

**SUPPLEMENT TO THE AGENDA FOR**

# **Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)**

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**The Council Chamber, Brockington, 35 Hafod Road, Hereford**

**6. RELIGIOUS STUDIES EXAMINATION RESULTS FOR 2011**

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## Religious STUDIES Examination results for 2011

### Summary

#### Results

- Full course GCSE results in Herefordshire remain above the national average but have dropped in terms of students achieving A\*-C across the county by 4% from 2010.
- Short Course results at GCSE A\*-C are just below the national average and also 4% lower than in 2010.
- Within the cohort of students taking Religious Studies or similar at KS5 the pass rate has dropped marginally for A level compared to 2010 and slightly more at AS level.

#### Entry

- Total entries for any kind of GCSE in RE in 2011 represents 55% of the total cohort, a decrease from the proportion in 2010 which was 65% of the cohort. Some schools had a different entry pattern from 2010.
- There has been an overall increase in the numbers of students entered for full course GCSE RE from 2010. Four schools made no entries for full course in 2011.
- There was a fall in the number of students entered for GCSE short course in 2011 compared to 2010. Two schools made no short course entries.
- In 2011 two post 16 providers entered students for A level and/or AS level. Numbers taking RS related courses at A level have fallen whilst numbers taking RS related courses at AS have increased very slightly.

## Detail of the breakdown of results at KS4 and KS5

Results for the 2011 GCSE and GCE A Level examinations for Religious Studies (subject to final validation) are summarised in Appendix A together with comparative data from 2010.

### Key Stage 4 GCSE Religious Studies

1. In the 2011 full GCSE examination students gained 79.7% A\* - C passes (Boys = 73.5%, Girls = 85.1%) which was above the national average of 71.7% and below the 2010 results of 83.8% (Boys = 75.7%, Girls = 89.5%).
2. In the 2011 short course GCSE examination students gained 43.3% A\* - C passes (Boys = 36.2%, Girls = 51.0%) which is below the national average of 50.4% and below the 2010 results of 47.8% (Boys = 38.5%, Girls = 58.3%).
3. 552 students (257 Boys, 295 Girls), 28.2% of all students at the end of KS4 in Herefordshire maintained schools in 2011, entered for the full GCSE, an increase from the 550 students, 28.1% of all students (226 Boys, 324 Girls) in 2010. Four schools increased the number of candidates entered. Five schools decreased the number of candidates entered. Two schools made no entries.
4. 515 students (268 Boys, 247 Girls), 26.3% of the county's end of KS4 cohort, took the Short Course. This was a decrease on 2010 when 655 students (348 Boys, 307 Girls) 33.5% took it. Three schools decreased the number of entries for the short course and increased entries for the full course. Two schools increased their entries in the short course.
5. Total entries of 1067 (525 Boys, 542 Girls) represented 55% of the cohort, a decrease from the proportion in 2010 which was 1270 (618 Boys, 652 Girls) representing 65% of the cohort. Some schools had a different pattern of entry from 2010.

### Key Stage 4 Entry level accreditation

6. In 2011 two schools entered candidates for an entry level qualification. 101 students (60 Boys, 41 Girls) took Entry Level Qualifications in 2011. In 2010 65 (44 Boys, 21 Girls) students sat an entry level examination. The rise in number is due to one school entering 33 candidates for the first time.

### GCE A and AS Level Religious Studies

7. In 2011 two post 16 providers entered students for A level and/or AS level. 73 students (24 Boys, 49 Girls) took A level in 2011, which is 11 less than in 2010 when there were 84 (31 Boys, 53 Girls). There were 29 students (12 Boys, 17 Girls) who took AS Level in 2011, which is 2 more than in 2010 where there were 27 (14 Boys, 13 Girls).
8. The numbers taking AS level increased from 27 (14 Boys, 13 Girls) in 2010 to 29 (12 Boys, 17 Girls) in 2011.

(see appendix A for details of results)

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## Appendix A

### GCSE 2011 Results for Religious Studies

#### Religious Studies

	Full Course				
	Entered	Number A* to C	% A* to C	Number A* to G	% A* to G
<b>Boys &amp; Girls</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>79.7%</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>99.3%</b>
Boys	257	189	73.5%	253	98.4%
Girls	295	251	85.1%	295	100.0%

#### Religious Studies

	Short Course				
	Entered	Number A* to C	% A* to C	Number A* to G	% A* to G
<b>Boys &amp; Girls</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>43.3%</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>95.9%</b>
Boys	268	97	36.2%	251	93.7%
Girls	247	126	51.0%	243	98.4%

#### Religious Studies

	ELQ Band C				
	Entered	No. Grds 1-3	% Grade 1	% Grade 2	% Grade 3
<b>Boys &amp; Girls</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>53.5%</b>	<b>42.9%</b>
Boys	60	60	8.6%	60.0%	32.8%
Girls	41	41		43.9%	57.5%

### GCE A' Level 2011

#### Religious Studies

	A Level				
	Entered	Number A* to C	% A* to C	No. A* to E	% A* to E
<b>Boys &amp; Girls</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>89.0%</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>98.6%</b>
Boys	24	22	91.7%	24	100.0%
Girls	49	43	87.8%	48	98.0%

#### AS Level

	AS Level				
	Entered	Number A* to C	% A* to C	No. A* to E	% A* to E
<b>Boys &amp; Girls</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>51.7%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>86.2%</b>
Boys	12	7	58.3%	12	100.0%
Girls	17	8	47.1%	13	76.5%

### GCSE 2010 Results for Religious Studies

#### Religious Studies

	Full Course				
	Entered	Number A* to C	% A* to C	Number A* to G	% A* to G
<b>Boys &amp; Girls</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>83.8%</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>98.9%</b>
Boys	226	171	75.7%	221	97.8%
Girls	324	290	89.5%	323	99.7%

#### Religious Studies

	Short Course				
	Entered	Number A* to C	% A* to C	Number A* to G	% A* to G
<b>Boys &amp; Girls</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>47.8%</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>96.3%</b>
Boys	348	134	38.5%	330	94.8%
Girls	307	179	58.3%	301	98.0%

#### Religious Studies

	ELQ Band C				
	Entered	No. Grds 1-3	% Grade 1	% Grade 2	% Grade 3
<b>Boys &amp; Girls</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>35.4%</b>	<b>47.7%</b>
Boys	44	42	11.4%	50.0%	34.1%
Girls	21	21	19.0%	4.8%	76.2%

### GCE A' Level 2010

#### Religious Studies

	A Level				
	Entered	Number A* to C	% A* to C	No. A* to E	% A* to E
<b>Boys &amp; Girls</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>86.9%</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Boys	31	26	83.9%	31	100.0%
Girls	53	47	88.7%	53	100.0%

#### AS Level

	AS Level				
	Entered	Number A* to C	% A* to C	No. A* to E	% A* to E
<b>Boys &amp; Girls</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>63.0%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>92.6%</b>
Boys	14	9	64.3%	13	92.9%
Girls	13	8	61.5%	12	92.3%

**Results from Hereford Sixthform College:**

**A2 Level**

Subject	Entries	% A-B	% A-C
Theology	56	71.4%	94.6%

**AS Level**

Subject	Entries	% A-B	% A-C
Theology	26	38.5%	53.8%

**Results from Hereford Sixthform College:**

**A2 Level**

Subject	Entries	% A-B	% A-C
Theology	66	71.0%	90.0%

**AS Level**

Subject	Entries	% A-B	% A-C
Theology	18	47.0%	69.0%

