

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DATE: 16TH MARCH 2017

SUBJECT: ANALYSIS OF EXAMINATION RESULTS 2016

A PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform members of the attainment at GCSE and A/AS level of Caerphilly pupils in Religious Studies and Religious Education for 2016.

B BACKGROUND

The information for 16 year- olds currently relates to those electing to follow a course in religious studies in Years 10 and 11 or A/ AS level and to those following GCSE short course in Religious Studies as the schools' provision for RE as part of the basic curriculum.

It should be noted that definitive conclusions cannot be drawn because the figures represent raw scores and do not necessarily reflect the selectivity of the entry and in some cases the numbers are too small to be statistically significant.

C RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That SACRE note and discuss the examinations results for 2016
2. To consider circulating the findings to secondary schools in the Authority.

PLEASE NOTE:

THE RESULTS RECORDED HERE ARE FOR THOSE PUPILS ENTERED FOR THE EXAMINATIONS. THEY DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE NUMBER OF PUPILS FOLLOWING THE EXAMINATION COURSE NOR DO THEY INDICATE HOW WELL PUPILS ARE PERFORMING RELATIVE TO THEIR ABILITY.

GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES 2016 FULL COURSE (Year 11)

	Caerphilly 2016	Caerphilly 2015	Caerphilly 2014	Consortia 2016	Wales 2016
A* - A	27.7%	28.3%	25.6%	23.9%	27.8%
A* - C	71.1%	71.4%	73.0%	66.3%	72.0%
A* - G	97.8%	98.4%	98.8%	96.7%	97.8%
Entry Number	605 14 schools 29.5% cohort	679 13 schools	656 14 schools	2485 39.5%	11,051 34.3% cohort

- There were 605 entries from 14 schools. Entry numbers are lower than previous years but number of schools entering candidates has increased this year. 13/14 schools have entries in double figures and one school in triple figures. Cohort entry is below Consortia and All Wales figures.
- The overall % of **A* - A grades** was 27.7% which is slightly below 2015 but better than 2014 and is better than the Consortia figure (23.9%) and comparable with the All Wales figure (27.8%).
- The overall % of **A* - C grades** was **71.1%** which is comparable with previous performance and better than the Consortia figure (66.3%). It is comparable with the All Wales figure (72%).
- The overall % of **A* - G grades** was **97.8%** and is comparable with previous performance and better than the Consortia figure (96.7%) and comparable with the All-Wales figure (97.8%).

Conclusions

- Results continue to be good and compare well with previous performance.
- Results are better than Consortia figures at all grade boundaries and comparable with All Wales figures at all grade boundaries.

GCSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2016 SHORT COURSE (Year 11)

	Caerphilly 2016	Caerphilly 2015	Caerphilly 2014	Consortia 2016	Wales 2016
A* - A	13.8%	18.6%	10.8%	12.8%	11.4%
A* - C	45.8%	60.9%	49.7%	42.1%	45.4%
A* - G	92.9%	91.5%	95.0%	88.6%	90.6%
Entry Number	594 14 schools 29% cohort	647 13 schools	866 13 schools	2021 32.2% cohort	11,666 36.2% cohort

- There were 594 entries from 14 schools. Entry numbers are lower than previous years but number of schools entering candidates has increased this year. 9/14 schools have entries in double figures and one school in triple figures. Schools in triple figures thus enter a significant percentage of the cohort and pupils of all ability levels. Cohort entry is below Consortia and All Wales figures.
- Some schools enter pupils for two short courses and their performance has been reflected in the full course results. However, it is important to bear in mind that those

pupils entered for two short courses will be mainly the more able and this will reflect on the A* - A and A* - C results for Short Course.

- The overall % of **A* - A grades of 13.8%** is below 2015 performance but better than 2014 performance. It is better than the Consortia (12.8%) and the All Wales (11.4%) figures.
- The overall % of **A* - C grades was 45.8%** is below previous performance. It is better than the Consortia figure (42.1%) and comparable with the All Wales figure of 45.4%.
- The overall % of **A* - G grades was 92.9%** is better than 2015 but below 2014 performance. It is better than the Consortia (88.6%) and the All Wales (90.6%) figures.
- A significant number continue to be entered for short course and this is very encouraging because it provides pupils with the opportunity for accreditation for their KS4 study. We must also bear in mind that pupils do not usually opt to follow the Short Course but it is delivered as part of the statutory requirements for RE.

GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES 2016 A LEVEL (Year 13)

	Caerphilly 2016	Caerphilly 2015	Caerphilly 2014	Consortia 2016	Wales 2016
A* - A	13.1%	13.0%	17.2%	15.9%	19%
A* - C	69.1%	73.0%	89.1%	78.6%	79%
A* - E	98.8%	100%	100%	98.1%	99%
Entry Number	84 9 schools 14.2% cohort	100 8 schools	64 8 schools	314 13.9% cohort	1446 12% cohort

- There were 84 entries from 9 schools one more school than previous years. The entry figures are below 2015 but higher than 2014. 6/9 schools have entry numbers in double figures. The cohort entry is higher than the Consortia and All Wales figures.
- A* - A was achieved by 13.1% of students and is comparable to 2015 performance but below 2014 performance. They are below the Consortia figure (15.9%) and the All Wales figure (19%).
- At A* - C candidates achieved a pass rate of 69.1% which is below previous performance. It is also below the Consortia figure (78.6%) and the All Wales figure (79%).
- The pass rate for grades A* - E of 98.8% although below previous outstanding performance of 100% is still a good result. It is comparable to the Consortia figure (98.1%) and the All Wales figure (99%).

GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES AS LEVEL (Year 13)

	Caerphilly 2016	Caerphilly 2015	Caerphilly 2014	Consortia 2016	Wales 2016
A	0%	4.5%	21.1%	8.3%	16%
A - C	42.9%	36.4%	47.4%	43.8%	63%
A - E	71.5%	72.7%	100%	75.0%	89%
Entry Number	28 9 schools 4.7%	22 8 schools	19 6 schools	96 4.2%	1535 12.7%

Please Note:

Data includes only those who have cashed in their results. For example if a pupil sat an AS Level during 2016, but have not yet cashed the result in, then they should be excluded from this year's data and included next year when the results have been cashed in, otherwise this will result in results being double counted.

- There were 28 entries from 9 schools and the entry figures and number of schools entering has increased this year. Cohort entry is higher than the Consortia (4.2%) but below the All Wales figure (12.7%).
- There were no pupils achieving a grade A.
- 42.9% of students achieved A*- C which is better than 2015 but still below 2014 performance.
- **71.5%** pass rate for grades A - E and is slightly below 2015 performance although does not match the excellent 100% of 2014.