



CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – 21ST JUNE 2012

SUBJECT: EXAMINATION RESULTS: UPDATE ON SHORT COURSE AND ENTRY LEVEL

REPORT BY: ESIS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The report is to inform Members of the examination results and levels analysis data for 2011 for GCSE Short Course (Specification B) Religious Studies 2011 and Religious Education / Religious Studies Entry Level Qualification 2011.

2. GCSE SHORT COURSE (SPECIFICATION B) RELIGIOUS STUDIES 2011

2.1 Comments

2.1.1 There were 901 entries this year from 13 schools. Numbers have decreased this year.

2.1.2 The overall % of **A*-C** grades for Caerphilly was **46.7%** and is the lowest performance of the last three years. It is also below the All Wales figure of 58%.

2.1.3 The overall % of **A*-G** grades for Caerphilly was **97.3%** and although comparable with previous performance is the best result of the last three years. This is comparable to the All Wales figure of 98%.

2.1.4 The overall % of **A*-A** grades for Caerphilly was **16.4%** and is below previous performance and the All Wales figure of 21.7%.

2.2 Conclusions

2.2.1 Entry numbers for short course are significantly down this year.

2.2.2 The results at the top grades A*-A and A*-C are down this year. 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 where the results can be depressed in those schools.

2.2.3 SACRE should bear in mind that this course is not an option but a fulfilment of statutory requirements and it is very pleasing to see 97.3% of pupils receiving some kind of accreditation for their studies at KS4.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That SACRE discuss and note the examination results.

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 Examination Results