

# CURRICULUM AND QUALITY COMMITTEE REPORT

<b>Subject:</b>  External Exam Report (NQ & BTEC) for 2016/17	<b>Purpose:</b> For Approval <input type="checkbox"/> For Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> For Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Purpose:</b>  To inform the Committee on the results of the SQA and BTEC external exams for 2016/17.	
<b>Linked to Strategic Goal 2: Deliver successful outcomes for all our learners.</b>	
<b>Executive Summary:</b>  <p>This is the second year for entries for the new Curriculum for Excellence Nationals at Levels 5 and Higher. There were 279 entries for the Nationals compared with 196 last year. This is an increase in entries of 83 on 2016.</p> <p>National 5 Mathematics achieved 11% above the National average and National 5 Care only 2% below. National 5 Computing achieved 40% which is 42% below the national average.</p> <p>The majority of Higher entries exceeded the national average and this compares favourably to the College achievement rates for last session where only one subject was above the national average.</p> <p>The College average A-C pass rate for National 5 is 65% compared to 94% in 2015/16. The attainment rate for National 5 has decreased by 29% from the previous year.</p> <p>The majority of BTEC subjects represent a similar grade for 2016/17 compared to 2015/16.</p>	
<b>Recommendation:</b>  N/A	
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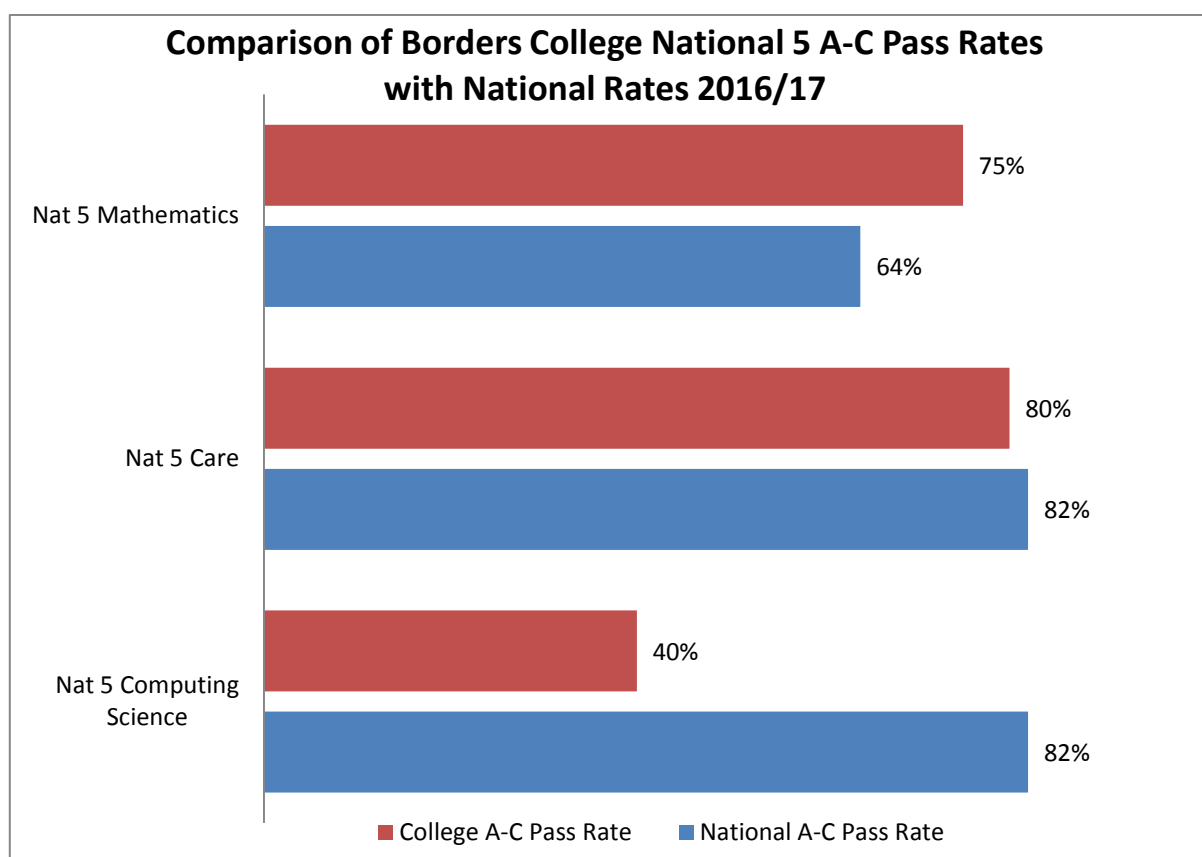
## SQA Exam Results 2016/17

