

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Report



**Annual Report of the Cheshire West and Chester
Standing Advisory Council
on
Religious Education
2014-2015**

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2014/15

1 SUMMARY

Nicole Meardon continued as Chair of SACRE WITH Jane Brooke supporting 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

15 out of 19 CWAC schools had GCSE entries in 2015

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
CWAC Number of entries	1242	1305	1202	1226	1125
% A*-C (national)	69.6 (71.8)	77.3 (70.2)	73.5 (72.2)	72.3 (72.6)	79.8 (72.0)
% A*-G (national)	98.1 (97.9)	98.9 (97.9)	99.4 (98.4)	98.4 (98.5)	99.5 (98.4)
Average points (national)	41.5 (41.8)	43.18 (41.22)	42.4 (41.7)	41.9 (41.9)	44.1 (41.7)

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

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

KS5 A level

12 out of 14 CWAC schools with 6th forms had A level entries in 2015

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
CWAC Number of entries	133	118	123	119	126
% A*-A (national)	18.0 (24.4)	22.0 (22.3)	24.4 (22.3)	27.7 (22.1)	26.2 (22.8)
% A*-B (national)	43.6 (54.5)	50 (51.5)	52.0 (51.5)	58.8 (52.1)	52.4 (52.5)
% A*-E (national)	97.0 (98.9)	100 (99.8)	100 (99.8)	100 (99.9)	100 (99.5)
Average points (national)		224.2 (225.15)	223.9 (224.8)	229.4 (225.0)	225.5 (224.9)

KS5 AS level

13 out of 14 CWAC schools with 6th forms had AS entries in 2015. AS numbers appear low as often schools do not 'cash in' the AS result at the end of year 12, so they does not appear on any tables

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
CWAC Number of entries	41	46	41	56	41
% A -B (national)	2.4 (43.1)	26.1 (27.1)	22.0 (28.7)	20.1 (29.8)	39 (30.1)
% A -E (national)	73.2 (92.1)	80.4 (86.4)	75.6 (85.2)	94.6 (86.5)	92.5 (88.8)
Average points (national)		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.

2.4 RE Hubs have been established to share good practice and support the development of the RE Quality Mark. Funding of £2000 from Culham St Gabriels was awarded to the REHub

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

Gold Awards

- Eccleston Primary school
- Elton 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
- Lostock Gralam
- Bishop's High School

Silver Awards

- Hartford High School
- Ellesmere Port Christ Church Primary School

Bronze Awards

- St Oswald's CofE Aided Primary School

2.5

The second SACRE lecture took place in February at Chester University with two Headteachers which had achieved the RE Quality Mark from Elton Primary School and Eccleston CofE Primary school, speaking about their good practice.

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.

2.7

The SACRE was given funding by NASACRE to support a school conference to celebrate diversity and successfully took place as a 2 day conference for primary schools. It was the first conference for primary pupils in Cheshire.

2.8 Jane Brooke attended the NASACRE annual conference

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 the Chair of SACRE plus Jane Brooke attended the NASACRE AGM. Nicole Meardon and Jane Brooke were very pleased to deliver two workshops on how the CWAC SACRE was developing.

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 Dec 2014)

NAME	REPRESENTING
Rahima Ahmed	Muslim Community
Naomi Anstice	Specialist Leader in RE
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
Peter Lee	Mormons/Latter Day Saints (LDS) Church
Helen Longmuir	Baha'is
Rachel McCarthy	Church of England
Cllr Nicole Meardon	CWAC – SACRE Chair
Cllr Pat Merrick	CWAC
Jackie Rippin	NUT Rep
Vicky Sewell	NUT Rep
Heather Staniland	Methodists
Catriona Stewart	Humanist
Jay Vaja	Hinduism

Appendix 2 – SACRE Meeting Dates

**SACRE MEETING DATES for
Academic Year 2014-2015**

14th May 2014 – Witton Church Walk CE School

6th November 2014 – Kingsmead Primary School

16th March 2015 – The Blue Mosque, Ellesmere Port

18th May 2015 – Upton High School