

Examination Results Analysis 2006

GCSE Full Course Religious Studies 2006

	Caerphilly 2006	Caerphilly 2005	Caerphilly 2004	All Wales
A* - A	32.2%	27.2%	33.9%	31.4%
A* - C	78.2%	73.7%	79.6%	73.7%
A* - G	99.6%	97.6%	99.2%	97.8%
Entry	490 x 13 schools	449 x 12 schools	378	6993

Comments

- There were 490 entries this year from 13 schools. There has been a year on year increase in numbers since 2004.
- The overall % of **A*-C** grades for Caerphilly was **78.2%** and is better than 2005 performance and the All-Wales figure of 73.7%
- The overall % of **A*-G** grades for Caerphilly was **99.6%** and better than previous performance and the All-Wales figure of 97.8%. This is an excellent result.
- The overall % of **A*-A** grades for Caerphilly was 32.2% and compares well with the All-Wales figure of 31.4% and better than the 2005 results. There has been a consistency in a significant % of pupils achieving this top grade over a three-year period.

Conclusion

- The results this year, once again are excellent at all grades and comparable with, or better than, the All Wales figures. Schools are to be commended at maintaining such good examination results.

GCSE Short Course (Specification B) Religious Studies 2006

	Caerphilly 2006	Caerphilly 2005	Caerphilly 2004	All Wales
A* - A	13.5%	12.5%	15.5%	19.0%
A* - C	53.9%	54.7%	56.3%	59.7%
A* - G	94.7%	95.7%	95.7%	95.6%
Entry	1193 x 12 schools	1093 x 12 schools	1008	1193

Comments

- There were **1193** entries this year from 12 schools. There has been a significant increase in numbers entered over a three-year period.
- The overall % of **A*-C** grades for Caerphilly was **53.9%** and below the All Wales figures and the previous year's performance.
- The overall % of **A*-G** grades for Caerphilly was **94.7%** and is comparable with previous performance and with the All-Wales figure of 95.6%
- The overall % of **A*-A** grades for Caerphilly was **13.5%** and comparable with previous performance but below the All-Wales figure of 19.0%.

Conclusions

- There has been a continuing significant increase in numbers entered for short course over the last three years. This should continue to increase due to the agreed syllabus programme of study at key stage 4 reflecting the GCSE Religious Studies short course. It is left to schools to decide whether or not to enter pupils but schools are encouraged to enter as many pupils as possible for accreditation.
- The results at all grades are satisfactory and comparable with previous performance. They are slightly below All - Wales figures. However, we must bear in mind that this course is not an option but a fulfilment of statutory requirements and it is very pleasing to see 94.7% of pupils receiving some kind of accreditation for their study at KS4.

GCSE A Level Religious Studies 2006

	Caerphilly 2006	Caerphilly 2005	Caerphilly 2004	All Wales
A	12.3%	11.5%	12.2%	14.0%
A - C	63.0%	65.6%	53.7%	65.5%
A - E	95.9%	98.4%	100%	97.0%
Entry	73 x 8 schools	61 x 6 schools	41 x 7 schools	862

Comments

- A total of 73 candidates from 8 schools were entered for the exam. There were more entered this year and from more schools.
- Those pupils achieving **A** grade were **12.3%** and this was comparable with 2004 and slightly below the All Wales figure of 14.0%
- The % pass rate for grades **A - C** was 63.0% and comparable with 2005 and the All-Wales figures of 65.5%.
- The % pass rate for grades **A - E** was good with 95.9% and is slightly below last year's figure and the All-Wales figures of 97.0%.

Conclusions

- It is encouraging to see that numbers have increased again this year and that results have improved at A-C over the last two years.

GCSE AS Level Religious Studies 2006

	Caerphilly 2006	Caerphilly 2005	Caerphilly 2004	All Wales
A	16.7%	7.4%	8.7%	14.0%
A - C	64.1%	51.9%	30.4%	52.0%
A - E	92.3%	89.1%	78.3%	86.7%
Entry	78 x 6 schools	81 x 6 schools	46 x 5 schools	1311

Comments

- There were a total of 78 candidates from 6 schools for the AS examination. This figure is consistent with numbers entered in 2005.
- At **A-E** the pass rate was 92.3% and this is better than 2005 and the All Wales figure of 86.7%
- At **A-C** the pass rate was 64.1% and this is better than 2005 and the All Wales figure of 86.7%
- At **A** grade there was a 16.7% pass rate and this exceeds the All Wales figure and previous performance.

At all grade boundaries results are better than previous performance and the All-Wales figures.

SACRE needs to take into account that there is still a very incomplete picture at AS because the grades are accumulated over a two year period.

**Cohort entry for Religious Studies Specification B
Short Course Examination 2006**

School	Key Stage 4 Pupils	% Year 11
Bedwas High	79	68.8%
Blackwood Comprehensive		
Cwmcarn Comprehensive	148	88.6%
Heolddu Comprehensive	28	20.4%
Lewis Girls	111	76%
Lewis School	144	89.4%
Newbridge Comprehensive	118	73.8%
Oakdale Comprehensive	114	76.5%
Pontllanfraith Comprehensive	57	33.9%
Rhymney Comprehensive	130	81.8%
Risca Community Comprehensive	22	18.8%
St Ilan	73	82.9%
St Martins	75	42.4%
St Cenydd	94	47.7%
Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni	0	

All Wales cohort entry = 38.2%

**Cohort entry for Religious Studies Full Course
Examination 2006**

School	Key Stage 4 Pupils	% Year 11
Bedwas High	17	14.8%
Blackwood Comprehensive	35	18.2%
Cwmcarn Comprehensive	130	77.8%
Heolddu Comprehensive	17	12.4%
Lewis Girls	22	15%
Lewis School	0	
Newbridge Comprehensive	12	7.5%
Oakdale Comprehensive	9	6%
Pontllanfraith Comprehensive	16	9.52%
Rhymney Comprehensive	32	20%
Risca Community Comprehensive	22	18.8%
St Ilan	0	
St Martins	67	37.9%
St Cenydd	70	35.5%
Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni	41	22.7%

All Wales cohort entry = 18.1%