

**Key Stage 3 English results and review of failures**

Commenting on the publication today (Wednesday 17 November) of the 2004 Key Stage 3 English tests and the review of the failures in the handling of the tests, Steve Sinnott, NUT General Secretary, said:

“I welcome this clear and explicit report and its recommendations for avoiding such chaos in future. It is not fair to young people and their teachers that failings at the top in the handling of the testing process should add to the difficulties they face.

“These tests are of dubious value but then to have the process handled so badly is unacceptable.

“I welcome the recommendations in the report which should help ensure that such confusion does not occur in the future.

“The results show that teachers and pupils are continuing to work hard in improving test results. They are to be congratulated for their efforts.”

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