### Introduction

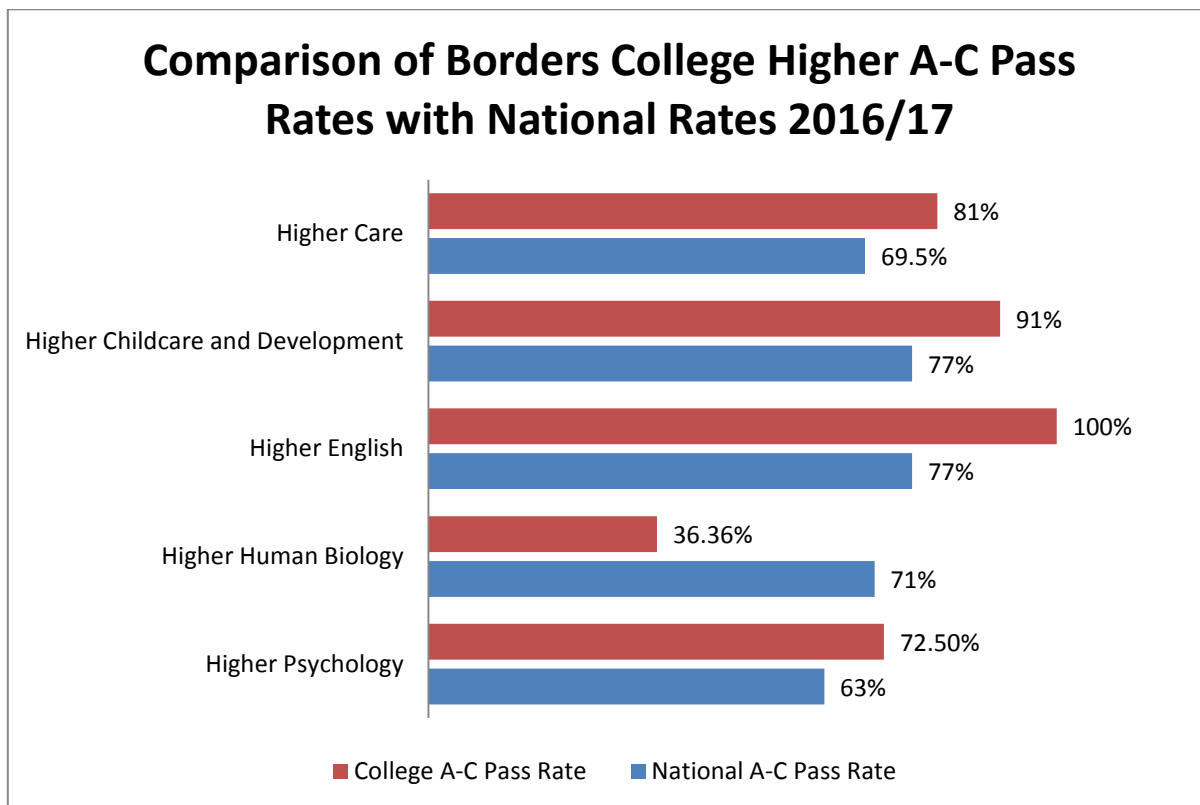
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### A-C Pass Rates compared with National Averages and 2016/17 Results

According to SQA, National A-C attainment rates for National 5 (80%) and Higher (77%) are largely in line with National attainment for 2016.



National 5 Mathematics achieved 11% above the National average and National 5 Care only 2% below. National 5 Computing achieved 40% which is 42% below the national average but important to note the low number of candidates (5). This is a significant reduction from the 83% of entrants receiving a C grade or better in session 2015/16.

