

SACRE REPORT 2013-2014



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Introduction

Three meetings of Oldham SACRE took place at 2 secondary schools and one faith centre (Failsworth School, and Oasis Academy Limeside, Failsworth Salvation Army Citadel respectively). Meetings at these venues gave insights into the work of each of the centres and their relationship to religious education, faiths and denominations in Oldham.

Items discussed included on the agendas included:

- Contribution of Humanists to the work of Oldham SACRE
- OFSTED National report: Realising the potential
- Constitution of Oldham SACRE
- Results in public examinations
- The development of a Religious Education Quality Mark (REQM) for schools
- Consideration of regional hubs and closer work with Rochdale and Sheffield SACREs
- Collective worship
- The policy for Determinations in the Authority Schools
- The launch of Oldham's new Agreed Syllabus and Professional development opportunities for teachers
- Website access for the Agreed Syllabus and minutes of SACRE meetings

Oldham Council was thanked for its active support to SACRE and the positive initiatives especially in the field of professional development for teachers of RE.

Officers of SACRE 2013-2014

Chair Graham McGuffie Committee B

Vice Chair Lesley Parry Committee C

Clerk to SACRE Karen Holmes Oldham Council



The Oldham picture

The launch of the agreed syllabus had provided an opportunity to outline religious affiliation in Greater Manchester and Oldham. This data was included in the Agreed Syllabus to inform research and discussion.

Area	Religion	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religion	No religion	not stated
North West	7,052,177	4,742,860	20,695	38,259	30,417	356,458	8,857	19,166	1,397,916	437,549
Greater Manchester	2,682,528	1,657,594	9,555	23,478	25,013	232,787	5,322	7,429	557,129	164,221
Bolton	276,786	173,608	574	5,988	174	32,385	118	721	47,567	15,651
Bury	185,060	116,036	453	817	10,302	11,279	301	422	34,381	11,069
Manchester	503,127	245,247	3,879	5,452	2,613	79,496	2,292	1,889	127,485	34,774
Oldham	224,897	134,167	371	1,233	108	39,879	70	406	36,169	12,494
Rochdale	211,699	128,186	403	642	216	29,426	71	430	40,014	12,311
Salford	233,933	150,111	1,040	1,504	7,687	6,030	324	691	52,105	14,441
Stockport	283,275	179,055	853	1,666	1,340	9,431	330	964	71,126	18,510
Tameside	219,324	140,322	511	3,223	89	9,705	102	651	51,674	13,047
Trafford	226,578	143,639	768	2,271	2,413	12,994	1,652	566	47,968	14,307
Wigan	317,849	247,223	703	682	71	2,162	62	689	48,640	17,617

Support for maintaining standards in RE

Throughout 2013-2014 academic year, support for RE in Oldham was provided by a consultant, funded for 10 days by the Council. Consultant support was provided by an RE professional who had supported SACRE for several years. Tasks included, convening and chairing teacher network meetings, leading training sessions on RE for schools, reporting to SACRE, helping to organise events such as Conferences and Network meetings, monitoring provision and standards in schools and developing strategies to encourage schools to review provision for RE in the light of developments and changes with the new curriculum and the implementation of a new syllabus.

The key messages in the Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education launched, in 2013 for implementation in 2014, were; the importance of knowledge and understanding, reflecting and responding and enquiring and working creatively as a basis for lively religious education.

Additionally, Oldham Association of Secondary Headteachers has provided extra resources for supporting the maintenance of standards. Their representative, Ms Lesley Parry has attended SACRE regularly. SACRE has also received support from Primary school headteachers.

