

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

Additional Information

Agenda Item 7 – Draft SACRE Annual Report 2014/15

- **RE Exam Data – Information to be added to the Annual Report**
- **Appendix 1 – To be added to the Annual Report**

Contact: Stuart Figini (Telephone 01793 463612),
email: sfigini@swindon.gov.uk

This page is intentionally left blank

RELIGIOUS STUDIES AT GCSE AND A-LEVELS, 2014/15

GCSE results (end of Key Stage 4 results)

Important note: In 2013/14 significant reforms were introduced at Key Stage 4. One of these reforms - the changes to qualifications that count in the performance tables - restricted non-full GCSE qualifications that are included in the key stage 4 performance tables (around 3,000 qualifications were removed from performance measures). That means that GCSE short courses no longer count in the performance tables, and as the local authority only receives results that are counted in the performance tables, we are not able to report on entries and results for Religious Studies in GCSE short courses.

A total of 356 end of Year 11 pupils were entered for Religious Studies at GCSEs (Full courses), slightly higher than in the previous year but still lower than in 2009/10.

Religious Studies GCSEs entries in Swindon	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
GCSE Full course	323	370	393	344	356

10 of 11 secondary schools entered students for full GCSE Religious Studies examinations in 2013/14. The largest numbers of examination entries were from St Joseph's, followed by Commonweal, Churchfields, Ridgeway and Kingsdown. There were no entries from Lydiard Park Academy.

The proportion of pupils that were entered for full GCSE Religious Studies in 2014/15 out of all Key Stage 4 pupils was 17% in Swindon, higher than 15% in the previous year. However, this is much lower than the 44% average across England. The annex file shows in fact that Swindon is the local authority with the lowest proportion of Key Stage 4 pupils studying for Religious Studies.

In terms of achievement by those that were entered for full Religious Studies, 2014/15 recorded a drop in Swindon pupils obtaining a good pass (A*-C) in Religious Studies GCSE, meaning that for the first time in 5 years fewer pupils in Swindon (at 69%) obtained an A*-C pass in Religious Studies than pupils across England (at 72%).

Achieved A*-C	GCSE Full Course				
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Swindon	84%	73%	79%	77%	69%
England	72%	73%	72%	71%	72%

GCE A and AS Level Religious Studies

A total of 87 Swindon students were entered for Religious Studies at A level and AS level in 2014/15, above the previous years' entries mainly because of an increase in AS level pupils studying for Religious Studies. The largest number of A level entries came from New College with 21 students, followed by St Joseph's with 5 and Ridgeway with 7. For AS level, New College had 29 entries, followed by 11 each in St Joseph's and Ridgeway.

Religious Studies A/AS level entries in Swindon	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
A level	49	47	36	31	34
AS level	19	20	19	17	53
Total	68	67	55	48	87

The proportion of students that were entered for A level Religious Studies in 2014/15 out of all Key Stage 5 pupils in Swindon was 3%, compared to 5% in England.

In terms of pupils achieving A*-B in A level, 2014/15 results in Swindon improved slightly and is above the national average: 59% of Swindon students achieved an A*-B A Level pass, while 56% of students did so across England.

In terms of pupils achieving A*-B in AS level, Swindon had higher results in 2014/15 than in previous years, and statistically in line with the national average.

Achieved A*-B	A level				
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Swindon	39%	32%	58%	55%	59%
England	53%	52%	52%	52%	55%

Achieved A*-B	AS level				
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Swindon	42%	40%	44%	47%	49%
England	30%	30%	42%	49%	50%

Note:

All figures published by the Department for Education's Performance Tables (underlying data download)

2014/15 KEY STAGE 4 RESULTS - Entries in GCSE Religious Studies

Local Authority	Entries	Total Key Stage 4 pupils	Entries as % of KS4 cohort
			<i>sorted lowest to highest ↓</i>
Swindon	356	2154	17%
Rutland	113	503	22%
Isles of Scilly	5	19	26%
Derby	795	2911	27%
Plymouth	774	2734	28%
Sandwell	989	3487	28%
Shropshire	869	3055	28%
Nottinghamshire	2370	8193	29%
North Tyneside	596	2053	29%
Salford	629	2127	30%
Cheshire East	1188	3903	30%
Dudley	1131	3634	31%
Wakefield	1183	3770	31%
Bath and North East Somerset	639	2027	32%
Calderdale	816	2584	32%
Doncaster	1071	3259	33%
Cumbria	1764	5326	33%
Suffolk	2543	7399	34%
Buckinghamshire	1975	5736	34%
Nottingham	917	2619	35%
Derbyshire	2847	8060	35%
Leicestershire	2562	7246	35%
Milton Keynes	1034	2919	35%
Hampshire	4943	13851	36%
Warrington	872	2436	36%
Middlesbrough	501	1380	36%
Wolverhampton	931	2559	36%
Cheshire West and Chester	1324	3592	37%
Essex	5624	15238	37%
Stockport	1062	2779	38%
Islington	521	1354	38%
Kent	6207	16109	39%
North Lincolnshire	692	1795	39%
Redcar and Cleveland	659	1699	39%
East Sussex	2008	5159	39%
Bracknell Forest	442	1119	39%
Rotherham	1325	3315	40%
Thurrock	706	1764	40%
Oldham	1196	2935	41%
Haringey	860	2106	41%
Cornwall	2288	5555	41%

