

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

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Examination Results Analysis 2013

GCSE Religious Studies

	MT 2011	MT 2012	MT 2013	All Wales 2013
A* - A	24.6%	19.5%	17.34%	33%
A* - C	61.7%	54.6%	57.23%	73%
A* - G	92.6%	95.7%	95.38%	98%
Entry	175 students 3 schools	185 students 4 schools	173 students 4 schools	11, 414 students

Comments

- In 2013 there was a slight decrease in the entries for the GCSE Religious Studies course with 173 candidates compared with 185 in 2012. The All Wales figure reflects an increase in entry figures with 11,414 students entered for the examination in 2013 compared with 10,221 in 2012 and 9,464 in 2011.
- The average cohort entry for Merthyr Tydfil in 2012 was **25.2%**. This is comparable with the average cohort of 27.3% in 2012 and 26% in 2011.
- The overall % of **A* - C** grades for Merthyr Tydfil was **57.23%** which is a slight improvement on the results for 2012 (54.6%) but below the results for 2011 (61.7%) and 2010 (66%). The overall % of grades A*-C is below the All Wales figure of 73%.
- The overall % of **A* - G** grades for Merthyr Tydfil was **95.38%** which is comparable with the performance of 2012 (95.7%) and higher than the figure for 2011(92.6%).
- The overall % of **A* - A** grades for Merthyr Tydfil was **17.34%** which is below previous performance and the All-Wales figure of 33%.

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GCSE Religious Studies Short Course

	MT 2011	MT 2012	MT 2013	All Wales 2013
A* - A	37.7%	25.8%	22.01%	N/A
A* - C	78.3%	67.2%	55.98%	N/A
A* - G	96%	97.8%	96.14%	N/A
Entry	175 students 2 schools	186 students 4 schools	259 4 schools	N/A

Comments

- There has been an increase in the number of students who sit the GCSE Religious Studies short course. In 2013 there were 259 candidates from four schools compared with 186 pupils in 2012.
- The average cohort entry for Merthyr Tydfil in 2013 was **37.50%** which is higher than the average for 2012 (29.2%) and 2011(26%) but lower than the figure for 2010 (43.85%) and 2009 (44.14%).
- The overall % of **A* - C** grades for Merthyr Tydfil was **55.98%** which is lower than the results for 2012 (67.2%) and 2011 (78.3%).
- The overall % of **A* - G** grades for Merthyr Tydfil was **96.14%** which is slightly below the figure for 2012 (97.8%) but comparable with the performance of 2011(96%).
- The overall % of **A* - A** grades for Merthyr Tydfil was **22.01%** which is lower than the result of 2012 (25.8%) and 2011(37.7%).

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A level Religious Studies

	MT 2011	MT 2012	MT 2013	All Wales 2013
A* - A	2.4%	17.9%	23.08%	20%
A* - C	88.1%	66.7%	84.62%	79.8%
A* - E	97.6%	100%	100%	96.3%
Entry	42 students 3 schools	39 students 3 schools	39 students 3 schools	1, 422 students

Comments

- In 2013 there were 39 candidates entered for the religious studies A Level course. This is comparable with entry figures for 2012 and 2011. The number of candidates who sat the WJEC exam was 1,422. This figure is slightly lower than the number of entries for 2012 (1,447) but higher than 2011 (1,301) and 2010 (1,242).
- The % pass rate for grades **A* – E** was **100%**. This is comparable with the performance of 2012 and higher than the All Wales figure of 96.3%.
- The % pass rate for grades **A* – C** was **84.62%** which is significantly above the performance of 2012 (66.7%) and slightly below performance of 2011 (88.15%). The pass rate of 84.62% is also above the All Wales % pass rate for grades A*-C (79.8%).
- The % pass rate for grades **A*-A** was **23.08%** which is an improvement on the performance of 2012 (17.9%) and 2011(2.4%) and higher than the All Wales figure of 20%.