Teachers do not generally report directly to SACRE on a regular basis, they have liaised with the consultant electronically through the “FIRST CLASS network” and have provided ongoing mutual specialist support to colleagues in schools through the “First Class” RE Conference Website. The SACRE was keen to explore the way in which subject networks for RE in both phases could be energised in the light of the overall changes to curriculum provision in order to secure the spreading of best practice and challenging schemes of work



Annual Conference 2013 and launch of the Agreed Syllabus

Oldham Council supported a conference for religious education practitioners, school governors and members of SACRE at Oldham's Civic Centre which was well attended by over 70+ professionals and provided an ideal opportunity to launch the new Agreed Syllabus as well as workshop opportunities. The sessions included a keynote speech from Alan Brine HMI and an overview of Oldham's new Agreed Syllabus from Lat Blaylock (REToday). The performance of the choir from Bare Trees Primary School and presentation by the RE Ambassadors from Holy Cross Primary made a significant impact on the conference members. The workshops were popular and evaluations indicated a desire for more opportunities for professional development in the future.



Professional development programme 2014

Time	Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3	Workshop 4
10.00 - 10.45	Alan Brine HMI Effective Leadership (Primary)	Lat Blaylock Getting the most from the support materials: (Y6-Y9)	Graham McGuffie SACRE- the next steps	Dr S Hall Developing a Faith Day in school
11.15 - 12.00	Alan Brine HMI Effective Leadership (Primary)	Lat Blaylock Getting the most from the support materials: (Primary)	Graham McGuffie SACRE- the next steps	Dr S Hall Developing a Faith Day in school
1.40- 2.25	Alan Brine HMI Effective Leadership (Secondary)	Lat Blaylock Getting the most from the support materials: (Primary)	Graham McGuffie SACRE- the next steps	Dr S Hall Developing a Faith Day in school

Complaints concerning Religious Education.

There have been no complaints received concerning the delivery of Religious Education

Complaints concerning collective worship

There have been no complaints received concerning matters pertaining to collective worship

Determinations

No requests for a determination of collective worship were received by SACRE

Links with other agencies

- **Oldham SACRE is a subscribing member of the National Association of SACREs**
- **Oldham SACRE is a subscribing member of RE Today on line**
- **Oldham SACRE is linked to Manchester Diocese**
- **The Salford Diocesan link is under review**
- **Trans-Pennine Association of RE Inspectors Advisors and Consultants (AREIAC)**
- **Examination Board for Religious Studies (AQA)**
- **School Performance Team Oldham Council**
- **Oldham Inter Faith Forum**
- **Rochdale Council**
- **Sheffield City Council**

Professional and administrative support

Throughout 2013-2014 Oldham SACRE was supported by a Clerk to SACRE Mrs Karen Holmes and a Business Support Officer Mrs Carol Hyde.

Finance

The SACRE budget provided by Oldham Council covers basic running costs, permits members to attend national and local conferences relevant to religious education and collective worship. The Council has indicated a willingness to support activities that support the development of high quality religious education

APPENDIX

Appendix 1

GCSE 2013

Figures for (2012) in brackets

Oldham	A*-C%	A*-G%	UNGRADED
All Pupils	76.1% (72%)	97.2% (97.8%)	2.8% (2.2%)
Girls	80.7% (78.9%)	98.7% (99.1%)	1.3% (0.9%)
Boys	71.1% (62.8%)	95.5% (96%)	4.5% (4%)

1020 pupils completed a full course in GCSE Religious Studies in 2013 which is an **increase** on the 2012 figure of 987. The percentage of pupils achieving A*-C **increased** from 72% in 2012 to 76.1% in 2013

The difference between the percentage of girls achieving Grade A*-C and boys achieving Grade A*-C was 9.6%. The gap between boys and girls at Grades A*-C widened in 2013

The gap between boy and girls achieving Grade A*-G also widened in 2013 to 3.2% and the number of pupils achieving Grade A*-G declined to 97.2% from 97.8% in 2012

The percentage of pupils not awarded a grade in 2013 increased from 2.2% in 2012 to 2.8% in 2013

