

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Report



# **Annual Report of the Cheshire West and Chester Standing Advisory Council**

on

**Religious Education**

**2015-2016**



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of the Chester and Cheshire West Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education  
2015/16**

**1 SUMMARY**

Karen Shore became Chair of SACRE with Nicole Meardon as vice chair with Jane Brooke continuing to support SACRE through some work with schools.

SACRE meetings have been held in local schools where members have heard about RE from those who teach there.

**2 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN  
CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER SCHOOLS**

**2.1 Locally Agreed Syllabus**

The newly revised Cheshire West and Chester Agreed Syllabus has been in use from September 2013.

**2.2 Monitoring the Agreed Syllabus**

Due to capacity issues, the impact of the Agreed Syllabus is monitored through email requests from schools and through the RE Hubs.

**2.3 Standards in Religious Education**

### 2.3.1 Examinations in Religious Studies

#### KS4 GCSE course

17 out of 19 CWAC schools had GCSE entries in 2016

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>CWAC Number of entries</b>	1260	1242	1305	1202	1226	1125
<b>% A*-C (national)</b>	73.0 (71.5)	69.6 (71.8)	77.3 (70.2)	73.5 (72.2)	72.3 (72.6)	79.8 (72.0)
<b>% A*-G (national)</b>	97.1 (97.8)	98.1 (97.9)	98.9 (97.9)	99.4 (98.4)	98.4 (98.5)	99.5 (98.4)
<b>Average points<sup>1</sup> (national)</b>	5.3 (5.3)	41.5 (41.8)	43.18 (41.22)	42.4 (41.7)	41.9 (41.9)	44.1 (41.7)

<sup>1</sup> New points score introduced in 2016

KS4 short course – there are no short course entries this year

	2013	2012	2011
<b>CWAC Number of entries</b>	887	1063	1374
<b>% A*-C (national)</b>	51.2 (50.1)	50.6 (50.4)	46.8 (50.6)
<b>% A*-G (national)</b>	92.9 (94.7)	94.0 (94.7)	92.9 (94.9)
<b>Average points (national)</b>	17.6 (17.6)	17.8 (17.7)	16.9 (17.7)

## KS5 A level

11 out of 14 CWAC schools with 6<sup>th</sup> forms had A level entries in 2016

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>CWAC Number of entries</b>	140	133	118	123	119	126
<b>% A*-A (national)</b>	25.0 (24.1)	18.0 (24.4)	22.0 (22.3)	24.4 (22.3)	27.7 (22.1)	26.2 (22.8)
<b>% A*-E (national)</b>	100 (98.9)	97.0 (98.9)	100 (99.8)	100 (99.8)	100 (99.9)	100 (99.5)
<b>Average points (national)</b>	n/a		224.2 (225.15)	223.9 (224.8)	229.4 (225.0)	225.5 (224.9)

National figures include colleges

## KS5 AS level

13 out of 14 CWAC schools with 6<sup>th</sup> forms had AS entries in 2016. 'AS' numbers appear low as often schools do not 'cash in' the AS result at the end of year 12, so they do not appear on any tables

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>CWAC Number of entries</b>	74	41	46	41	56	41
<b>% A -B (national)</b>	5.4 (n/a)	2.4 (43.1)	26.1 (27.1)	22.0 (28.7)	20.1 (29.8)	39 (30.1)
<b>% A -E (national)</b>	70.3 (n/a)	73.2 (92.1)	80.4 (86.4)	75.6 (85.2)	94.6 (86.5)	92.5 (88.8)
<b>Average points (national)</b>	n/a		82.5 (88.2)	76.5 (87.7)	101.3 (89.4)	98.8 (91.8)

### 2.3.2 Analysis of Ofsted Reports

Ofsted reports were reviewed and if comments on Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development were evident then letters of congratulation were sent to schools or an offer of support. Letters were sent to: Blacon High School, Cloughwood Academy, Neston Primary, Parklands Community Primary School, The County High School Leftwich and The Winsford Academy. Schools responded positively to the SACRE letters.

