Grade A*-A
1996	86.3	48.1	10.4
1997	90.7	56.2	12.7
1998	91.2	55.9	13.0
1999	92.3	59.5	14.3
2000	93.6	59.7	18.4
2001	94.0	61.5	18.8
2002	97.3	71.6	21.1
2003	98.2	74.8	22.0
2004	97.7	76.9	23.9
2005	96.7	72.2	19.3
2006	97.1	71.6	20.1
2007	97.2	74.4	19.7
2008	97.8	73.2	19.1
2009	97.8	75.2	19.7
<b>2010</b>	<b>95.8</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>16.7</b>

Wales (WJEC Only)

	% Grades A*-E	% Grades A*-C	% Grade A*-A
1996	89.0	56.4	16.0
1997	90.7	60.2	16.8
1998	92.5	62.3	17.3
1999	92.8	64.0	19.3
2000	93.7	65.0	20.5
2001	94.3	66.8	22.6
2002	98.1	77.9	25.2

Wales (All Boards)

	% Grades A*-E	% Grades A*-C	% Grade A*-A
2002	95.8	N/A	21.5
2003	96.4	N/A	23.0
2004	96.5	N/A	23.5
2005	96.8	N/A	23.7
2006	96.9	N/A	23.9
2007	97.1	N/A	24.1
2008	97.6	N/A	24.1
2009	97.6	N/A	25.0
<b>2010</b>	<b>97.1</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>24.4</b>

## WJEC A/S level results: trends over time

Rhondda Cynon Taf LA

	% Grades A-E	% Grades A-C	% Grade A
2001	90.2	58.7	16.3
2002	90.7	62.9	17.2
2003	90.7	63.5	20.5
2004	91.2	63.5	16.2
2005	89.8	60.7	16.2
2006	88.6	59.9	17.4
2007	88.6	60.1	15.0
2008	88.3	58.1	14.5
2009	82.5	50.9	11.8
<b>2010</b>	<b>86.5</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>12.6</b>

Wales (WJEC Only)

	% Grades A-E	% Grades A-C	% Grade A
2001	90.4	65.0	20.2
2002	92.7	68.6	23.2

Wales (All Boards)

	% Grades A-E	% Grades A-C	% Grade A
2002	87.0	N/A	18.9
2003	87.7	N/A	18.3
2004	87.5	N/A	17.9
2005	87.6	N/A	18.3
2006	87.5	N/A	18.0
2007	87.9	N/A	18.1
2008	88.5	N/A	18.1
2009	86.1	N/A	16.7
<b>2010</b>	<b>86.9</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>16.3</b>

## WJEC Entry: trends over time

Rhondda Cynon Taf LA

	A Level	A/S Level
2001	1535	956
2002	1634	1718
2003	1763	1727

2004	1681	2211
2005	1765	2346
2006	1865	2502
2007	1858	2719
2008	2053	2800
2009	2153	2814
<b>2010</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>3119</b>
Increase 2009 – 10	-161	+305