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STANDARDS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES EXAMINATIONS IN 2022

- **Introduction**

This paper summarises the Wandsworth and England results for 2022 Religious Studies GCSE and A Level examinations. It provides more detailed data for Wandsworth down to school level.

This is provided for information and discussion.

- **Summary of national data**

Outcomes are still provisional to date (software to be updated with final data in April). Headline figures are as follows:

The key outcomes for Religious Education in England at KS4 in 2022

- There were 144,010 entries for the full course in GCSE Religious Studies (RS), a significant decrease from 2019 (207,720).
- There were 7880 entries for the short course in GCSE RS, an increase from 2019 (4,350).
- There were 151,890 entries for GCSE RS (combined short and full courses) compared with 2019 (212,070).
- Over the past eight years numbers taking RS examination courses has dropped; it is interesting to note the comparison with 2015 when 338,138 students sat a GCSE in RS.

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• **Summary of Wandsworth data**

- 1,029 students sat a Religious Studies (RS) examination in Wandsworth in 2022, not much below the numbers in 2019 (1,052).
- 952 students sat the GCSE full course, and nine the GCSE short course. This was an increase in full course from 804 in 2019. Nationally, the numbers taking the full course dropped by a third, but they almost doubled for the short course.
- As for previous years, the number of students in the cohort has been included in the data, which shows the wide variation in the percentage of a cohort opting for RS. There was again a great divergence between schools in this: St Cecilia's, St John Bosco and Graveney entered all or almost all their students; Chestnut Grove the vast majority and Ashcroft about half.
- The lowest proportion was at Ernest Bevin where it was around 8% of the cohort.
- Ark Putney again entered no students as it is not offered as a GCSE option. Southfields did not enter any students this year, although it is normally an option.
- Only Francis Barber PRU entered students for the short course.
- It is not surprising that church schools enter more pupils, as RS is entitled to a defined amount of curriculum time, 10% in Catholic schools.
- The points score averages for Ashcroft, Graveney, Chestnut Grove, Burntwood and Harris were comfortably above the LA average; St John Bosco and St Cecilia's perceptibly below. These schools do however enter nearly all their pupils, although by contrast, so does Graveney which had high outcomes. The LA average of 5.9 was much higher than the national average of 5.3.
- This was the third year since the change in the gradings for RS GCSE, from the old A* - G, to the 9 point scale, with 9 the highest outcome possible, and above the old A* grade. 4 is considered a standard pass at GCSE and 5 a strong pass. Direct comparison cannot therefore be made with the results of 2017 and earlier.
- However, Wandsworth students performed better than the national averages, with an average points score of 5.9, up from 5.7 in 2019, compared with 5.3 for all schools nationally. The highest average points (6.5) were earned at Ashcroft, the lowest at St John Bosco (4.9) Only St Cecilia's (5.1) and St John Bosco were below the national average.
- Overall the indicator of grades 9 - 4 showed that Wandsworth was again above the national average – 85% compared with 75.3% national, and above the LA 2019 9-4 average of 78.9%
- In Wandsworth there were 68 entrants for A Level, down from 105 in 2022. All passed with at least an E grade.
- There were 14,950 candidates for religious studies A level in England, again down from the previous exam year and showing a continuously falling trend.
- There are no results for AS level this year. According to the REU, all Wandsworth students studying RS went directly into an A level qualification.
- At A level, the percentage A* - B comparator, in Wandsworth rose to 72% up from 51.4% in 2019. Above this were Bolingbroke, with all three students getting A – B*, and Ashcroft with 89% (19 students) doing so. Burntwood, Chestnut Grove and Graveney were below. Wandsworth was above the national average in both A*- B (national 68.1%) and A* - E, national (99.1%)

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- Although it is sad that the numbers taking A level have dropped, it is great to see that Wandsworth students have achieved above the national averages at both GCSE and A level in every comparator, and above the LA's own outcomes in 2019.

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Subject: Religious Studies (4610)

Qual: GCSE Short Course

Centre	Entries					%A* - C (9 – 4 2018 onwards)					%A* - G/ave pts 2018 onwards				
	2017	2018	2019		2022	2017	2018	2019		2022	2017	2018	2019		2022
NCER National	12489	2490	4350		7880	45.9					94.4				
LA Comparator	162	25	13		9	34.5	24				95.1		n/a		
Ashcroft Technology Academy	0	0	0												
Battersea Park School/Harris Battersea	0	0	0												
Burntwood	159	0	0			35.2					95.1				
Chestnut Grove	0	0	0												
Elliott/ ARK Putney	0	0	0												
Ernest Bevin	0	1/176	0				0					2			
Garratt Park	0	0	0												
Graveney School	0	0	0												
Nightingale School	0	0	0												
Saint John Bosco College	3	0	0			0					66.7				
Southfields (GM)	0	0	0												
St Cecilia's, Church of England School	0	0	0												
Wandsworth Francis Barber (Pru)	0	24/49	13/49		9/38			7.7		11.1		n/a	n/a		n/a

