

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

DATE: 13TH MARCH 2018

SUBJECT: ANALYSIS OF EXAMINATION RESULTS 2017

A PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform members of the attainment at GCSE and A/AS level of Caerphilly pupils in Religious Studies and Religious Education for 2017.

B BACKGROUND

The information for 16 year- olds currently relates to those electing to follow a GCSE 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 2017.
2. To consider circulating the findings to secondary schools in the Authority, raising attention to issues to address factors that impact on outcomes.

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 FULL COURSE 2017 (Year 11)

	Caerphilly 2017	Caerphilly 2016	Caerphilly 2015	Consortia 2017	Wales 2017
A* - A	24.1%	27.7%	28.3%	23.1%	24.7%
A* - C	66.8%	71.1%	71.4%	66.2%	68.3%
A* - G	86.0%	97.8%	98.4%	95.5%	97.5%
Entry Number	808 11 schools +2LC 41.1%	605 14 schools 29.5% cohort	679 13 schools	2,873 47.8%	12,401 39.5%

- There were 808 entries from 11 schools. Entry numbers are much higher than previous years. 6 schools have entries in double figures and 5 schools in triple figures. Cohort entry has significantly increased to 41.1% from 29.5% in 2016. Cohort entry is below Consortia figures but higher than the All Wales figure.
- The overall % of **A* - A grades was 24.1%** which is below previous performance. It is better than the Consortia figure (23.1%) and comparable with the All Wales figure (24.7%).
- The overall % of **A* - C grades was 66.8%** which is over 10% below previous performance and comparable with the Consortia figure (66.2%). It is below the All Wales figure (68.3%).
- The overall % of **A* - G grades was 86.0%** and is below previous performance and also below both the Consortia figure (95.5%) and with the All-Wales figure (97.5%).

Conclusions

- Results are below previous performance at all grade boundaries.
- Results are comparable with Consortia and All Wales figures at A* - A and A* - C but are below both at A* - G.
- Factors to consider that impact on results include - the rise in entries this year may be due to including pupils of a greater range of abilities; the time allocation provided and also whether they receive specialist teaching.

GCSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SHORT COURSE 2017 (Year 11)

	Caerphilly 2017	Caerphilly 2016	Caerphilly 2015	Consortia 2017	Wales 2017
A* - A	7.4%	13.8%	18.6%	13.5%	9.8%
A* - C	27.4%	45.8%	60.9%	37.1%	39.6%
A* - G	86.0%	92.9%	91.5%	86.3%	90.2%
Entry Number	365 12 schools +1 LC 18.6%	594 14 schools 29% cohort	647 13 schools	1543 25.7%	9343 29.8%

- 12 schools in the Authority continue to enter pupils for the short course but there was a big decrease in entries this year although Full Course entries increased significantly. It appears that more schools are now entering pupils for FC rather than SC. Cohort entry has dropped to 18.6% (from 29%). Only 2 schools have large entry numbers and thus enter a significant percentage of the cohort and pupils of all ability levels. Cohort entry is below the Consortia (25.7%) and All Wales figures (29.8%).

- The overall % of **A*- A grades of 7.4%** is below previous performance and also below Consortia (13.5%) and the All Wales (9.8%) figures.
- The overall % of **A*- C grades was 27.4%** and is the worst result of the last three years and is below the Consortia figure (37.1%) and the All Wales figure of 39.6%.
- The overall % of **A*- G grades was 86.0% and** is below previous performance. It is comparable with the Consortia figure (86.3%) and below the All Wales figure (90.2%).
- A significant number continue to be entered for RE either through FC or SC 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.

Figures for 2017 when combining FC and SC are 1173 entries (59.7%) of cohort

Figures for 2016 when combining FC and SC are 1199 entries (58.5%) of cohort

GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES A LEVEL 2017 (Year 13)

	Caerphilly 2017	Caerphilly 2016	Caerphilly 2015	Consortia 2017	Wales 2017
A*- A	9.8%	13.1%	13.0%	17.1%	18.2%
A*- C	67.2%	69.1%	73.0%	76.9%	78.1%
A*- E	98.4%	98.8%	100%	96.8%	99.8%
Entry Number	61 7 schools 13.6% cohort	84 9 schools 14.2% cohort	100 8 schools	251 12.9%	1305 11.4%

- There were 61 entries from 7 schools. The entry figures are below previous numbers. 3/7 schools have entry numbers in double figures. The cohort entry is slightly below 2016 but are higher than the Consortia and All Wales figures
- A*- A was achieved by 9.8% of students and is below previous performance. They are below the Consortia figure (17.1%) and the All Wales figure (18.2%).
- At A*- C candidates achieved a pass rate of 67.2% which is below previous performance. It is also below the Consortia figure (76.9%) and the All Wales figure (78.1%)
- The pass rate for grades A-E of 98.4% is comparable to 2016 although below 2015 outstanding performance of 100%. It is better than the Consortia figure (96.8%) and below the All Wales figure (99.8%)

GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES AS LEVEL 2017 (Year 13)

	Caerphilly 2017	Caerphilly 2016	Caerphilly 2015	Consortia 2017	Wales 2017
A	10.7%	0%	4.5%	18.6%	19.1%
A - C	64.0%	42.9%	36.4%	71.5%	62.3%
A - E	96.0%	71.5%	72.7%	95.5%	90.6%
Entry Number	75 8 schools 16.7%	28 9 schools 4.7%	22 8 schools	312 16.0%	1291 11.3%

Please Note:

Data includes only those who have cached in their results. For example if a pupil sat an AS Level during 2017, but have not yet cached the result in, then they should be excluded from this year's data and included next year when the results have been cached in, otherwise this will result in results being double counted.

- There were 75 entries from 8 schools and the entry figures and cohort % have dramatically increased this year. Cohort entry is comparable with the Consortia (16.0%) and exceeds the All Wales figure (11.3%).
- 10.7% of students achieved A grade and this is the best result of the last three years. It is below the Consortia (18.6%) and All Wales figures (19.1%).
- 64.0% of students achieved A - C which is the best result of the last three years. This is below the Consortia figure of 71.5% and better than the All Wales figure of 62.3%.
- 96% pass rate for grades A - E is the best result of the last three years and is comparable with the Consortia figure of 95.5% and better than the All Wales figure of 90.6%.