



## **Stockport Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education**

### **Annual Report September 2010 - August 2011**

SACRE stands for Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education. In 1988 all local education authorities were required to have a SACRE. The main function of SACRE is to advise its local authority on matters related to religious education (RE) and collective worship for schools in its area. Through SACRE, local communities have the opportunity to influence directly what pupils learn in RE. Elected councillors, representatives of faith communities and teachers are among those members of the local community who sit on SACRE.

#### **1. Activities of Stockport SACRE during the academic year 2010-2011**

Stockport SACRE met three times, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2011, and 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011, and the Agreed Syllabus Conference with similar membership met twice on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2010, and 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

During this period via a continued collaborative approach between Manchester, Salford, Stockport, Tameside and Trafford local authorities and consultants, an agreed syllabus for Religious Education 2011 in schools was drafted and through its various stages was seen by and commented upon by Stockport SACRE at its meetings. After much discussion, the final version has now been approved for adoption as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 and it is intended that the 2011 Stockport Agreed Syllabus and supporting guidance materials will be published on the School and Community Workforce Website open for access by users both within and outside of Stockport. Training was delivered in July 2011 by teacher representatives to both the Primary and Secondary sectors.

Following the government publication of the 2010 non statutory guidance for Religious Education in English Schools a request had been received seeking full membership for the Humanist representative to the SACRE Committee A. (See membership list). Following clarification from NASACRE and in line with current legislation it was agreed that the representative would continue as a co-opted member.

Stockport SACRE unanimously agreed to contribute towards membership of The National Association of SACREs (NASACRE) and has received confirmation of its continuing affiliation.

Stockport SACRE liaised with Stockport Inter-Faith Network in National Inter-Faith Week 21-27 November 2010. The programme for the main event included items from children and young people across schools and faiths represented in Stockport and was very successful.

There has been continuing discussion regarding the place and importance of RE in schools in relation to the core curriculum for schools under review by central government.

2. Stockport SACRE continues to monitor RE examination results across Stockport Schools. A table of results for GSCE in RE in Stockport 2008-2010 (Key Stage 4) is appended to this report. There were 11 schools who offered RE at GSCE and 3 who did not. It was noted that the RE short course was diminishing and concerns were raised over the impact that the DfE introduction of an EBacc performance measure may have on RE studies and qualifications.

3. Membership of Stockport SACRE during Sept 2010 to Aug 2011

**Committee A: Christian and other religious denominations**

Mrs Catherine Eckersley	Bahá'í Faith
Mr Nadeem Ahmed	Heaton's Muslims Community Trust
Mr Alan Duncan	Manchester Muslims
Mrs Marjorie Hendley	Society of Friends-Quakers
Mr Phil Murphy	Roman Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury
Mrs Jackie Savage	Headteacher (NC Jewish Primary)
Ms Carole Weinberg	Jewish Representative Council of Greater Manchester
Ms Helen M Wilson	Roman Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury

**Committee B: Church of England**

Mrs Vivienne Allen	Diocese of Chester
Mrs Christine Hall	Diocese of Chester
Mr John Wilson	Diocese of Manchester

**Committee C: Teacher and Head Teacher Representatives**

Mrs Marjorie Brown	Headteacher, Voluntary Controlled Schools
Mrs Jan Ford	Teacher

**Committee D: Local Authority Representative**

Cllr Chris Gordon

**Co-opted members**

Mr Reg Boot	Greater Manchester Humanists
Ms Elizabeth Young	Stockport Inter-Faith Network

**Clerk to Stockport SACRE**

Martin Obermüller	Stockport Services to People Directorate
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**Minute Secretary**

Yvonne Mellor	Stockport Services to People Directorate
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## STOCKPORT 2008 – 2010 GCSE Religious Studies Examination Information