Northumberland	1438	3478	41%
Cambridgeshire	2421	5801	42%
Southampton	796	1905	42%
Herefordshire, County of	778	1861	42%
Telford and Wrekin	837	1997	42%
West Sussex	3458	8147	42%
Northamptonshire	3304	7764	43%
Knowsley	530	1237	43%
Brighton and Hove	951	2214	43%
Hertfordshire	5535	12816	43%
Devon	3175	7260	44%
Barnsley	993	2269	44%
St. Helens	810	1833	44%
North Yorkshire	2872	6451	45%
Bradford	2621	5883	45%
Gloucestershire	2937	6586	45%
Somerset	2345	5257	45%
Wirral	1575	3513	45%
South Gloucestershire	1331	2932	45%
Portsmouth	781	1704	46%
Central Bedfordshire	1243	2707	46%
Newcastle upon Tyne	1070	2326	46%
Peterborough	1035	2249	46%
Redbridge	1558	3379	46%
Blackpool	649	1406	46%
Sunderland	1368	2959	46%
North East Lincolnshire	842	1821	46%
Darlington	559	1189	47%
Gateshead	986	2045	48%
Wiltshire	2482	5121	48%
North Somerset	1077	2221	48%
Hartlepool	532	1095	49%
Rochdale	1151	2350	49%
Barnet	1761	3577	49%
Norfolk	4099	8301	49%
Southend-on-Sea	1050	2118	50%
Solihull	1520	3063	50%
Hackney	985	1981	50%
Lincolnshire	4088	8144	50%
Barking and Dagenham	1069	2124	50%
East Riding of Yorkshire	1877	3708	51%
Halton	727	1427	51%
Tameside	1317	2578	51%
Havering	1572	3074	51%
Kirklees	2369	4605	51%
Liverpool	2476	4808	51%
Sheffield	2745	5298	52%
Wigan	1864	3586	52%
Bromley	1713	3287	52%
Leeds	4113	7850	52%

Enfield	1940	3658	53%
Waltham Forest	1324	2489	53%
Torbay	813	1528	53%
Kingston upon Hull, City of	1248	2336	53%
Staffordshire	4862	8967	54%
Stoke-on-Trent	1302	2389	54%
Camden	777	1414	55%
Bolton	1852	3360	55%
County Durham	2826	5101	55%
Walsall	1829	3272	56%
Worcestershire	3194	5706	56%
Birmingham	6884	12263	56%
Trafford	1624	2854	57%
Dorset	2402	4181	57%
Greenwich	1241	2159	57%
South Tyneside	934	1588	59%
Medway	1864	3144	59%
Oxfordshire	3803	6176	62%
Bury	1312	2114	62%
Westminster	918	1478	62%
Coventry	2119	3402	62%
Bexley	2063	3305	62%
Warwickshire	3640	5806	63%
Blackburn with Darwen	1101	1749	63%
Lancashire	7999	12631	63%
Manchester	3007	4695	64%
Newham	2246	3503	64%
Hillingdon	1950	3036	64%
Sutton	1737	2688	65%
Leicester	2168	3348	65%
Windsor and Maidenhead	995	1534	65%
Hounslow	1720	2603	66%
Ealing	1866	2818	66%
Wandsworth	1177	1767	67%
Sefton	2097	3143	67%
Poole	1025	1531	67%
York	1168	1718	68%
Lambeth	1280	1877	68%
Bristol, City of	2130	3119	68%
Surrey	7401	10775	69%
Southwark	1612	2344	69%
Brent	2077	3017	69%
Lewisham	1465	2115	69%
Stockton-on-Tees	1488	2129	70%
Bedford	1352	1893	71%
Merton	1090	1507	72%
Bournemouth	1262	1660	76%
Croydon	2773	3647	76%
Harrow	1603	2103	76%
Slough	1264	1634	77%

West Berkshire	1478	1901	78%
Luton	1940	2470	79%
Isle of Wight	1084	1371	79%
Hammersmith and Fulham	902	1108	81%
Kingston upon Thames	1286	1573	82%
Richmond upon Thames	1123	1346	83%
Reading	970	1157	84%
Tower Hamlets	2137	2438	88%
Wokingham	1475	1631	90%
Kensington and Chelsea	749	758	99%