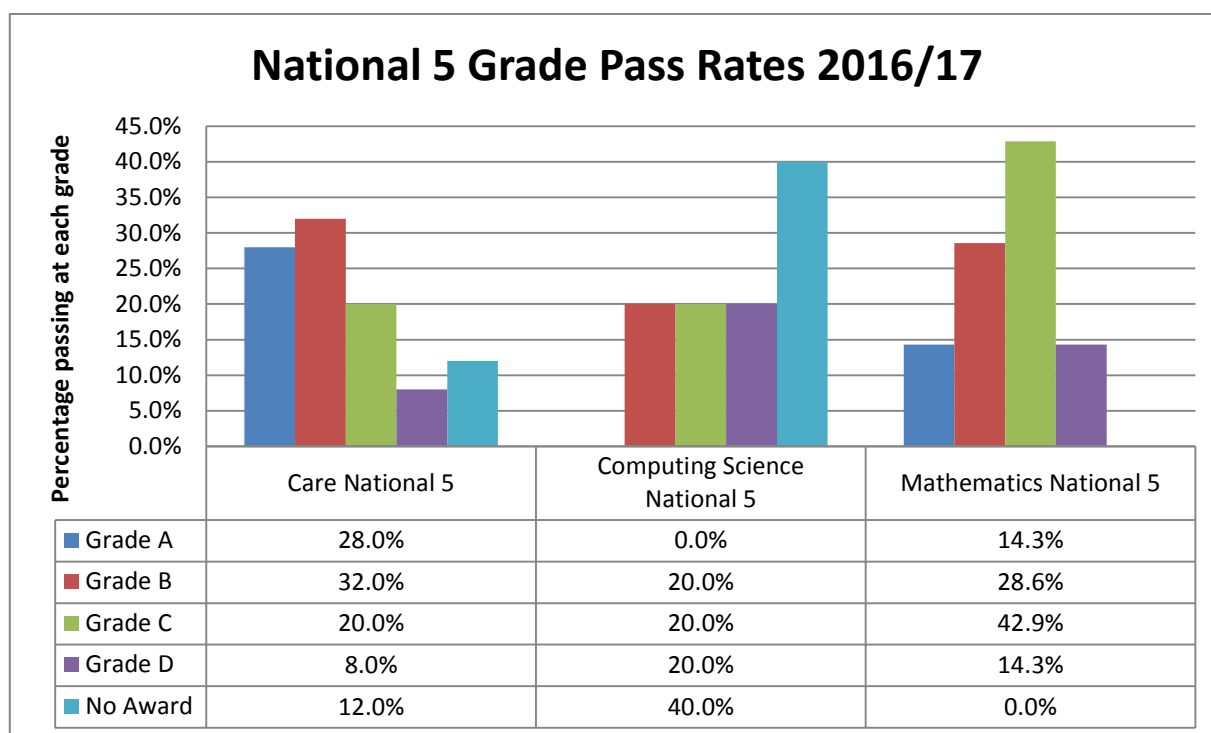


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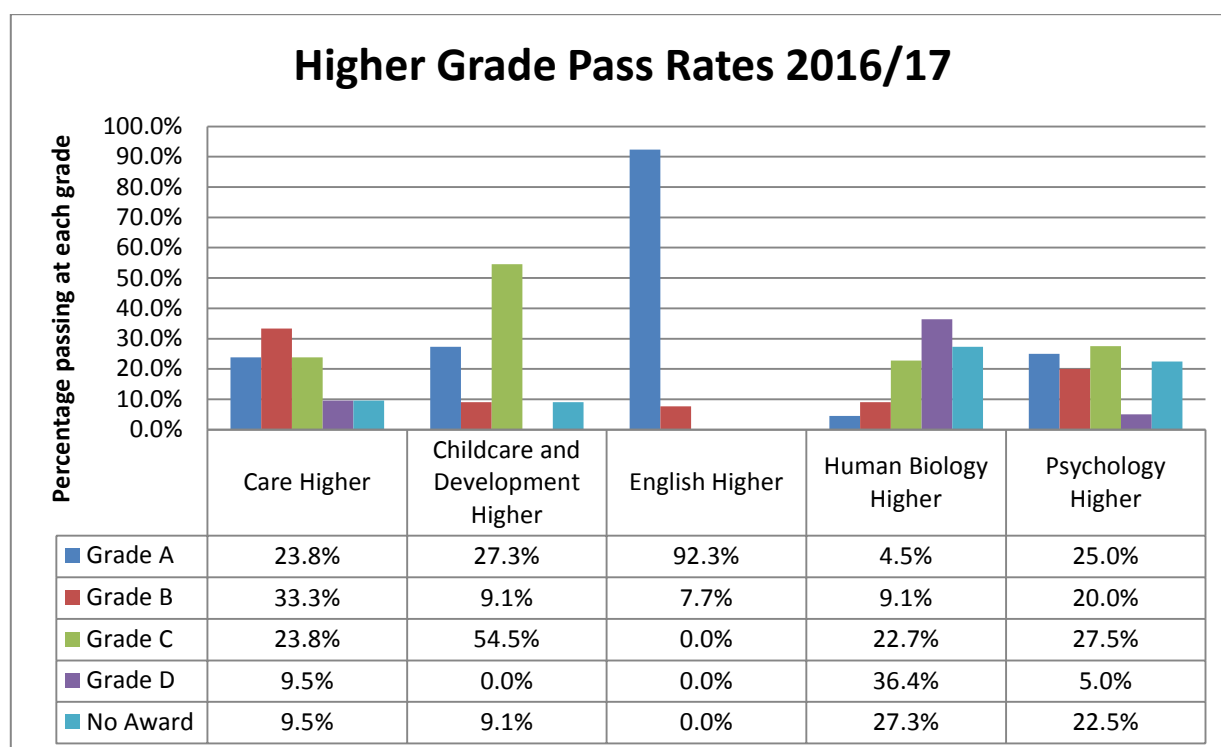
Although the low achievement rate in Human Biology was an action point for 2014/15 there is still a decline in attainment in this subject. In addition to the above, 8 out of 22 entries achieved a Grade D and 6 achieved no award. The overall success rate of Higher Human Biology (both on the full time and part time evening class programme) will continue to be monitored through the Faculty's Enhancement Plan and will be part of an action plan to support improvement on the Higher Health course.

