

GCSE Full Course Religious Studies 2010

	Caerphilly 2010	Caerphilly 2009	Caerphilly 2008	All Wales 2010
A* - A	30.4%	34.0%	27.8%	32.0%
A* - C	76.9%	72.9%	68.5%	74.3%
A* - G	99.8%	99.7%	99.4%	99.0%
Entry	575 11 schools	630 14 schools	521 13 schools	8831

Comments

- There were 575 entries this year from 11 schools. This is a decrease in entry numbers and schools entering over 2009.
- The overall % of **A*-C** grades for Caerphilly was 76.9%. This is a very good result which has improved on previous performance better than the All-Wales figure of 74.3%
- The overall % of **A*-G** grades for Caerphilly was **99.8%**. This shows year on year an excellent pass rate comparable with the All Wales figure of 99%
- The overall % of **A*-A** grades for Caerphilly was 30.4% and is excellent although below last year's performance and the All Wales figure of 32%. 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. Schools are to be commended at maintaining such good examination results.
- 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 2010

	Caerphilly 2010	Caerphilly 2009	Caerphilly 2008	All Wales 2010
A* - A	22%	19.7%	20.2%	21.1%
A* - C	58.5%	57.5%	55.0%	59.7%
A* - G	96.4%	96.7%	96.6%	97.7%
Entry	1295 12 schools	1290 X 12 schools	1338 X 12 schools	18,363

Comments

- There were 1295 entries this year from 12 schools. Numbers have remained consistent.
- The overall % of **A*-C** grades for Caerphilly was **58.5%** and is the best performance of the last three years, comparable to 2009 and the All Wales figure of 59.7%
- The overall % of **A*-G** grades for Caerphilly was **96.4%** and is comparable with previous performance and comparable with the All-Wales figure of 97.7%
- The overall % of **A*-A** grades for Caerphilly was 22% and is the best performance of the last three years and comparable to the All Wales figure of 21.1%
- 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 or better than previous performance and the 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 96.4% of pupils receiving some kind of accreditation for their studies at KS4.

GCSE A Level Religious Studies 2010

	Caerphilly 2010	Caerphilly 2009	Caerphilly 2008	All Wales 2010
A*-A	20.5%	27.4%	36.5%	21.7%
A* - C	84.9%	90.3%	88.5%	78.5%
A* - E	97.3%	100%	100%	97.5%
Entry	73 x 8 schools	62 x 7 schools	52 x 8 schools	1242

Comments

- There were more entries for A level this year with one more school entering pupils.
- Those pupils achieving **A*-A** grade was 20.5% and although below 2009 performance is comparable with the All Wales figure of 21.7%
- The % pass rate for grades **A* - C** was 84.9% is excellent and although below the excellent 2009 performance exceeds the All Wales figure of 78.5%
- The % pass rate for grades **A* - E** was very good again this year at 97.3% and is comparable with the All-Wales figures of 98.7%.

Conclusions

- It is encouraging to see that results are very good at all grade boundaries.
- Schools are to be commended for consistently attaining good results year on year.

GCSE AS Level Religious Studies 2010

	Caerphilly 2010	Caerphilly 2009	Caerphilly 2008	All Wales 2010
A	19.7%	27.7%	18.3%	17%
A - C	71.3%	71.3%	70.4%	48.1%
A - E	95.9%	95.0%	100%	83%
Entry	122 x 9 schools	101 x 7 schools	71 X 7 schools	1767

Comments

- There were a total of 122 candidates from 9 schools for the AS examination. This figure rises year on year and the number of schools entering for AS have also increased.
- At **A-E** the pass rate was very good at 95.9%% and this significantly exceeds the All Wales figure of 83% and is comparable with last year's very good result,
- At **A-C** the pass rate was 71.3% and this is comparable with previous performance and significantly exceeds the All Wales figure of 48.1%
- At **A** grade the pass rate was 19.7% and although below 2009 performance is better than the All Wales figure of 17%.

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.