Short Course 2013

Figures for (2012) in brackets

Oldham	A*-C	A*-G	UNGRADED
All pupils	41.7% (42.4%)	85.8% (87.9%)	14.2% (12.1%)
Girls	48.5% (49.3%)	89.9% (91.8%)	10.1% (8.2%)
Boys	35.5% (36.5%)	82.1% (84.4%)	17.9% (15.6%)

791 pupils completed a short course in GCSE Religious Studies in 2013. This was an increase on the figure of 766 in 2012

The percentage of pupils achieving Grade A*-C declined in 2013 from 42.4% in 2012 to 41.7% in 2013 There has been a declining trend since 2010 when those A*-C were 49.7% of the eligible cohort

The difference between the percentage of girls achieving A*-c and boys achieving Grade A*-C was 13% which is an increase of 0.2% on the previous year.

The percentage of boys and girls achieving Grade A*-C in 2013 declined from the Grades achieved in 2012

The percentage of pupils achieving Grade A*-G declined in 2013 and the gap between boys and girls widened from 7.4% to 7.8% in 2013

The percentage of pupils achieving no grade in 2013 was 14.2% an increase on the previous year (12.1%)

Entry Level 2013

One school entered 7 pupils for Entry Level Qualification in Religious Studies in 2013

The figure has fallen from 43 pupils in 2009 to 7 pupils in 2013. The percentage achieving above Level 1 was 100% with 85.7% achieving Level 3

GCE A Level and GCE AS Level 2013

Subject : Religious Studies ; Exam : GCE A level 2013

Centre	NOE	A*	A	B	C	D	E	N	Q	U	X	A*-A	A*-B	A*-E
NCER	12911	4.3	18.1	29.1	26.7	15.9	5.8			0.1	[1]	22.4	51.5	99.9
OLDHAM	31		12.9	41.9	29.0	9.7	6.5					12.9	54.8	100.0
Crompton House CE School	9		22.2	33.3	33.3		11.1					22.2	55.6	100.0
The Blue Coat CE	22		9.1	45.5	27.3	13.6	4.5					9.1	54.5	100.0
Total	31		12.9	41.9	29.0	9.7	6.5					12.9	54.8	100.0

Subject : Religious Studies Exam : GCE AS level 2013

Centre	NOE	A	B	C	D	E	N	Q	U	X	A-B	A-E
NCER	5606	11.2	16.9	20.4	19.7	16.3			15.6	[28]	28.1	84.4
OLDHAM	9	11.1	22.2	33.3		11.1			22.2		33.3	77.8
Crompton House CE School	3					33.3			66.7			33.3
The Blue Coat CE	6	16.7	33.3	50.0							50.0	100.0
Total	9	11.1	22.2	33.3		11.1			22.2		33.3	77.8

Subject : Religious Studies Exam : GCE A level 2013 (Boy: Girl)

Centre	Gender	NOE	A*	A	B	C	D	E	N	Q	U	X	A*-A	A*-B	A*-E
NCER	Boys	3991	3.5	16.0	27.1	28.1	18.2	6.9			0.3		19.5	46.5	99.7
NCER	Girls	8922	4.6	19.0	30.0	26.0	14.9	5.3			0.2	[1]	23.6	53.7	99.8
OLDHAM	Boys	10		20.0	30.0	20.0	20.0	10.0					20.0	50.0	100.0
OLDHAM	Girls	21		9.5	47.6	33.3	4.8	4.8					9.5	57.1	100.0
Crompton House CE School	Girls	9		22.2	33.3	33.3		11.1					22.2	55.6	100.0
The Blue Coat CE	Boys	10		20.0	30.0	20.0	20.0	10.0					20.0	50.0	100.0
The Blue Coat CE	Girls	12			58.3	33.3	8.3							58.3	100.0
Total		31		12.9	41.9	29.0	9.7	6.5					12.9	54.8	100.0

Subject : Religious Studies ; Exam : GCE AS level 2013 (Boy: Girl)

