

2005 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EXAMINATION RESULTS**Report By: Head of School Effectiveness****Wards Affected**

Countywide

Purpose

1. To inform SACRE of Herefordshire's examination results in Religious Studies in 2005.

Financial Implications

2. None

Report

3. A table of results was submitted to the last SACRE meeting on 28 November 2005. At that meeting members of SACRE expressed concerns about the validity of some of the figures.
4. A revised table has now been produced. This information is available from Bath University whose task, nationally, is to produce an analysis of each subject taken at GCSE and at 'A' Level. The attached table (Appendix 1) is the most accurate set of figures available to us but we do not, as yet, have national comparators.
5. Some figures worth noting are:
 - For the full course at GCSE 5A*-C achievement was down in 2005 by 1% to 79%, but 75 more pupils were entered for the exam and at A*-G achievement was up by about 2% to 99.7%. The figure of 79% for 5A*-C is likely to be about 15% above the national average based upon previous years.
 - For the short course the A*-C percentage in 2005 was down by 14% but 315 more pupils were entered: girls performance rose but that of boys fell.
6. The reason only 8 pupils in 2005 appear to have taken Religious Studies at 'A' Level is that the figures do not include those from the Sixth Form College when approximately 90% of the pupils take their 'A' Levels.

RECOMMENDATION

That the position in the report be noted and the data be used for comparison in future reports.

For further information on the subject of this report is available from
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