



Liverpool

**Standing Advisory Council
For Religious Education**

Annual Report

September 2015 - August 2016

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Meetings

The full Liverpool SACRE has met three times from September 2015 – August 2016. Copies of the minutes of these meetings are enclosed with this report.

- 8th October 2015
- 4th February 2016
- 23rd June 2016

A programme of termly meetings has been planned for the year 2016-17

- 13th October 2016
- 9th February 2017
- 29th June 2017

SACRE supported activities

- The need to support schools to deliver effective Collective Worship has remained a priority for SACRE. Liverpool SACRE arranged a one-day CPD conference on RE and collective worship which took place during the spring term 2016. BDBE was commissioned to deliver the CPD at the conference. As part of the commissioned project each school received an extensive bank of resources advice and guidance to support collective worship.
- In October 2015 seventy-five participants from secondary school and academies across Liverpool attended a Religious Education INSET day. In the morning delegates participated in faith based workshops and two presentations including a session on the current issues for RE. General feedback from teachers – a very good day overall - with 93.3% assessing the day as very good or better. The feedback from Headteachers about the day is very positive and they would like a similar event to be organised and to be held in October 2016.
- Liverpool SACRE was pleased that 3 members were able to attend the NASACRE AGM in May 2016 and reported back to SACRE with a summary of the input from Rt Hon Baroness Elizabeth Butler-Sloss and Prof Adam Dinham.
- Liverpool SACRE has developed positive links with other local SACREs.
- Liverpool School Improvement Service has facilitated RE teacher networks and has provided bespoke support for RE to individual schools as required. SACRE continues to have the support of School Improvement Liverpool in scheduling, advertising and taking bookings for Religious Education subject leader meetings and CPD events.
- NASACRE logon on details have been issued to all SACRE members and they have been encourage to look at the information contained on the website.
- The SACRE action plan has been updated
- Standards in RE are monitored via analysis of results in secondary schools at GCSE and

GCE A Level

- Liverpool SACRE provided funding to support several teacher's and SACRE member's attendance at CPD events
- SACRE supported a month long 'HOPE 2016' programme of numerous events which saw the Anne Frank Trust exhibition hosted in a Liverpool secondary school and a series linked of activities for schools and the local community, included a visit from holocaust survivor Zigi Shipper. A bid was submitted for a Westhill Award to support follow up events to be held during spring and summer terms 2017. The bid was successful in gaining a Westhill award of £4000 to contribute to the staging of FAITH 2017 activities and events.
- The Head of Liverpool Hope University's RE Department is a member of Liverpool and Wirral SACRE, and provides a positive link with PGCE, ITT and in-service training.
- January 2015 saw the launch of the 'Liverpool Footsteps of Faith' digital app. This is a new digital app developed by the Youth Council, Liverpool Community Spirit and Liverpool based company 'Draw and Code'. The app maps places of worship in the Liverpool area providing a brief history, information and images, and a virtual tour of each place of worship.
- SACRE supported a joint Liverpool / Birmingham project, the 'Virtues Project', funded through the Jubilee Centre Birmingham by recruiting schools to participate in the project.
- Farmington Fellows have presented at overviews of their projects at a SACRE meeting.

Liverpool SACRE encourages all members to attend meetings. If members are unable to attend they are encouraged to send a deputy to attend meetings if possible. Minutes are circulated to members soon after each meeting with actions arising clearly stated.

Agreed Syllabus

The locally agreed syllabus was reviewed in 2013 and is next due for review in 2018.

Advisory Support for Religious Education

The current LA School Improvement Officer with responsibility for RE joined SACRE in January 2011.

Support has been provided to individual schools regarding RE on request, for example, where there has been a change of head teacher or RE co-ordinator new to the role.

Liverpool LA provides administrative support for SACRE via School Improvement Liverpool Ltd. This includes taking minutes at SACRE meetings, maintaining the contacts list for members, circulation of invitations to meeting and associated documents and handling general correspondence relating to SACRE.

Both the School Improvement Officer with responsibility for RE and Clerk to SACRE are based at Toxteth Annexe Conference Centre, Aigburth Road, Liverpool L17 7BN.

