



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Our Ref: ATISN 10581  
Date: 11 August 2016

Dear,

### **ATISN 10581 – 2015 GCSE results**

Thank you for your request which I received on 18 July. You asked for:

For 2015 GCSE examinations, for pupils aged 15, for each secondary and middle school in Wales -

- show the broad language medium of the school - Welsh/English
- show the 3 year average eligibility for FSM
- show the number of pupils aged 15
- show the percentage of pupils achieving Level 2 including Maths and English (but not including Welsh L1)
- show the percentage of pupils in each school achieving five A\*-A grades at GCSE only (not alternative/equivalent examinations).
- show the average capped points score in each school based only on GCSE examinations (not alternative/equivalent examinations)

Data for the first 5 bullets of your request is attached.

From my preliminary assessment I estimate that it will cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to answer the sixth (final) bullet. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

As the information you have requested on capped points score based only on GCSE examinations is not something we routinely calculate, then to provide you with the data would require us to engage the services of a system developer to design, develop, test and implement a new SQL routine to make the calculations. This is because the methodology for the capped points score is significantly more complicated than for other measures such as the Level 2. External contractors that have developed education based systems for us in the past charge a typical £750+VAT per day. This work could not be completed in under a day and as such the estimated cost of this work exceeds the limit. Consequently, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.



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SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

Government Business Team