

2.3.1 Teacher assessment and external examination results in the secondary sector

Teacher assessments: Religious Education KS3

Departments judge pupils' attainment on the basis of the year's work, specific assessment tasks and tests and use the findings of the national moderation programme (2013-12) and Welsh Government guidance to verify their judgements:

- Religious Education: Guidance for KS2 and KS3 (2011)
- Exemplar Pupils Profiles at KS2 and KS3 in Religious Education: Supplementary Guidance (2011)

The Welsh Government does not collect KS3 Religious Education data, so it is inappropriate to compare the performance of Gwynedd schools with schools across Wales. However, CYNNAL does collect KS3 data on behalf of Anglesey (A), Gwynedd (G)*.

Year	Schools	Pupils		%L5+		%L6+		%L7+	
		Anglesey	A+G+C	Anglesey	A+G+C	Anglesey	A+G+C	Anglesey	A+G+C
2014	5(5)+11(14)+0(0)	611	1,659	87.7	91.7	44.4	55.3	17.2	19.6
2013	5(5)+5(14)+1(7)	675	1,242	86.4	88.7	68.5	52.3	13.8	18.2
2012°	5(5)+13(14)+4(7)	657	2,577	74.0	82.7	51.4	43.2	6.8	12.5
2011	3(5)+11(14)+2(7)	378	1,773	76.7		40.9		10.1	

* By the end of the Summer term 2014, every secondary school in Anglesey had submitted KS3 performance data, 11 out of 14 secondary schools in Gwynedd. Special schools did not submit teacher assessments for religious education.

° The moderation of religious education portfolios was completed in Summer 2012. This suggests therefore that there is a consistency in schools' understanding of the attainment levels.

- All schools submitted end of KS3 teacher assessment data for Religious Education. The special schools (Yr Hafan acnd Ysgol y Bont) did not submit assessment data for Religious Education;
- 611 KS3 pupils were assessed in the summer term of 2014;
- 87.7% of Anglesey KS3 pupils attained Level 5+ in religious education. This represents an increase of 1.3% since 2013. The percentage of pupils attaining L5+ varied from 81.6% to 94.2%;
- 44.4% of Anglesey KS3 pupils attained Level 6+ in religious education. This represents a fall of 24.1% since 2013. The percentage of pupils attaining L6+ varied from 35% to 51.8%;
- 17.2% of Anglesey KS3 pupils attained Level 7+ in religious education. This represents an increase of 2.4% since 2013. Level 7 was awarded to pupils in all schools and the percentage of pupils attaining L7+ varied from 10.6% to 26.2%;
- Learners have attained L3 or below in 2 schools.
- Pupils were awarded L8 in religious education in two schools.

Difference in the performance of pupils receiving Free School Meals (FSM) and those not receiving Free School Meals (non FSM)

Level 5+

13.8% fewer FSM pupils met the requirements of L5+ than non FSM pupils. The gap between FSM and non FSM varied from 10.1% in one school to 19.5% in the school where the gap was at its greatest.

Level 6+

16.7% fewer FSM pupils met the requirements of L6+ than non FSM pupils. The gap between FSM and non FSM varied from 14.1% in one school to 34.6% in the school where the gap was at its greatest.

Level 7+

13.4% fewer FSM pupils met the requirements of L7+ than non FSM pupils. The gap between FSM and non FSM varied from 8.8% in one school to 19.3% in the school where the gap was at its greatest.

GCSE Results: Religious Studies (full course)

The data represents the candidates who were 15 years old or older in January 2014

Anglesey Secondary Schools	Number of schools	Number of candidates			% Excellence			% L2			% L1			Average subject score		
		B	G	Σ	B	G	Σ	B	G	Σ	B	G	Σ	B	G	Σ
2014	5	27	110	137	40.7	55.5	52.6	81.5	87.3	86.1	100	100	100	44	48	47
2013	5	32	108	140	28.1	46.3	42.1	81.3	82.4	82.1	100	100	100	44	46	46
2012	4	46	110	156	43.5	65.5	59.0	76.1	94.5	89.1	100	100	100	44	50	49
2011	5	46	100	146	21.7	58.0	46.6	67.4	92.0	84.2	100	100	100	41	49	47

The average score achieved by the pupils in all subjects is not available to the humanities adviser. Consequently it is inappropriate to compare performances of schools. However, RE departments will be able to access data to show how their candidates performed in other subjects and are advised to use this information in their self-evaluation.

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Summer 2014 Results	Number of candidates	% Excellence	%L2	%L1
Ynys Môn (2013)	137 (140)	52.6 (42.1)	86.1 (82.1)	100 (100)
Cymru (2013)	(11,414)	(33)	(51)	(93)

Good results

- 137 candidates from 5 schools in Anglesey. The average subject score of 47 shows an increase of one point since 2013.
- The number of candidates varies from 11 pupils in one school to 51 in another.
- 52.6% of the candidates were awarded A*/A (excellence). The percentage has significantly improved since 2013 (+10.5%).
- 86.1% of the candidates were awarded a Level 2+ qualification (A*- C) which is greater (+4%) than the percentage of candidates awarded L2+ in 2013. All candidates have attained a Level 1 qualification.
- More girls than boys choose Religious Studies as a GCSE optional subject (B 27 : G 110).
- The results achieved by the girls are better than those achieved by the boys. The average score achieved by the girls is 48 in comparison with the average score of 44 achieved by the boys, the difference 2+ points greater than 2013. 8+ represents a GCSE grade. However this year's L2 results suggest that the gap between boys and girls has increased (+4.7) but remains lower than the results of 2012 and 2011. The gap between the percentage of boys and girls attaining A*/A is 14.8% which is less than the gap observed in 2013 (18.1%). This is the fourth consecutive year for the gap to close since 2011 when there was a 36.3 difference between the average score achieved by the girls in comparison with that achieved by the boys.

GCSE Results: Religious Studies (short course)

This data represents the pupils who were 15 years old or older on January 2010. These pupils have chosen to claim their points on the completion of their GCSE short course instead of continuing their studies for a second year. Very few schools offer the GCSE Religious Studies short course as an accreditation for the statutory KS4 Religious Education course.

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		B	G	Σ	B	G	Σ	B	G	Σ	B	G	Σ	B	G	Σ
2014	1	6	28	34	50.0	71.4	67.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23	26	25
2013	2	11	32	43				72.7	84.4	81.4	100	100	100	21	25	24
2012	3	4	3	7				50.0	66.7	57.1	100	100	100	19	21	20
2011	2	32	37	69	0.0	0.0	0.0	65.6	86.5	76.8	100	100	100	20	24	22

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Summer 2014 results	Number of candidates	% Excellence	%L2	%L1
Anglesey	34 (43)	67.6		
Wales	12.756	18	51	93

What are SACRE's recommendations to Anglesey Council?

- Ensure that religious education teachers are able to access the subject guidance of the WJEC examination board.
- Facilitate professional learning communities for religious education teachers in order to share good practice.