

## Gwynedd SACRE Autumn 2010

### KS 3 Teacher Assessments: Religious Education

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|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|---------------|------|
| Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen (43)   | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 4.7<br>(2)   | 16.3<br>(7)   | 55.8<br>(24)  | 18.6<br>(8)   | 4.7<br>(2)    | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 79.1<br>(34)  | 5.02 |
| Ysgol Botwnnog (98)        | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 2.0<br>(2)   | 16.3<br>(16)  | 29.6<br>(29)  | 43.9<br>(43)  | 8.2<br>(8)    | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 81.6<br>(80)  | 5.40 |
| Ysgol Brynrefail (107)     | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 1.9<br>(2)   | 16.8<br>(18)  | 42.1<br>(45)  | 23.4<br>(25)  | 15.9<br>(17)  | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 81.3<br>(87)  | 5.35 |
| Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle (95) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 4.2<br>(4)   | 16.8<br>(16)  | 45.3<br>(43)  | 24.2<br>(23)  | 9.5<br>(9)    | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 78.9<br>(75)  | 5.18 |
| Ysgol Eifionydd (73)       | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 4.1<br>(3)   | 19.2<br>(14)  | 34.2<br>(25)  | 31.5<br>(23)  | 5.5<br>(4)    | 5.5<br>(4) | 0.0<br>(0) | 76.7<br>(56)  | 5.32 |
| Ysgol Y Gader (62)         | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0)   | 22.6<br>(14)  | 48.4<br>(30)  | 25.8<br>(16)  | 3.2<br>(2)    | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 77.4<br>(48)  | 5.10 |
| Ysgol Y Moelwyn (70)       | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0)   | 15.7<br>(11)  | 28.6<br>(20)  | 45.7<br>(32)  | 10.0<br>(7)   | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 84.3<br>(59)  | 5.50 |
| Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn (68)  | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 2.9<br>(2) | 2.9<br>(2)   | 32.4<br>(22)  | 42.6<br>(29)  | 19.1<br>(13)  | 0.0<br>(0)    | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 61.8<br>(42)  | 4.72 |
| Ysgol Y Berwyn (61)        | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 8.2<br>(5)   | 13.1<br>(8)   | 32.8<br>(20)  | 26.2<br>(16)  | 19.7<br>(12)  | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 78.7<br>(48)  | 5.36 |
| Ysgol Ardudwy (0)          | NaN<br>(0) | NaN<br>(0) | NaN<br>(0) | NaN<br>(0) | NaN<br>(0) | NaN<br>(0)   | NaN<br>(0)    | NaN<br>(0)    | NaN<br>(0)    | NaN<br>(0)    | NaN<br>(0) | NaN<br>(0) | NaN<br>(0)    | NaN  |
| Ysgol Friars (201)         | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 16.9<br>(34) | 32.3<br>(65)  | 24.9<br>(50)  | 22.9<br>(46)  | 3.0<br>(6)    | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 50.7<br>(102) | 4.63 |
| Ysgol Tryfan (80)          | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 3.8<br>(3)   | 11.3<br>(9)   | 21.3<br>(17)  | 38.8<br>(31)  | 25.0<br>(20)  | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 85.0<br>(68)  | 5.70 |
| Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen (112)  | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 1.8<br>(2)   | 8.9<br>(10)   | 35.7<br>(40)  | 37.5<br>(42)  | 16.1<br>(18)  | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 89.3<br>(100) | 5.57 |
| Ysgol Glan y Môr (99)      | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 9.1<br>(9)   | 19.2<br>(19)  | 40.4<br>(40)  | 17.2<br>(17)  | 14.1<br>(14)  | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 71.7<br>(71)  | 5.08 |
| Gwynedd (1169)             | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.0<br>(0) | 0.2<br>(2) | 5.8<br>(68)  | 19.6<br>(229) | 35.2<br>(412) | 28.7<br>(335) | 10.2<br>(119) | 0.3<br>(4) | 0.0<br>(0) | 74.4<br>(870) | 5.18 |

### KS3 standards

KS3 results are presented as information only. All departments, except one, in Gwynedd submitted KS3 data for SACRE's attention. The head of department's long term sick leave accounts for Ysgol Ardudwy's failure to submit the relevant assessment levels.