No complaints have been received about RE.

Collective Worship

Collective Worship Guidance for schools

Advice and guidance on collective worship was provided to schools via a Liverpool SACRE Collective Worship Conference, January 2016. Bespoke advice and guidance has been provided to individual schools on request via the link SACRE School Improvement Officer.

A number of schools have shared collective worship resources and materials covering a range of topics such as Mothers' Day, the Hillsborough tragedy, the sinking of SS City of Benares, International Day of Tolerance and Nelson Mandela.

Determinations

SACRE has not received any requests for determinations with regard to Collective Worship, either this year or in previous years. Any school wishing to explore the relevance of a determination (daily collective worship which is other than 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character) in their context should contact the School Improvement Officer. Church schools are not eligible for a determination. For an academy wishing to apply for a determination the correct process is for the Trust to apply through the Education Funding Agency (EFA) to the Secretary of State.

There have been no complaints concerning collective worship.

Finance

Liverpool SACRE has a small budget which is managed by the School Improvement Officer. This enables attendance at conferences, opportunities to run CPD for teachers, for example a conference on Collective Worship, and other activities to support RE in Liverpool.

Liverpool STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) MEMBERSHIP

1 September 2015 – 31 August 2016

Appointed Representative

Roman Catholic	Meg Buckley
Jewish	Harold Cohen
Muslim	Hafiz Amjad Patel
Muslim	Tareq Ahmado
Hindu	Bisakha Sarker
Sikh	Amrik Garcha
Buddhist	No representation at present
Church of England	Penny Thompson
Church of England	Carol Close
Free Church	Jacqui Allward

Teachers

Secondary Schools/Academies

Heather Marshall
Jackie Allward

Primary Schools Rev Andrew Colmar
 Peter Bull
 Debra Garvey
 Alan Harbottle
 Diocese Matthew Hargreaves

Local Authority

Councillor Barbara Murray (SACRE Chair from January 2011)

Councillor Jeremy Wolfson Local Authority
 Councillor Abdul Qadir Local Authority
 Councillor John Coyne Local Authority
 Councillor Anna Keys Local Authority

Gill Lawson LA Representative – School Improvement Liverpool
 Sue Shinkfield LA Representative – School Improvement Liverpool

Co-opted Members:

Dr Matthew Thompson Liverpool Community Spirit Partnership
 Joy Schmack Liverpool Hope University
 Dr Debbie Stanistreet University of Liverpool, Humanist Representative
 Chrissy Edmonds Administrator/Clerk to SACRE – School Improvement Liverpool

Committees

Committee A Christian denominations other than the Church of England plus representatives of other faiths	Committee B The Church of England	Committee C Teachers	Committee D The Local authority	Co-opted members
Amrik Garcha - Sikh	Rev Andrew Colmer	Alan Harbottle	Cllr Barbara Murray	Dr Matthew Thompson –Liverpool Community Spirit
Jacqui Allward – Free Church	Matthew Hargreaves	Debra Garvey	Cllr Jeremy Wolfson	Joy Schmack – Hope University
Kathy Yates – Roman Catholic	Penny Thompson	Heather Marshall	Cllr Abdul Qadir	Sue Shinkfield – SIL Ltd
Tareq Ahmado - Muslim	Rev Carol Close	Peter Bull	Cllr John Coyne	Gill Lawson – SIL Ltd
Harold Cohen - Judaism				Christine Edmonds – SIL Ltd
Imam Amjad Patel - Muslim				Dr Debbie Stanistreet – University of Liverpool Humanist
Meg Buckley – Roman Catholic				
Bisakha Sarker - Hindu				

