

CITY OF NEWPORT

ITEM 8

REPORT TO: STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DATE: 8 MARCH 2017

SUBJECT: ANALYSIS OF EXAMINATION RESULTS 2016

A PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform members of the attainment at GCSE and A/AS level of Newport pupils in Religious Studies and Religious Education for 2016

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 for 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 2016
- 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 2016 (Year 11)

	Newport 2016	Newport 2015	Newport 2014	Consortia 2016	Wales 2016
A*-A	25.9%	37%	26.9%	23.9%	27%
A*-C	67.5%	76.5%	68.1%	66.3%	72%
A*- G	96.8%	98.5%	97.3%	96.7%	98%
Entry Number	589 8 schools 34.6%	531 8 schools	561 7 schools	2485 39.5%	11051 34.3%

- There were **589 entries from 8 schools**. Entry numbers have increased this year but the number of schools entering remains the same. 3/8 schools have entries in double figures and 3/8 schools have triple figures.
- The average cohort entry for Newport in 2016 was **34.6%** Cohort entry is below Consortia figures but comparable with All Wales figures.
- The overall % of **A*- A grades was 25.9%** which is below 2015 but comparable with 2014 performance. It is better than the Consortia figures (23.9%) but below the All Wales figure of 27%.
- The overall % of **A*- C grades was 67.5%** which is below 2015 but comparable with 2014 performance. It is better than the Consortia figures (66.3%) but below the All Wales figure of 72%.
- The overall % of **A*-G grades was 96.8%** which is below 2015 but comparable with 2014 performance. It is comparable with the Consortia figure of 96.7% but below the All-Wales figure of 98%

Conclusions

Results at all grade boundaries are below the very good results of 2015 but comparable with 2014 at all grade boundaries. They are better than the Consortia figures at all grade boundaries but below All Wales figures at all grade boundaries.

GCSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SHORT COURSE 2016 (Year 11)

	Newport 2016	Newport 2015	Newport 2014	Consortia 2016	Wales 2016
A*-A	18.0%	14.9%	19.1%	12.8%	11.4%
A*-C	51.0%	55.3%	59.3%	42.1%	45.4%
A*-G	89.6%	92.1%	97.3%	88.6%	90.6%
Entry Number	817 8 schools 48% cohort	882 8 schools	911 7 schools	2021 32.2% cohort	11,666 36.2% cohort

- Eight schools in the Authority continue to enter pupils for the short course but there was a decrease in entries this year. 4/8 schools have entry numbers in triple figures and thus enter a significant percentage of the cohort and pupils of all ability levels. Cohort entry is better than the Consortia and All Wales figures.
- 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 18.0%** is better than 2015 and slightly below 2014 performance. It is better than the Consortia and All Wales figures.
- The overall % of **A*- C grades was 51%** and is below previous performance. It is better than the Consortia and All Wales figures.
- The overall % of **A*-G grades was 89.6%** is below previous performance but better than Consortia figure and comparable with the All Wales figure of 90.6%.

- Although numbers are decreasing year on year, 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 consider that some schools enter pupils for two short courses and their entry and performance has been reflected in the full course results. 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 2016 (Year 13)

	Newport 2016	Newport 2015	Newport 2014	Consortia 2016	Wales 2016
A*-A	12.2%	27.8%	12.8%	15.9%	19%
A*-C	82.1%	84.4%	80.9%	78.6%	79%
A*-E	100%	100%	100%	98.1%	99%
Entry Number	123 8 schools 14.3%	90 7 schools	94 7 schools	314 13.9% cohort	1446 12% cohort

- There were **123 entries** from 8 schools and entry figures and number of schools entering has increased. 4/8 schools have entry numbers in double figures. The entry figure is comparable with the Consortia figure and better than the All Wales figure.
- A*-A** was achieved by **12.2%** of students. This falls far below 2015 performance but is comparable with 2014. It is also below the Consortia and All Wales figures.
- At A*-C** candidates achieved a pass rate of **82.1%**. This is still a good performance and slightly below 2015 but better than 2014 performance. It is better than the Consortia and the All Wales figures.
- The pass rate for grades **A-E of 100%** is excellent and continues the excellent performance of previous years and is better than the Consortium and All Wales figures.

GCE RELIGIOUS STUDIES AS LEVEL 2016 (Year 13)

	Newport 2016	Newport 2015	Newport 2014	Consortia 2016	Wales 2016
A	9.4%	22.9%	11.1%	8.3%	16%
A-C	40.7%	54.3%	51.9%	43.8%	63%
A-E	78.3%	80%	74.1%	75.0%	89%
Entry Number	32 6 schools 3.7%	35 6 schools	27 5 schools	96 4.2%	1535 12.7%

Please Note:

Data includes only those who have cached in their results. For example if a pupil sat an AS Level during 2016, 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 was a slight drop in entry numbers but number of schools entering remains the same as 2015.
- 9.4% of students** achieved the highest **A** grade and falls below the good performance of 2015 and also below 2014 performance. It is slightly better than the Consortia figure but below the All Wales figure of 16%.
- 40.7% of students** achieved **A-C** grades and this is below previous performance. It is below both the Consortia figure and significantly below the All Wales figure of 63%
- 78.3%** of students achieved **A-E** and this is below 2015 but better than 2014. It is better than the Consortia figure but below the All Wales figure of 89%.