Departments judge pupils' attainment on the basis of the year's work, specific assessment tasks and tests. The pupils do not sit the same tests or the same assessment tasks and teachers do not meet regularly to moderate their pupils work with other departments. However, CYNNAL's training courses have given subject teachers the opportunity to share experiences and to moderate samples of pupils' work together as they respond to the new Locally Agreed Syllabus. The Welsh Assembly Government does not collect religious education data but CYNNAL has collected pupils' end of KS3 attainment levels in religious education since 1999. This year two RE departments from Gwynedd have participated in a DCELLS pilot programme and have submitted portfolios for external moderation. Other departments will have the opportunity to submit portfolios in the Spring of 2011, 2012 or 2013. CYNNAL INSET courses have given subject teachers an opportunity to share experiences and to moderate samples of work together

## GCSE Results: Religious Studies (full course)

| 2010                  | Nifer yn sefyll |    |     | % Rhagoriaeth |      |      | % L2  |       |       | % L1  |       |       | Sgôr cyfartalog y pwnc |    |    | Sgôr cyfartalog holl bynciau |    |    |      |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----|-----|---------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------------|----|----|------------------------------|----|----|------|
|                       | B               | G  | Σ   | B             | G    | Σ    | B     | G     | Σ     | B     | G     | Σ     | B                      | G  | Σ  | B                            | G  | Σ  |      |
| Ysgol Botwnnog        | 3               | 9  | 12  | 0.0           | 11.1 | 8.3  | 0.0   | 55.6  | 41.7  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 34                     | 36 | 36 | 33                           | 38 | 37 | (-1) |
| Ysgol Brynrefail      | 3               | 4  | 7   | 66.7          | 50.0 | 57.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 52                     | 46 | 49 | 50                           | 45 | 47 | (2)  |
| Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle | 4               | 6  | 10  | 0.0           | 33.3 | 20.0 | 50.0  | 100.0 | 80.0  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 39                     | 47 | 44 | 37                           | 45 | 42 | (2)  |
| Ysgol Eifionydd       | 1               | 10 | 11  | 0.0           | 70.0 | 63.6 | 0.0   | 100.0 | 90.9  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 34                     | 50 | 49 | 34                           | 43 | 42 | (7)  |
| Ysgol Y Gader         | 4               | 17 | 21  | 0.0           | 64.7 | 52.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 46                     | 50 | 49 | 39                           | 43 | 42 | (7)  |
| Ysgol Y Berwyn        | 12              | 17 | 29  | 16.7          | 47.1 | 34.5 | 58.3  | 94.1  | 79.3  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 40                     | 49 | 45 | 43                           | 47 | 45 | (0)  |
| Ysgol Friars          | 5               | 9  | 14  | 40.0          | 66.7 | 57.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 45                     | 50 | 48 | 36                           | 41 | 39 | (9)  |
| Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen   | 3               | 8  | 11  | 66.7          | 75.0 | 72.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 52                     | 55 | 54 | 49                           | 51 | 51 | (4)  |
| Ysgol Glan y Môr      | 2               | 11 | 13  | 0.0           | 36.4 | 30.8 | 0.0   | 81.8  | 69.2  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 31                     | 44 | 42 | 30                           | 42 | 40 | (1)  |
| 661                   | 37              | 91 | 128 | 21.6          | 51.6 | 43.0 | 64.9  | 92.3  | 84.4  | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 42                     | 48 | 46 | 40                           | 44 | 43 | (3)  |

The method of reporting on external examination results has changed – different headings are used on the data tables. Pupils in secondary schools have the opportunity to follow a wide range of courses, some are traditional GCSE courses, others are vocational BTEC courses. Some of the courses are equivalent to half a GCSE, others are equivalent to two GCSEs. Schools try to be more flexible and allow pupils to sit their examinations in Years 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13. However the data submitted here represents the pupils who were 15 years old or older in January 2010.