Attendance at Meetings

	Committee	8 th October 2015	4 th February 2016	23 rd June 2016
Amrik Garcha - Sikh	A	0 Apols	0 Apols	0 Apols
Jacqui Allward – Free Church	A	✓	III	✓
Tareq Ahmado - Muslim	A	✓	✓	✓
Harold Cohen - Judaism	A	0 Apols	0 Apols	0 Apols
Meg Buckley – Roman Catholic	A	0 Apols	0 Apols	0 Apols
Rev Andrew Colmer	B	✓	✓	0 Apols
Matthew Hargreaves	B	0 Apols	✓	0 Apols
Penny Thompson	B	✓	✓	✓
Rev Carol Close	B	✓	0 Apols	✓
Alan Harbottle	C	0 Apols	0 Apols	✓
Debra Garvey	C	0 Apols	✓	✓
Heather Marshall	C	✓	✓	0 Apols
Peter Bull	C	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Barbara Murray	D			✓
Cllr Claire Glare	D	✓	✓	
Cllr Abdul Qadir	D	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Lana Orr	D	✓	0 Apols	
Cllr Anna Key	D	✓	✓	0 Apols
Cllr Jeremy Wolfson	D	✓	0 Apols	0 Apols
Dr Matthew Thompson – Liverpool Community Spirit	Co-opted	✓	✓	0 Apols
Joy Schmack – Hope University	Co-opted	✓	0 Apols	✓
Sue Shinkfield – SIL Ltd	Co-opted	0 Apols	0 Apols	0 Apols
Gill Lawson – SIL Ltd	Co-opted	✓	✓	✓
Christine Edmonds – SIL Ltd	Co-opted	✓	✓	✓
Dr Debbie Stanistreet – University of Liverpool Humanist	Co-opted	0	0	0

GCSE Religious Studies 2016

The following data shows a breakdown of GCSE performance in Religious Studies.



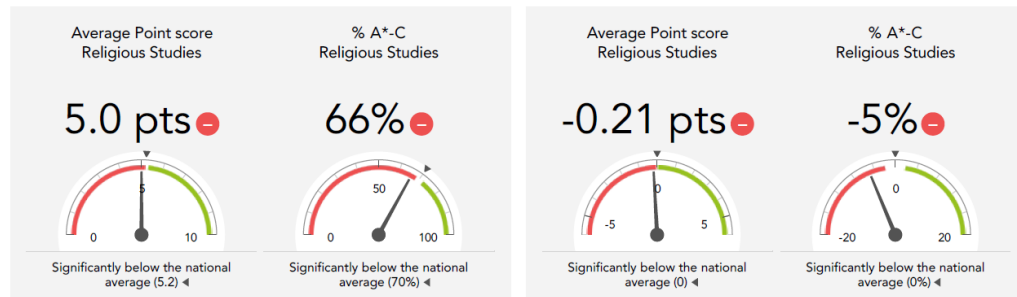
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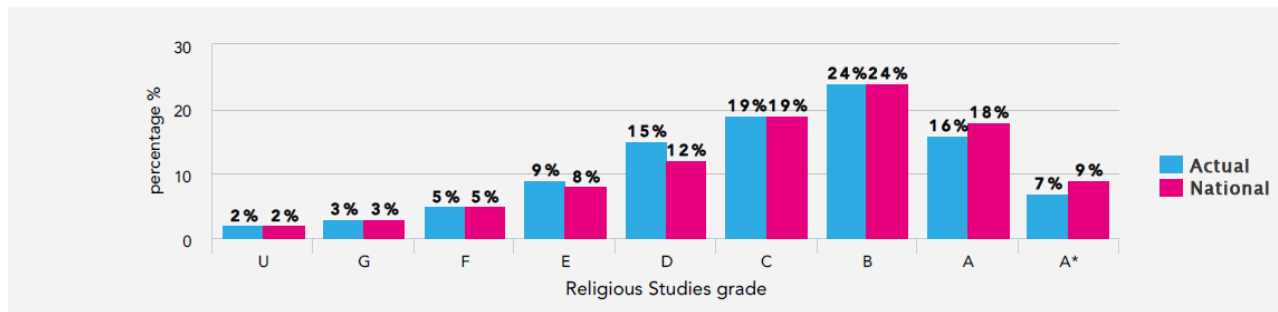
Overview

LA KS4 Attainment 2016 · Actual results
Religious Studies · 2334 pupils

LA KS4 Progress 2016 · Value Added
Religious Studies · 2190 matched pupils



LA Grade distribution 2016 · actual results · 2334 pupils



Attainment & progress

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