

SQA Progression Statistics – National 5 ‘C’ to Higher pass rate

The information below outlines the likelihood of achieving a Higher pass based on a C pass at National 5. This should be carefully considered when looking at progression from National 5 to Higher.

In the following subjects, progression from a ‘C’ at N5 to a pass at Higher is **realistic for over 50% of pupils**, therefore if you achieved a C pass at N5 you might wish to consider picking these subjects at Higher

PE	65% of pupils achieving a C at N5 passed at Higher
Music	59% of pupils achieving a C at N5 passed at Higher
Geography	58% of pupils achieving a C at N5 passed at Higher
Art & Design	57% of pupils achieving a C at N5 passed at Higher
Administration & IT	57% of pupils achieving a C at N5 passed at Higher
Music Technology	57% of pupils achieving a C at N5 passed at Higher
Graphic Communication	55% of pupils achieving a C at N5 passed at Higher
Modern Studies	51% of pupils achieving a C at N5 passed at Higher

In the following subjects, progression from a ‘C’ at N5 to a pass at Higher is **less likely with only 30-40%** of pupils achieving a C pass at N5 passing at Higher. We would not advise you pick these subjects at Higher if there are other subjects which you could pick with either an A or B at Higher or from the list above.

Business Management	45% of pupils achieving a C at N5 passed at Higher
History	43% of pupils achieving a C at N5 passed at Higher
Drama	38% of pupils achieving a C at N5 passed at Higher
Design & Manufacture	37% of pupils achieving a C at N5 passed at Higher
English	34% of pupils achieving a C at N5 passed at Higher
French	34% of pupils achieving a C at N5 passed at Higher
Physics	31% of pupils achieving a C at N5 passed at Higher

In the following subjects, progression from a ‘C’ at N5 to a pass at Higher is **very unlikely with less than 30%** of pupils achieving a C pass at N5 passing at Higher. We would not recommend you progress to Higher with a C pass in these subjects

Biology	26% of pupils achieving a C at N5 passed at Higher
Chemistry	26% of pupils achieving a C at N5 passed at Higher
Maths	24% of pupils achieving a C at N5 passed at Higher
Spanish	21% of pupils achieving a C at N5 passed at Higher