2022 data is provisional

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Subject: Religious Studies (4610)

Qual: GCSE Full Course

Centre	Entries/NOR					%A* - C (% 9 - 4 2018 onwards)					%A* - G/ave pts 2018 onwards				
	2017	2018	2019		2022 Entries	2017	2018	2019		2022	2017	2018	2019		2022
NCER National	248210	162230	207720		144010	71.2	71.8	72.4		75.3	97.9	5.1	5.2		5.3
LA Comparator	886	778	804		952	78.1	82.6	78.9		85	98.9	5.8	5.7		5.9
Ark Bolingbroke Academy	13	9/102	45/111		28/104	61.5	100	82.2		79	100.0	8.0	5.6		5.5
Ashcroft Technology Academy	123	128/201	98/199		97/203	90.2	88.3	91.8		96	100.0	6.4	6.1		6.5
Battersea Park School/ Harris Battersea	0	10/101	23/115		33/166		100	91.3		88		6.2	6.4		6.2
Burntwood	111	51/262	60/264		86/261	67.6	84.3	80.0		91	99.1	5.9	6.0		6.2
Chestnut Grove	115	97/148	131/163		157/175	67.8	91.8	76.3		91	99.1	6.0	5.6		6.2
Elliott/ Ark Putney	0	0	0		0/118										
Ernest Bevin	46	21/176	6/175		13/164	100.0	90.5	83.3		100	100.0	5.5	6.5		5.8
Graveney School	236	249/258	245/255		269/281	87.3	86.3	84.1		89	100.0	6.1	6.1		6.3
Saint John Bosco College	68	56/62	37/45		121/130	51.5	71.4	83.8		73	88.2	4.8	5.8		4.9
Southfields (GM)	18	20/133	26/164		0/145	50.0	25.0	50.0			100.0	2.8	3.7		
St Cecilia's, Church of England School	141	137/137	133/135		148/148	80.1	73.7	62.4		70	100.0	5.2	4.8		5.1

Where old and new style of grading has had to be combined A* has been equated to 8 and C to 4 – please note that the NCER national only includes those RS courses that have Wandsworth school pupils enrolled on them

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Subject: Religious Studies (4610)

Qual: GCE AS level

Centre	Entries				%A-C	%A-B	%A-B	%A-E	%A-E	%A-E	%A-B	%A-E
	2017	2018	2019	2022	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2022	2022
NCER National	13910	16130	7180		70.2	35.8	36	93.3	86.4	87.6		
LA Comparator	108	159	130		76.9	52.2	60.8	96.3	93.1	95.4		
Ark Bolingbroke Academy												
Ashcroft Technology Academy	23	28	31		91.3	64.3	80.6	100	96.4	100		
Burntwood	0	7	0			-			28.6			
Chestnut Grove	12	31	38		56.3	80.6	63.2	100	100	100		
Elliott/ Ark Putney												
Ernest Bevin	11	9	0		81.8	44.4		90.9	88.9			
Harris Battersea	0	7	5			71.4	80		100	100		
Graveney School	23	50	48		69.9	54.0	54.2	100	98.0	91.7		
Saint John Bosco College	0	0	0									
Southfields		10	1			-	-		100	100		
St Cecilia's, Church of England School		17	7			23.5	-		82.4	71.4		

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Subject: Religious Studies (4610)

Qual: GCE A level

Centre	Entries					%A* - C (A*-B 2018 onwards)					%A* - E				
	2017	2018	2019		2022	2017	2018	2019		2022	2017	2018	2019		2022
NCER National	21289	16600	15980		14950	80.6	52.3	50		68.1	98.4	98	97.9		99.1
LA Comparator	109	82	105		68	73.3	52.4	51.4		72	98.2	98.9	96.2		100
Ashcroft Technology Academy	11	11	7		19	100.0	81.8	100		89	100.0	100	100		100
Bolingbroke Academy					3					100					100
Burntwood	28	19	17		9	50.0	42.1	23.5		56	96.4	100	88.2		100
Chestnut Grove	9	11	18		14	88.9	81.8	66.7		57	88.9	100	100		100
Ernest Bevin	4	4	9			75.0	25	22.2			100.0	100	88.9		
Graveney School	25	16	22		11	72.0	62.5	54.5		64	100.0	100	100		100
Harris Academy Battersea	2	0	5			50.0		80			100.0		100		
Saint John Bosco College	0	3	0				0					100			
Southfields	13	7	10			69.2	0	20			100.0	100	90		
St Cecilia's, Church of England School	17	11	17		12	94.1	54.5	64.7		75	100.0	90.9	100		100

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