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Religious STUDIES Examination results for 2012

Summary

Results

- Full course GCSE results in Herefordshire are still above the national average and have remained the same in terms of students achieving A*-C across the county compared with 2011.
- Short Course results at GCSE A*-C are just below the national average and also remain at the same level as 2011.
- Within the cohort of students taking Religious Studies at KS5 a 100% pass rate has been maintained at both A and AS level.

Entry

- There has been a significant overall increase in the numbers of students entered for full course GCSE RE from 2011. Three schools made no entries for full course in 2012.
- There was a another fall in the number of students entered for GCSE short course in 2012 compared to 2011. Six schools made no entries.
- Total entries for any kind of GCSE in RE in 2012 represents 55% of the total cohort, no change from 2011. Some schools had a different entry pattern from 2011.
- In 2012 only one post 16 provider entered students for A level and/or AS level. The numbers taking AS level decreased from 2011.

Detail of the breakdown of results at KS4 and KS5

Results for the 2012 GCSE and GCE A Level examinations for Religious Studies (subject to final validation) are summarised in Appendix A together with comparative data from 2011.

Key Stage 4 GCSE Religious Studies

1. In the 2012 full GCSE examination students gained 79.8% A* - C passes (Boys = 73.2%, Girls = 85.8%) which was above the national average of 72.5% and just below the 2011 results of 79.9% (Boys = 73.5%, Girls = 85.4%).
2. In the 2012 short course GCSE examination students gained 43.1% A* - C passes (Boys = 29.9%, Girls = 55.6%) which is below the national average of 50.3% and a fraction below the 2011 results of 43.3% (Boys = 36.2%, Girls = 51.0%).
3. 665 students (314 Boys, 351 Girls), 35.4% of all students at the end of KS4 in Herefordshire maintained schools in 2012, entered for the full GCSE, an increase from the 552 students, 28.2% of all students (257 Boys, 295 Girls) in 2011. Six schools increased the number of candidates entered. Three schools decreased the number of candidates entered. Three schools made no entries.
4. 281 students (137 Boys, 144 Girls), 15% of the county's end of KS4 cohort, took the Short Course. This was a decrease on 2011 when 515 students (268 Boys, 247 Girls) 26.3% took it. Eleven schools decreased the number of entries for the short course and increased entries for the full course. One school increased their entries in the short course.
5. Total entries of 1045 (518 Boys, 527 Girls) represented 55.6% of the cohort, a slight increase from the proportion in 2011 which was 1067 (525 Boys, 542 Girls) representing 55% of the cohort. Some schools had a different pattern of entry from 2011..

Key Stage 4 Entry level accreditation

6. In 2012 two schools entered candidates for an entry level qualification. 99 students (67 Boys, 32 Girls) took Entry Level Qualifications in 2012. In 2011 101 (60 Boys, 41 Girls) students sat an entry level examination.

GCE A and AS Level Religious Studies

7. In 2012 one post 16 provider entered students for A level and/or AS level. 18 students (4 Boys, 14 Girls) took A level in 2012, which is 55 less than in 2011 when there were 73 (24 Boys, 49 Girls). There were 9 students (4 Boys, 5 Girls) who took AS Level in 2012, which is 20 less than in 2011 where there were 29 (12 Boys, 17 Girls).

(see appendix A for details of results)

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Appendix A

GCSE 2012 Results for Religious Studies

Religious Studies

	Full Course				
	Entered	Number A* to C	% A* to C	Number A* to G	% A* to G
Boys & Girls	665	531	79.8%	662	99.5%
Boys	314	230	73.2%	314	100.0%
Girls	351	301	85.8%	348	99.1%

Religious Studies

	Short Course				
	Entered	Number A* to C	% A* to C	Number A* to G	% A* to G
Boys & Girls	281	121	43.1%	267	95.0%
Boys	137	41	29.9%	128	93.4%
Girls	144	80	55.6%	139	96.5%

Religious Studies

	ELQ Band C				
	Entered	No. Grds 1-3	% Grade 1	% Grade 2	% Grade 3
Boys & Girls	99	99	8.1%	47.5%	44.4%
Boys	67	67	10.4%	52.2%	37.3%
Girls	32	32	3.1%	37.5%	59.4%

GCE A' Level 2012

Religious Studies

	A Level				
	Entered	Number A* to C	% A* to C	No. A* to E	% A* to E
Boys & Girls	18	17	94.4%	18	100.0%
Boys	4	4	100.0%	14	100.0%
Girls	14	13	92.9%	4	100.0%

AS Level

	AS Level				
	Entered	Number A* to C	% A* to C	No. A* to E	% A* to E
Boys & Girls	9	6	66.7%	9	100.0%
Boys	4	4	100.0%	4	100.0%
Girls	5	2	40.0%	5	100.0%

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
Boys & Girls	552	440	79.9%	548	99.3%
Boys	257	189	73.5%	253	98.4%
Girls	295	251	85.4%	295	100.0%

Religious Studies

	Short Course				
	Entered	Number A* to C	% A* to C	Number A* to G	% A* to G
Boys & Girls	515	223	43.3%	494	95.9%
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
Boys & Girls	101	101	5.1%	53.5%	42.9%
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
Boys & Girls	73	65	89.0%	72	98.6%
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
Boys & Girls	29	15	51.7%	25	86.2%
Boys	12	7	58.3%	12	100.0%
Girls	17	8	47.1%	13	76.5%

**Results from Hereford Sixthform College
for 2012:**

A2 Level

Subject	Entries	% A-B	% A-C
Theology	61	70.0%	87.0%

AS Level

Subject	Entries	% A-B	% A-C
Theology	85	58.0%	76.0%

**Results from Hereford Sixthform College
for 2011:**

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%