### What does the table show?

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| <p>Nifer yn sefyll</p> <p>B G Σ</p>        | This column show the number of boys (B) a girls (G) who have followed a full GCSE course in Religious Studies and who have sat the examination this year. The Σ symbol shows the total number of candidates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>% Rhagoriaeth</p> <p>B G Σ</p>          | This column shows the percentage (%) of boys (B) and girls (G) who have gained an A* neu A in Religious Studies this year. The Σ symbol shows the total number of candidates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>% L2</p> <p>B G Σ</p>                   | The range of qualifications available to candidates has led to a revised method of comparing the standards of the various qualifications. The Level 2 qualification represents A* to C grades in GCSE courses. This column represents the percentage of boys (B) and girls (G) that have achieved an A* to C grade in Religious Studies this year. The Σ shows the total number of candidates.                                                       |
| <p>% L1</p> <p>B G Σ</p>                   | The range of qualifications available to candidates has led to a revised method of comparing the standards of the various qualifications. The Level 1 qualification represents A* to G grades in GCSE courses. This column represents the percentage (%) of boys (B) and girls (G) that have achieved an A* to C grade in Religious Studies this year. The Σ shows the total number of candidates.                                                   |
| <p>Sgôr cyfartalog y pwnc</p> <p>B G Σ</p> | Each grade is worth 6 points. Therefore an A* grade is equivalent to 58 points and a C grade is worth 40 points. The average score of all the submeets shows how this group of pupils (those who have sat Religious Studies in the school) have performed in all their subjects. . The total number of points gained by the pupils is divided by the number of puils who have sat the examination n the school. This column therefore represents the |

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|                                    | average score of boys and girls in Religious Studies in the school and in the local authority. The $\Sigma$ symbol represents the total number of candidates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Sgôr<br>cyfartalog<br>holl bynciau | Each grade is worth 6 points. Therefore an A* grade is equivalent to 58 points and a C grade is worth 40 points. The total number of points gained by the pupils is divided by the number of pupils who have sat the examination in the school. This column therefore represents the average score of boys and girls in Religious Studies in the school and in the local authority. However this column does not convey the whole picture – possibly some subjects are worth 2 GCSEs whereas Religious Studies is worth 1 GCSE The $\Sigma$ symbol represents the total number of candidates. |
| B                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| G                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

### Very good results

- 128 candidates from 9 schools in Gwynedd. This is an estimated 9% of the cohort.
- Numbers vary from 7 pupils in one school to 29 in another.
- 84.4% of the candidates gained a Level 2 qualification and 100% gained a Level 1 qualification. 43% of the candidates achieved an A\*/A grade.
- The subject average score of 46 is a little higher than the score of 43 in all the other subjects. +3 represents half a GCSE grade.
- More girls than boys choose Religious Studies in Gwnedd schools (B 31 : G 91).
- The results achieved by the girls are better than those achieved by the boys. The girls' average score of 48 is higher than the average score of 42 attained by the boys. However the average score attained by the boys in Religious Studies (42) is higher than their average score in all the other subjects (40).
- Pupils from Ysgol Friars, Ysgol y Gader and Ysgol Eifionydd perform considerably better in religious studies than in all the other subjects.
- Training courses and school visits this year will explore the following questions:
  - *Why do pupils choose the subject? Why don't pupils choose the subject? Why do more girls than boys choose the subject?*
  - *How have departments supported the boys who have performed well in Religious Studies compared to their other subjects. What's the secret?*
  - *What can RE departments learn from those departments who have been successful in supporting the boys as they prepare for the external examinations. What other strategies should be considered in order to narrow the gap between girls and boys?*
  - *How viable is the subject in the school?*