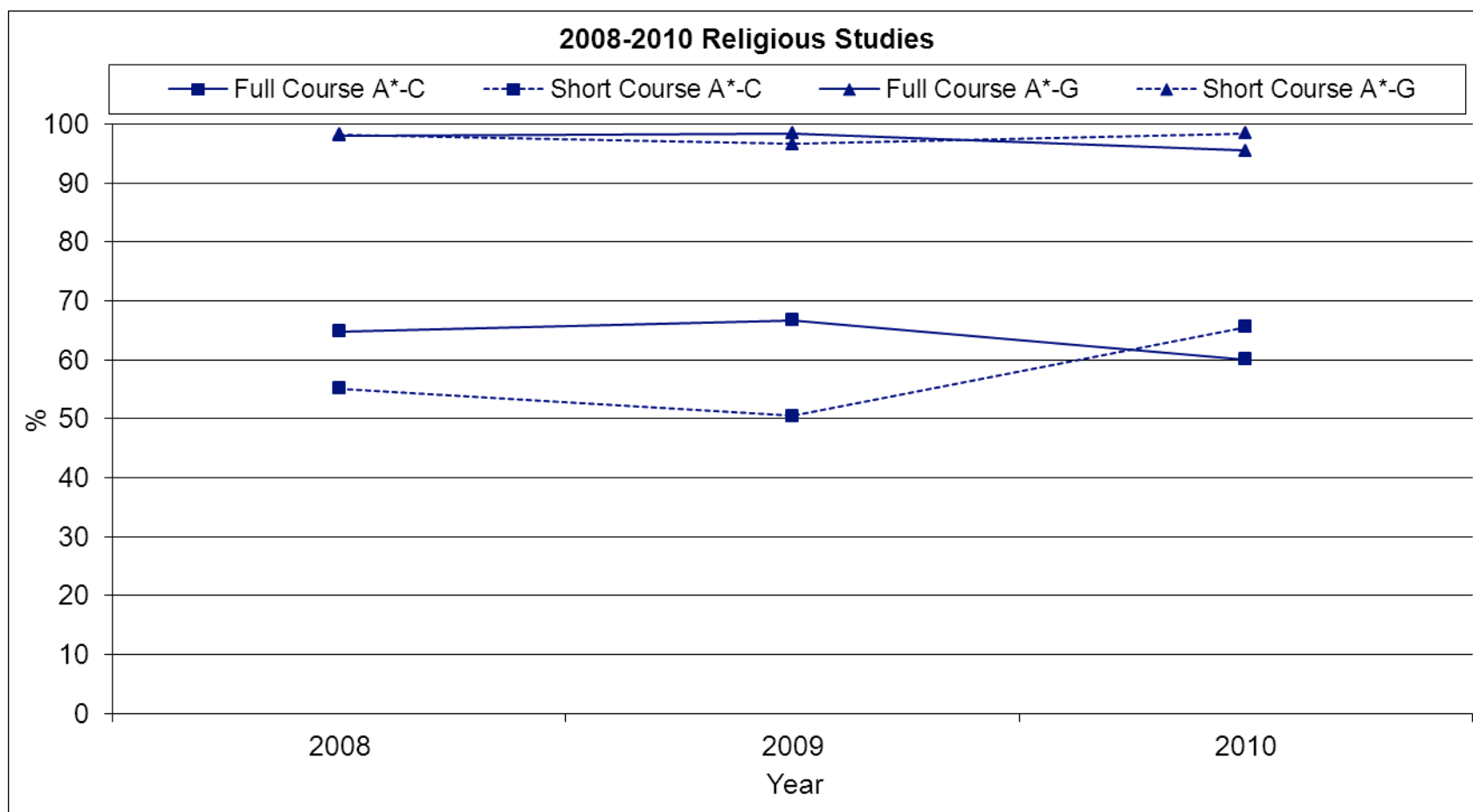
GCSE Full Course	2008			2009			2010		
	No. Entries	%A*-C	%A*-G	No. Entries	%A*-C	%A*-G	No. Entries	%A*-C	%A*-G
Bramhall High				19	89.5	100.0	11	100	100
Cheadle Hulme High									
Harrytown RC High	148	64.9	95.3	147	57.1	97.3	122	86.1	100
Hazel Grove High	28	71.4	96.4						
Offerton High	13	84.6	100.0	6	50.0	100.0	17	100	100
Priestnall	11	100.0	100.0	11	90.9	100.0			
Reddish Vale	33	84.8	100.0	40	72.5	100.0	50	78	100
St. Annes RC High	128	50.8	98.4	140	64.3	98.6	104	50	96.2
St. James RC High	148	72.3	99.3	138	75.4	99.3	147	81	99.3
Stockport School	192	56.3	98.4	183	66.1	97.8	191	52.4	96.3
The Kingsway	19	84.2	100.0				37	73	100
Werneth	25	84.0	100.0	12	50.0	100.0	169	23.7	84.6
<b>Stockport LA</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>60.1</b>	<b>95.5</b>

GCSE Short Course	2008			2009			2010		
	No. Entries	%A*-C	%A*-G	No. Entries	%A*-C	%A*-G	No. Entries	%A*-C	%A*-G
Bramhall High	13	76.9	100.0				1	100	100
Cheadle Hulme High	127	58.3	97.6						
Harrytown RC High	5	20.0	100.0	9	33.3	100.0	37	51.4	94.6
Hazel Grove High							136	68.4	98.5
Offerton High	159	62.3	99.4	129	54.3	99.2	13	84.6	100
Priestnall	56	69.6	100.0	59	96.6	100.0	66	78.8	100
Reddish Vale	12	16.7	91.7						
St. Annes RC High				2	50.0	100.0			
St. James RC High	4	100.0	100.0	10	80.0	100.0	3	66.7	100
Stockport School	1	0	100.0						
The Kingsway	3	33.3	100.0				6	0	100
Werneth	199	44.7	97.5	177	31.6	93.2	46	52.2	97.8
<b>Stockport LA</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>98.3</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>98.4</b>

Data Source: EPASonline

GCSE Full Course	2008				2009				2010			
	No. Entries	%A*-C	%A*-G	QCA Av Pts	No. Entries	%A*-C	%A*-G	QCA Av Pts	No. Entries	%A*-C	%A*-G	QCA Av Pts
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<b>Stockport LA</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>98.3</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>19.3</b>



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