Newport - KS4 - Full Course - Religious Studies Grades 2016

School Name	Number of Results by Grade									Grand Total
	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
School 1	6	9	10	2	3	2				32
School 2	2	3	15	7	3	4	2	2		38
School 3		2	7	6	3	4				22
School 4		1					1			2
School 5	2	10	17	25	10	14	23	23	10	134
School 6	23	51	50	20	2	14				160
School 7	9	35	44	42	25	19	11	6	9	200
School 8						1				1
Newport LA	42	111	143	102	46	58	37	31	19	589

Newport - KS4 - Full Course - Religious Studies Grades 2016

School Name	Percentage of Results by Grade									Grand Total
	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
School 1	18.8%	28.1%	31.3%	6.3%	9.4%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
School 2	5.3%	7.9%	39.5%	18.4%	7.9%	10.5%	5.3%	5.3%	0.0%	100.0%
School 3	0.0%	9.1%	31.8%	27.3%	13.6%	18.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
School 4	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
School 5	1.5%	7.5%	12.7%	18.7%	7.5%	10.4%	17.2%	17.2%	7.5%	100.0%
School 6	14.4%	31.9%	31.3%	12.5%	1.3%	8.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
School 7	4.5%	17.5%	22.0%	21.0%	12.5%	9.5%	5.5%	3.0%	4.5%	100.0%
School 8	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Newport LA	7.1%	18.8%	24.3%	17.3%	7.8%	9.8%	6.3%	5.3%	3.2%	100.0%

Newport - KS4 - Short Course - Religious Studies Grades 2016

School Name	Number of Results by Grade									Grand Total
	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
School 1	4	18	13	35	26	22	19	13	20	170
School 2		12	17	23	15	8	19	17	14	125
School 3				1			2		3	6
School 4	5	7	14	31	18	18	22	24	28	167
School 5							4	8	8	20
School 6	50	47	55	32	14	16	7	8	4	233
School 7		4	23	23	11	8	5	3	1	78
School 8			1	1	1	1	4	3	7	18
Newport LA	59	88	123	146	85	73	82	76	85	817

Newport - KS4 - Short Course - Religious Studies Grades 2016

School Name	Percentage of Results by Grade									Grand Total
	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	
School 1	2.4%	10.6%	7.6%	20.6%	15.3%	12.9%	11.2%	7.6%	11.8%	100.0%
School 2	0.0%	9.6%	13.6%	18.4%	12.0%	6.4%	15.2%	13.6%	11.2%	100.0%
School 3	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	50.0%	100.0%
School 4	3.0%	4.2%	8.4%	18.6%	10.8%	10.8%	13.2%	14.4%	16.8%	100.0%
School 5	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	40.0%	40.0%	100.0%
School 6	21.5%	20.2%	23.6%	13.7%	6.0%	6.9%	3.0%	3.4%	1.7%	100.0%
School 7	0.0%	5.1%	29.5%	29.5%	14.1%	10.3%	6.4%	3.8%	1.3%	100.0%
School 8	0.0%	0.0%	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%	22.2%	16.7%	38.9%	100.0%
Newport LA	7.2%	10.8%	15.1%	17.9%	10.4%	8.9%	10.0%	9.3%	10.4%	100.0%

Newport - A Level - Religious Studies Grades 2016

School Name	Number of Results by Grade						Grand Total
	A*	A	B	C	D	E	
School 1	1	1	8	6	1		17
School 2	1		2	1	1		5
School 3			1	3	2		6
School 4				1	1		2
School 5				1			1
School 6	2	4	11	12	4	3	36
School 7		1	4	8	2	1	16
School 8	2	3	20	8	5	2	40
Newport	6	9	46	40	16	6	123

Newport - A Level - Religious Studies Grades 2016

School Name	Percentage of Results by Grade						Grand Total
	A*	A	B	C	D	E	
School 1	5.9%	5.9%	47.1%	35.3%	5.9%	0.0%	100.0%
School 2	20.0%	0.0%	40.0%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%	100.0%
School 3	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	50.0%	33.3%	0.0%	100.0%
School 4	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	100.0%
School 5	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
School 6	5.6%	11.1%	30.6%	33.3%	11.1%	8.3%	100.0%
School 7	0.0%	6.3%	25.0%	50.0%	12.5%	6.3%	100.0%
School 8	5.0%	7.5%	50.0%	20.0%	12.5%	5.0%	100.0%
Newport	4.9%	7.3%	37.4%	32.5%	13.0%	4.9%	100.0%

Newport - AS Level - Religious Studies Grades 2016

School Name	Number of Results by Grade						Grand Total
	A	B	C	D	E	U	
School 1	1			1	2	1	5
School 2		1			2	3	6
School 3		1				1	2
School 4			1	3	1	1	6
School 5	2		3	2	1	1	9
School 6		2	2				4
Newport	3	4	6	6	6	7	32

Newport - AS Level - Religious Studies Grades 2016

School Name	Percentage of Results by Grade						Grand Total
	A	B	C	D	E	U	
School 1	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	40.0%	20.0%	100.0%
School 2	0.0%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	50.0%	100.0%
School 3	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	100.0%
School 4	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	50.0%	16.7%	16.7%	100.0%
School 5	22.2%	0.0%	33.3%	22.2%	11.1%	11.1%	100.0%
School 6	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Newport	9.4%	12.5%	18.8%	18.8%	18.8%	21.9%	100.0%