**Action Point:** The College must address the poor success rate for National 5 Computing Science and the Human Biology Higher.

## Grade Achievement 2016/17

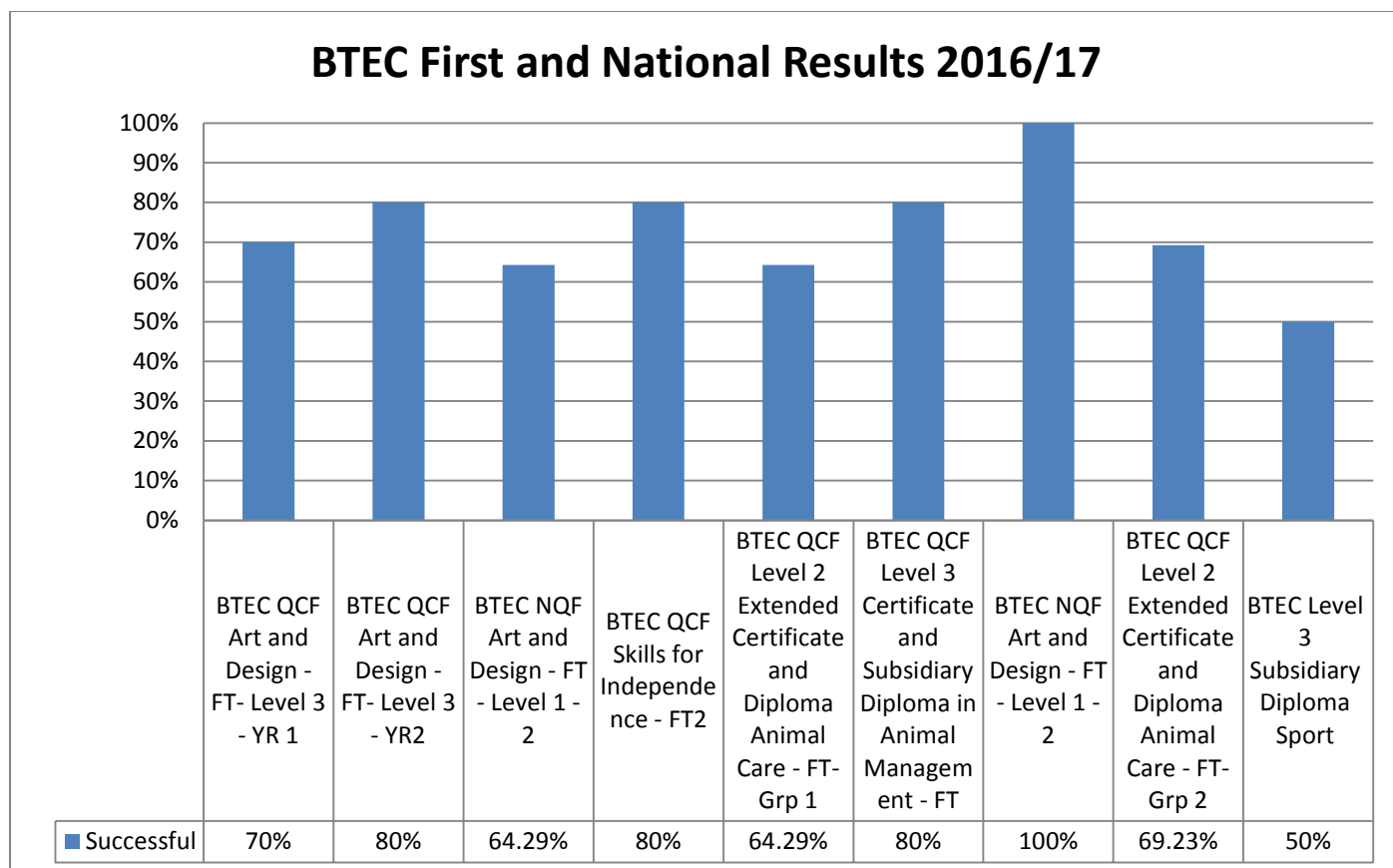


The College average A-C pass rate for National 5 is 65% compared to 94% in 2015/16. The attainment rate for National 5 has decreased by 29% from the previous year. National 5 Computing Science will be timetabled to complete teaching before the Easter break as attendance dropped after this break which impacted on the success level.



The College average achievement for Higher entries is 76% compared to 65% in 2015/16 an increase in 11%.

## BTEC Results 2016/17



The majority of subjects represent a similar grade for 2016/17 compared to 2015/16. The number of entries have declined from 128 down to 99 and this provision is now provided by SQA.