

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DATE: 9TH MARCH 2015

SUBJECT: ANALYSIS OF EXAMINATION RESULTS 2014

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 2014.

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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- That SACRE note and discuss the examinations results 2014.
- 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 (FULL COURSE)

	Caerphilly 2014	Caerphilly 2013	Caerphilly 2012	Wales 2014
A*-A	25.6%	27%	35%	31%
A*-C	73.0%	64%	69%	72%
A*-G	98.8%	99%	99%	98%
Entry Number	656 14 schools	699 13 schools	697 14 schools	11,368

- There were **656 entries** from 14 schools. Entry numbers are below previous numbers but number of schools entering candidates has increase this year. 13/14 schools have entries in double or triple figures. In Wales the entry figure was 11,368 which is an increase on previous entry figures.
- The overall % of **A*-A grades was 25.6%** and is similar to 2013 but below the performance of 2012 and the All Wales figure of 31%.

- The overall % of **A*-C grades was 73%** and is the best results of the last three years and slightly better than the All Wales figure of 72%.
- The overall % of **A*-G grades was 98.8%** and is comparable with the previous two years' results and the All-Wales figure of 98%.

Conclusions

- Results are good this year particularly at A*-C.
- Figures compare with All Wales figures at A*-C and A*-G.

GCSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SHORT COURSE)

	Caerphilly 2014	Caerphilly 2013	Caerphilly 2012	Wales 2014
A*-A	10.8%	25%	15%	15%
A*-C	49.7%	59%	47%	53%
A*-G	95.0%	97%	92%	94%
Entry Number	866 13 schools	1317 13 schools	949 13 schools	12,191

- Thirteen schools in the Authority entered pupils for the short course and there was a significant decrease in entries 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 10.8%** and is below 2013 the performance of the last two years and the All Wales figure of 15%.
- The overall % of **A*-C grades was 49.7%** and is below 2013 performance and slightly better than 2012 performance. It also falls below the All Wales figure of 53%.
- The overall % of **A*-G grades was 95%** and is comparable with the All Wales figure of 94%.
- 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 (A LEVEL)

	Caerphilly 2014	Caerphilly 2013	Caerphilly 2012	Wales 2014
A*-A	17.2%	20%	19%	18%
A*-C	89.1%	72%	67%	79%
A*-E	100%	100%	100%	98%
Entry Number	64 8 schools	67 8 schools	67 8 schools	1,432

- There were 64 entries from 8 schools and the entry figures and number of schools entering is consistent with previous entry figures. 3/8 schools have entry numbers in double figures.
- A*-A was achieved by **17.2%** of students and is below previous performance and comparable with the All Wales figure of 18%.

- At A*-C candidates achieved a pass rate of **89.1%** which is the best result of the last three years and better than the All Wales figure of 79%.
- The pass rate for grades A-E of **100%** is excellent and continues the excellent performance of previous years and exceeds the All-Wales figure of 98%.

GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES (AS LEVEL)

	Caerphilly 2014	Caerphilly 2013	Caerphilly 2012	Wales 2014
A	21.1%	11.5%	9.1%	N/A
A-C	47.4%	53.8%	45.5%	N/A
A-E	100%	69.2%	77.3%	N/A
Entry Number	19 6 schools	26 7 schools	22 7 schools	N/A

Please Note:

Data includes only those who have cached in their results. For example if a pupil sat an AS Level during 2014, 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 19 entries from 6 schools and the entry figures and number of schools entering has decreased this year.
- Grade A was achieved by **21.1%** of students and is the best performance of the last three years
- **47.4%** of students achieved A*-C which is below 2013 but slightly better than 2012.

100% pass rate for grades A-E of 100% is excellent and the best performance of the last three years.