

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**REPORT TO: STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

DATE: 3RD MARCH 2016

SUBJECT: ANALYSIS OF EXAMINATION RESULTS 2015

A PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform SACRE Members of the attainment at GCSE and A/AS level of Caerphilly pupils in Religious Studies and Religious Education for 2015.

B BACKGROUND

The information for 16-year olds currently relates to those electing to follow a course in religious studies in Years 10 and 11 or A/ AS level and to those following GCSE short course in Religious Studies as the schools' provision for RE as part of the basic curriculum.

It should be noted that definitive conclusions cannot be drawn because the figures represent raw scores and do not necessarily reflect the selectivity of the entry and in some cases the numbers are too small to be statistically significant.

C RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That SACRE note and discuss the examinations results for 2015.
2. To consider circulating the findings to secondary schools in the Authority.

PLEASE NOTE:

THE RESULTS RECORDED HERE ARE FOR THOSE PUPILS ENTERED FOR THE EXAMINATIONS. THEY DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE NUMBER OF PUPILS FOLLOWING THE EXAMINATION COURSE NOR DO THEY INDICATE HOW WELL PUPILS ARE PERFORMING RELATIVE TO THEIR ABILITY.

GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES 2015 (FULL COURSE)

	Caerphilly 2015	Caerphilly 2014	Caerphilly 2013	Wales 2015
A* - A	28.3%	25.6%	27%	30.0%
A* - C	71.4%	73.0%	64%	75.0%
A* - G	98.4%	98.8%	99%	98.0%
Entry Number	679 13 schools	656 14 schools	699 13 schools	11,167

- There were **679 entries** from 13 schools. Entry numbers are higher than previous numbers but number of schools entering candidates has decreased this year. 10/13 schools have entries in double figures and 2/13 in triple figures
- The overall % of **A* - A grades was 28.3%** which is the best result of the last three years but just below the All Wales figure of 30%.
- The overall % of **A* - C grades was 71.4%** which is below 2014 performance but better than 2013 performance. This again is below the All Wales figure of 75%
- The overall % of **A* - G grades was 98.4%** and is comparable with previous performance and slightly better than the All-Wales figure of 98%

Conclusions

- Results continue to be good and compare with or just below All Wales figures at
- A* - A and A* - C. At A* - G they are slightly better than All Wales figures.

GCSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2015 (SHORT COURSE)

	Caerphilly 2015	Caerphilly 2014	Caerphilly 2013	Wales 2015
A* - A	18.6%	10.8%	25%	14.0%
A* - C	60.9%	49.7%	59%	52.0%
A* - G	91.5%	95.0%	97%	93.0%
Entry Number	647 13 schools	866 13 schools	1317 13 schools	10,098

- Thirteen schools in the Authority continue to enter pupils for the short course but there was a significant decrease in entries again this year. 3/13 schools have entry numbers in triple figures and thus enter a significant percentage of the cohort and pupils of all ability levels. Some schools enter pupils for two short courses and their performance has been reflected in the full course results. However, it is important to bear in mind that those pupils entered for two short courses will be mainly the more able and this will reflect on the A* - A and A* - C results for Short Course.
- The overall % of **A* - A grades of 18.6%** is much better than 2014 performance and better than the All Wales figure of 14%.
- The overall % of **A* - C grades was 60.9%** is the best result of the last three years and is also better than the All Wales figure of 52%.
- The overall % of **A* - G grades was 91.5%** and is below previous performance and the All Wales figure of 93%.
- A significant number continue to be entered for short course and this is very encouraging because it provides pupils with the opportunity for accreditation for their

KS4 study. We must also bear in mind that pupils do not usually opt to follow the Short Course but it is delivered as part of the statutory requirements for RE.

GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES 2015 (A LEVEL)

	Caerphilly 2015	Caerphilly 2014	Caerphilly 2013	Wales 2015
A* - A	13.0%	17.2%	20%	23.0%
A* - C	73.0%	89.1%	72%	81.0%
A* - E	100%	100%	100%	100%
Entry Number	100 8 schools	64 8 schools	67 8 schools	1441

- There were 100 entries from 8 schools and the entry figures are very good this year and an increase on previous entry figures. 7/8 schools have entry numbers in double figures.
- A* - A was achieved by 13% of students and is below previous performance and the All Wales figure of 23%.
- At A* - C candidates achieved a pass rate of 73% which is the below 2014 performance and slightly better than 2013. It is also below the All Wales figure of 81%
- The pass rate for grades A - E of **100%** is excellent and continues the excellent performance of previous year.

GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES (AS LEVEL)

	Caerphilly 2015	Caerphilly 2014	Caerphilly 2013	Wales 2015
A	4.5%	21.1%	11.5%	N/A
A - C	36.4%	47.4%	53.8%	N/A
A - E	72.7%	100%	69.2%	N/A
Entry Number	22 8 schools	19 6 schools	26 7 schools	N/A

Please Note:

Data includes only those who have cashed in their results. For example if a pupil sat an AS Level during 2015, but have not yet cashed the result in, then they should be excluded from this year's data and included next year when the results have been cashed in, otherwise this will result in results being double counted.

- There were 22 entries from 8 schools and the entry figures and number of schools entering has increased this year.
- Grade A was achieved by 4.5% of students and is below previous performance.
- **6.4%** of students achieved A* - C which is below previous performance.
- **72.7%** pass rate for grades A - E and although does not match the excellent 100% of last year is better than 2013.