

GCSE Full Course Religious Studies 2009

	Caerphilly 2009	Caerphilly 2008	Caerphilly 2007	All Wales 2009
A* - A	34.0%	27.8%	28.3%	32.1%
A* - C	72.9%	68.5%	72.9%	71.9%
A* - G	99.7%	99.4%	99.3%	98.7%
Entry	630 14 schools	521 13 schools	584 x 13 schools	8042

Comments

- There were 630 entries this year from 14 schools. This is an increase over the last two years.
- The overall % of **A*-C** grades for Caerphilly was **72.9%**. This is a very good result which exceeds last year's performance and the All-Wales figure of 71.9%
- The overall % of **A*-G** grades for Caerphilly was **99.7%**. This shows year on year an excellent pass rate which exceeds the All Wales figure of 98.7%.
- The overall % of **A*-A** grades for Caerphilly was **34.0%** and is excellent and exceeds the All Wales figure of 32.1%. There has been a consistency in a significant % of pupils achieving this top grade over a three-year period.
- 6/14 schools exceed All Wales cohort entry of 21.5% and some significantly exceed the cohort entry.

Conclusion

- The results this year, once again are very good at all grades and better than previous performance and All Wales figures at all grade boundaries. Schools are to be commended at maintaining such good examination results.
- There is a very good cohort entry of pupils from Caerphilly.
- It should 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 2009

	Caerphilly 2009	Caerphilly 2008	Caerphilly 2007	All Wales 2009
A* - A	19.7%	20.2%	17.1%	21.0%
A* - C	57.5%	55.0%	54.0%	59.2%
A* - G	96.7%	96.6%	92.2%	97.7%
Entry	1290 X 12 schools	1338 X 12 schools	1013 x 12 schools	17,288

Comments

- There were 1290 entries this year from 12 schools. Numbers have decreased this year.
- The overall % of **A*-C** grades for Caerphilly was **57.5%** and is the best performance of the last three years and comparable to the All Wales figure of 59.2%
- The overall % of **A*-G** grades for Caerphilly was **96.7%** and is better than previous performance and comparable with the All-Wales figure of 97.7%
- The overall % of **A*-A** grades for Caerphilly was **19.7%** and is slightly below 2008 performance and the All-Wales figure of 21.0%.
- 11/12 schools entering for short course exceed the All -Wales cohort entry numbers
- It should be noted that in some schools more able pupils are entered for two short courses and their results are shown in the full course results. However, this does have implications for Short Course results particularly at A*-A and A*-C in those schools.

Conclusions

- There have been very good entry numbers for short course over the last three years.
- The results at all grade boundaries are comparable with previous performance 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 96.7% of pupils receiving some kind of accreditation for their studies at KS4.

GCSE A Level Religious Studies 2009

	Caerphilly 2009	Caerphilly 2008	Caerphilly 2007	All Wales 2009
A	27.4%	36.5%	23.9%	26.3%
A - C	90.3%	88.5%	83.6%	79.7%
A - E	100%	100%	100%	98.7%
Entry	62 x 7 schools	52 x 8 schools	67x 6 schools	1,112

Comments

- **62 candidates** from 7 schools were entered for the exam. There were more entered this year.
- Those pupils achieving **A** grade was **27.4%** and although below 2008 performance is still better than the All Wales figure of 26.3%
- The % pass rate for grades **A - C** was **90.3%** is excellent and maintains the very good performance of the last two years and significantly exceeds the All Wales figure of 79.7%
- 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 98.7%.

Conclusions

- It is encouraging to see that results are excellent particularly at grades A-C and A-E.
- Schools are to be commended for consistently attaining good results year on year.

GCSE AS Level Religious Studies 2009

	Caerphilly 2009	Caerphilly 2008	Caerphilly 2007	All Wales 2009
A	27.7%	18.3%	19.4%	18.4%
A - C	71.3%	70.4%	65.3%	62.0%
A - E	95.0%	100%	95.8%	90.4%
Entry	101 x 7 schools	71 X 7 schools	72 x 7 schools	

Comments

- There were a total of 101 candidates from 7 schools for the AS examination. This figure exceeds the numbers entered in 2007 and 2008.
- At **A-E** the pass rate was very good at **95.0%** and this exceeds the All Wales figure of 90.4% but is below last year's excellent result of 100% pass rate.
- At **A-C** the pass rate was **71.3%** and this is better than previous performance and the All Wales figure of 62.0%
- At **A** grade the pass rate was **27.7%** and this is significantly better than previous performance and the All Wales figure of 18.4%.

Conclusions

- At all grade boundaries results are very good and are better than 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.