

GCSE Full Course Religious Studies 2008

	Caerphilly 2008	Caerphilly 2007	Caerphilly 2006	All Wales 2008
A* - A	27.8%	28.3%	32.2%	29.7%
A* - C	68.5%	72.9%	78.2%	72.0%
A* - G	99.4%	99.3%	99.6%	98.7%
Entry	521 x 13 schools	584 x 13 schools	490 x 13 schools	8137

Comments

- There were 521 entries this year from 13 schools. This is a decrease over 2007
- The overall % of **A*-C** grades for Caerphilly was **68.5%**. This is a good result although below last year's performance and the All-Wales figure of 72%
- The overall % of **A*-G** grades for Caerphilly was **99.4%**. This again is a very good result and comparable with 2007 and the All-Wales figure of 98.7%
- The overall % of **A*-A** grades for Caerphilly was **27.8%** and although below the All-Wales figure of 29.7% and the 2007 performance 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 very good at all grades and generally comparable with previous performance and the All Wales figures. Schools are to be commended at maintaining such good examination results
- It must be taken into consideration that many pupils are fast tracked and entered for Specification B - two short courses to make a full course and often only receive half the examination board's recommended time of 70 hours per short course

GCSE Short Course (Specification B) Religious Studies 2008

	Caerphilly 2008	Caerphilly 2007	Caerphilly 2006	All Wales 2008
A* - A	20.2%	17.1%	13.5%	21.1%
A* - C	55.0%	54.0%	53.9%	59.7%
A* - G	96.6%	92.2%	94.7%	97.4%
Entry	1338 X 12 schools	1013 x 12 schools	1193 x 12 schools	16543

Comments

- There were 1338 entries this year from 12 schools. Numbers have significantly increased this year
- The overall % of **A*-C** grades for Caerphilly was **55%** and is comparable to previous performance but slightly below the All Wales figure of 59.7%
- The overall % of **A*-G** grades for Caerphilly was **96.6%** and is better than previous performance and comparable with the All-Wales figure of 97.4%
- The overall % of **A*-A** grades for Caerphilly was 20.2% and is better than previous performance and comparable with the All-Wales figure of 21.1%

Conclusions

- There have been very good entry numbers for short course over the last three years
- The results at all grade boundaries have improved this year and are only slightly below All - Wales figures at all grade boundaries. 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 96.6% of pupils receiving some kind of accreditation for their studies at KS4

GCSE A Level Religious Studies 2008

	Caerphilly 2008	Caerphilly 2007	Caerphilly 2006	All Wales 2008
A	36.5%	23.9%	12.3%	21.6%
A - C	88.5%	83.6%	63.0%	75.7%
A - E	100%	100%	95.9%	98.4%
Entry	52 x 8 schools	67x 6 schools	73 x 8 schools	1016

Comments

- of 52 candidates from 6 schools were entered for the exam. There were less entered this year
- Those pupils achieving **A** grade were 36.5% and this is a significant improvement over the last two years and better than the All Wales figure of 21.6%
- The % pass rate for grades **A - C** was 88.5% and this was better than the last two years and the All Wales figure of 75.7%
- The % pass rate for grades **A - E** was excellent again this year at 100%. Results are consistently excellent with a 100% pass rate for the last three years and exceed the All-Wales figures of 98.4%

Conclusions

- It is encouraging to see that results are excellent at all grade boundaries. Schools are to be commended for consistently improving their results year on year

GCSE AS Level Religious Studies 2008

	Caerphilly 2008	Caerphilly 2007	Caerphilly 2006	All Wales 2008
A	18.3%	19.4%	16.7%	19.6%
A - C	70.4%	65.3%	64.1%	63.1%
A - E	100%	95.8%	92.3%	91.5%
Entry	71 X 7 schools	72 x 7 schools	78 x 6 schools	1391

Comments

- There were a total of 71 candidates from 7 schools for the AS examination. This figure is similar to the numbers entered in 2007
- At **A-E** the pass rate was excellent at 100% and this exceeds previous performance and the All Wales figure of 91.5%
- At **A-C** the pass rate was 70.4% and this is better than previous performance and the All Wales figure of 63.1%
- At **A** grade the pass rate was 18.3% and this is comparable with previous performance and the All Wales figure of 19.6%

At all grade boundaries results are good and at A-C and A-E are better than previous performance and the All Wales figure.

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.