2.4 RE Hubs continue to meet. One hub developed work on Philosophy for Children where there was work in RE with P4C in every year group.

Currently schools in CWAC with a Quality Mark in RE are:

#### **Gold Awards**

- Capenhurst Church of England Primary School
- Eccleston Primary school
- Elton Primary School
- Ellesmere Port Christ Church Church of England Primary School
- Helsby High School
- Frodsham Manor House Primary School (Pupils spoke at the Launch of REQM at House of Lords)
- Frodsham Cof E Primary (teacher is an assessor)
- Farndon Primary School (teacher is assessor)
- Lower Peover Primary School (pupils spoke at the House of Parliament at the All Party Parliamentary Group launch)
- The Russett School
- Witton Church Walk Church of England Primary
- Lostock Gralam
- The Bishop's Blue Coat Church of England High School
- Tushingam with Grindley Church of England School
- Woodlands Primary School

## **Silver Awards**

- Childer Thornton Primary School
- Great Budworth Church of England Primary
- Greenbank School
- Hartford High School
- Hoole Church of England Primary
- Wimboldsley Community Primary School

## **Bronze Awards**

- St Oswald's CofE Aided Primary School

2.5

The third SACRE lecture took place and was well attended, in February at Chester University with Professor Haddon Wilmer on 'Child Theology'.

2.6

The RE subject leader at Frodsham Manor Primary School has worked with schools in Rochdale and Oldham with a national project to improve RE as a Getting to Good Consultant.

2.7

The school conference to celebrate diversity and successfully funded by NASACRE was so successful that another was planned using council funds. This will be the second first conference for primary pupils in Cheshire.

2.8 Jane Brooke attended the NASACRE annual conference and reported back to SACRE members.

## 2.9 Complaints.

There have been no complaints to the LA during the past year in respect of RE, requiring the LA's Special Appeals Committee to be convened.

## **3 COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

### 3.1 Supporting Collective Worship

Queries have been answered through email concerning collective worship and the law.

### 3.2 Determinations

The SACRE has not been called upon during the past year to make any determinations concerning collective worship.

### 3.3 Complaints

There have been no complaints to the LA during the past year in respect of collective worship requiring the LA's special Appeals Committee to be convened.

## **4 LINKS WITH OTHER AGENCIES**

### 4.1 National and International

NASACRE newsletters are circulated and Jane Brooke attended the NASACRE AGM.

Jane Brooke is a sub editor of RE Today, mailing and reviews editor.

### 4.2 Local and Regional

Jane Brooke is Principal consultant for Chester Diocesan schools, Project Manager for the RE Quality Mark and Vice Chair of the National Advisers for RE association.



Appendix 1 Membership of SACRE

**SACRE COMMITTEE MEMBERS** (as at November 2016)

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
Rahima Ahmed	Muslim Community
Naomi Anstice	Specialist Leader in RE / Union Representative
Cllr Alex Black	CWAC
Alison Boulton	Baptist Denomination
Jane Brooke	CWAC & Chester Diocese
Geraldine Dickie	Academies
Sue Glover	Chester Diocese
James Holt	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Helen Longmuir	Baha'is
Rachel McCarthy	Church of England
Cllr Nicole Meardon	Vice Chair
Simon Shaw	Mormons/Latter Day Saints (LDS) Church
Cllr Karen Shore	Chair of SACRE
Vicky Sewell	NUT Rep
Heather Staniland	Methodists
Catriona Stewart	Humanist
Jay Vaja	Hinduism

Appendix 2 – SACRE Meeting Dates

**SACRE MEETING DATES for Academic Year 2015-2016**

12 November 2015 – Lostock Gralam ( Postponed)

9 March 2016 – Hoole Primary School

8 June 2016 – Lostock Gralam Primary School

16 November 2016 – Farndon Primary School