### GCSE results: Religious Education (short course)

| 2010                  | Nifer yn sefyll |    |          | % Rhagoriaeth |     |          | % L2 |     |          | % L1 |     |          | Sgôr cyfartalog y pwnc |    |          | Sgôr cyfartalog holl bynciau |    |          |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----|----------|---------------|-----|----------|------|-----|----------|------|-----|----------|------------------------|----|----------|------------------------------|----|----------|
|                       | B               | G  | $\Sigma$ | B             | G   | $\Sigma$ | B    | G   | $\Sigma$ | B    | G   | $\Sigma$ | B                      | G  | $\Sigma$ | B                            | G  | $\Sigma$ |
| Ysgol Botwnnog        | 3               | 9  | 12       | 0.0           | 0.0 | 0.0      | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0.0      | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0.0      | 17                     | 17 | 17       | 33                           | 38 | 37 (-19) |
| Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle | 4               | 6  | 10       | 0.0           | 0.0 | 0.0      | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0.0      | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0.0      | 19                     | 25 | 22       | 37                           | 45 | 42 (-20) |
| Ysgol Eifionydd       | 6               | 19 | 25       | 0.0           | 0.0 | 0.0      | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0.0      | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0.0      | 21                     | 25 | 24       | 41                           | 45 | 44 (-20) |
| Ysgol Y Moelwyn       | 75              | 89 | 164      | 0.0           | 0.0 | 0.0      | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0.0      | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0.0      | 22                     | 24 | 23       | 36                           | 37 | 37 (-13) |
| Ysgol Y Berwyn        | 15              | 23 | 38       | 0.0           | 0.0 | 0.0      | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0.0      | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0.0      | 19                     | 23 | 21       | 42                           | 45 | 44 (-22) |
| Ysgol Friars          | 91              | 90 | 181      | 0.0           | 0.0 | 0.0      | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0.0      | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0.0      | 19                     | 21 | 20       | 42                           | 40 | 41 (-21) |

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|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----------|
| Ysgol Tryfan     | 8   | 30  | 38  | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 22 | 23 | 23 | 39 | 40 | 40 (-17) |
| Ysgol Glan y Môr | 3   | 10  | 13  | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11 | 22 | 20 | 30 | 43 | 41 (-21) |
| 661              | 205 | 276 | 481 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 20 | 23 | 22 | 39 | 40 | 40 (-18) |

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### What does the table show?

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| <p>Nifer yn sefyll</p> <p>B G Σ</p>                                                 | <p>This column show the number of boys (B) a girls (G) who have followed a short GCSE course in Religious Studies and who have sat the examination this year. The Σ symbol shows the total number of candidates.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>% Rhagoriaeth</p> <p>B G Σ</p> <p>% L2</p> <p>B G Σ</p> <p>% L1</p> <p>B G Σ</p> | <p>The range of qualifications available to pupils has led to a revised way of comparing qualification standards. Short courses contribut 10% to the Level 1 and Level 2 threshold. An A* for the short course is worth 29 points.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>Sgôr cyfartalog y pwnc</p> <p>B G Σ</p>                                          | <p>Each grade is worth 6 points. Therefore an A* grade (short course) is equivalent to 29 points and a C grade is worth 11 points. The total number of points gained by the pupils is divided by the number of puils who have sat the examination in the school. This column therefore represents the average score of boys and girls in Religious Studies in the school and in the local authority. The Σ symbol represents the total number of candidates.</p>                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Sgôr cyfartalog holl bynciau</p> <p>B G Σ</p>                                    | <p>Each grade is worth 6 points. Therefore an A* grade (short course) is equivalent to 29 points and a C grade is worth 11 points. The column showing the average score of all the subjects shows how the pupils who have sat the Religious Studies examination n the school have performed in all their subjects. However this column does not give the whole picture – possibly some subjects are equivalent to 2 GCSEs wheras the Religious Education short course is the equivalent of half a GCSE. Short courses are rare and their value is overwhelmed by those courses which are worth more than one full GCSE.</p> |

### Good results

- 481 candidates from 8 schools in Gwynedd. This is an estimated 36% of the cohort.
- Numbers vary from 10 pupils in one school to 181 in another.
- The average subject score is 22. This suggesates that theses candidates have achieved Grade 3 (Level 2) or higher in the short course.
- More girls than boys have chosen the subject in Gwynedd schools (B 205 : G 276).
- The results achieved by the girls are higher than those achieved by the boys. The avarage subject score achieved by the girls (23) is higher than the average subject score achieved by the boys (20) However the this score does not suggest that candidates are underachieving in Religious Studies.
- Training courses and school visitis will explore the following questions:

- *Why do pupils choose the subject? Why don't pupils choose the subject?*
- *Why do more girls than boys choose the subject?*
- *How do departments administer and teach the subject?*

No pupils from the following secondary schools were entered for an external examination in Religious Education this year.

- Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen
- Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn
- Ysgol Ardudwy