Centre	Gender	NOE	A	B	C	D	E	N	Q	U	X	A-B	A-E
NCER	Boys	1575	9.9	15.7	18.1	19.2	18.5			18.5	[9]	25.7	81.5
NCER	Girls	3192	12.2	18.0	21.9	20.0	15.0			12.9	[9]	30.2	87.1
OLDHAM	Boys	3			66.7					33.3			66.7
OLDHAM	Girls	6	16.7	33.3	16.7		16.7			16.7		50.0	83.3
Crompton House CE School	Boys	1								100.0			
Crompton House CE School	Girls	2					50.0			50.0			50.0
The Blue Coat CE	Boys	2			100.0								100.0
The Blue Coat CE	Girls	4	25.0	50.0	25.0							75.0	100.0
Total		9	11.1	22.2	33.3		11.1			22.2		33.3	77.8

Public Examination Results for GCSE

Trends over time OLDHAM

GCSE FULL COURSE	% A*-C Oldham	Annual change	% A*-C National	Variance Oldham /National	Entry
2008	73.2		72.5	+0.7	895
2009	76.7	3.5	73.4	+2.7	952
2010	73.1	-3.6	73.1	0.0	990
2011	70.8	-2.3	73.3	-2.5	872
2012	72	1.2	73.7	-1.7	987
2013	76.1	4.1	72.4 ¹	+3.7	1020

National data GCSE Full course Religious Studies 2006-2013

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	A*-C	A*-U
2013	11.2	19.7	22.8	18.7	11.8	7.0	4.4	2.7	1.7	72.4	263988
2012	11.8	20.3	22.9	18.7	11.4	6.8	4.2	2.4	1.5	73.7	239123
2011	11.7	20.2	22.7	18.7	11.4	6.9	4.3	2.5	1.6	73.3	221974
2010	12.0	20.1	22.6	18.4	11.5	7.1	4.5	2.4	1.4	73.1	188704
2009	12.6	20.1	22.3	18.4	11.6	7.0	4.3	2.3	1.4	73.4	182288
2008	13.2	19.4	21.8	18.1	11.7	7.3	4.5	2.5	1.5	72.5	179139
2007	12.3	19.2	21.4	18.6	11.8	7.5	4.8	2.6	1.8	71.5	171123
2006	11.2	19.3	21.3	18.8	12.2	7.8	4.7	2.8	1.9	70.6	159681

GCSE Short course 2013

GCSE SHORT COURSE	% A*-C Oldham	Annual change	% A*-C National	Variance Oldham /National	Entry
2008	45		51.4	-6.4	1348
2009	34.3	-10.7	52.5	-18.2	1031
2010	49.7	15.4	52.3	-2.6	912
2011	53.7	4.0	50.6	3.1	660
2012	42.4	-11.3	50.3	-7.9	766
2013	41.7	-0.7	*2		791

Appendix 2

¹ Provisional August 2013

² Figure not available

Members of Oldham SACRE 2013-2014

Committe A

Mr Nasim Ashraf	Muslim
Mr David Brierley	Free Church
Mr Peter Butler	Free Church
Revd S Coop	Free Church
Mrs H Freeborn	Humanist Association
Mr M Keller	Jewish
Mr K Khan	Muslim
Rabbi D Walker	Jewish
Ms E Kinder	Free Church
Mr P Morgan	Free Church
Lt S Rowney	Salvation Army
Mrs K Sisodia	Hindu
Mr M Tufail	Muslim

Committee B

Mr G McGuffie	Church of England
Rev D Sandercock	Church of England
Rev H Sutcliffe	Church of England
Mr J Wilson	Church of England

Committee C

Miss J Beattie	NUT
Mrs M Butt	ATL
Vacancy	NAS UWT
Mrs G Kay	NAHT
Ms L Parry	ASCL

Committee D

Councillor E Moores	LA Councillor
Councillor A Roughley	LA Councillor
Vacancy	
Mr D Barter	Oldham Council