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Dear ,

**ATISN 11070 - GCSE results in 2016**

Thank you for your email of 25 January asking for the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

How many pupils aged 15 were there in Welsh schools eligible for GCSE in 2016?

How many pupils passed any L1 Welsh (Language or Literature) exam with grades A\*-C?

How many of those pupils also passed any modern foreign language exam with grades A\*-C?

If you can easily break down the MFL exams passed by language it would be a bonus but it is not essential.

The information you requested is enclosed at Annex A.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,  
Welsh Government,  
Cathays Park,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 3NQ

or Email: [FreedomofInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:FreedomofInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk)



Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. However, please note the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,  
SK9 5AF

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Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log (at <http://wales.gov.uk/about/foi/responses/?lang=en>).

Yours sincerely,

## Annex A

| <u>Pupils in year 11 achieving A*-C in Welsh (Language or Literature) with a Modern Foreign Language A*-C , 2015/16</u>                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                    |
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| <b>Notes</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                    |
| For 2015/16 the standard definition for reporting attainment at KS4 was changed from those aged 15 at the start of the year to those in year 11. The Year 11 cohort is based on the number of pupils who were registered as being on roll in Year 11 in the school on 12 January 2016, the day of the school census. |                                    |
| Only includes maintained mainstream secondary schools                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                    |
| Welsh L2: Achieving a level 2 qualification (A*-C GCSE or equivalent). For each pupil the best grade of Welsh language and Welsh literature is taken. Also includes equivalents.                                                                                                                                     |                                    |
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| Number of students in Year 11 in 2015/16:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 31,031                             |
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| Those who achieved an A*-C in Welsh (Language or Literature):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3,966                              |
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| of which, who also achieved A* -C in a Modern Foreign Language subject:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 902                                |
| <i>by subject (a);</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                    |
| <i>French</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <i>681</i>                         |
| <i>German</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <i>103</i>                         |
| <i>Spanish</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <i>194</i>                         |
| <i>Other Modern Foreign Languages (b)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <i>10</i>                          |
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| (a) Please note that the number students achieving A*-C in the individual Modern Foreign Language subjects adds up to more than the total number of pupils achieving an A*-C in a MFL, this is due to some students taking more than one MFL subject.                                                                |                                    |
| (b) Other Modern Foreign Languages contains entries for the subjects Italian, Chinese, Japanese and Turkish. These have been combined as numbers are too low to display separately.                                                                                                                                  |                                    |