

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council SACRE

Points to note:

Results are for pupils in NC Year 11 (PLASC 2017)

For consistency with WG published figures data includes entries taken in previous years

CSC figures are not necessarily comparable to WG figures due to discounting being applied by WG if candidates enter more than one examination in the same subject group.

Examination Results Analysis 2017 - GCSE Religious Studies

	Merthyr 2015	Merthyr 2016	Merthyr 2017	Consortium 2017	All Wales 2017
A* - A	30.2%	33.3%	21.6%	27.8%	24.7%
A* - C	74.1%	69.9%	65.4%	71.5%	68.3%
A* - G	98.6%	98.1%	98.8%	98.5%	97.5%
Entry	139 students 23.2% 4 schools	156 (25.4% of cohort) 4 schools & EOTAS	162 students (28.8% of cohort) 4 schools	4789 students (50.8% of cohort)	12401 students (39.5% of cohort)

*EOTAS – Education Other than at School

Comments

- There was a small increase in entries for the GCSE Religious Studies course in 2017 with 162 candidates from 4 schools. In 2016 there were 156 candidates from 4 schools and learners in Education Other than at School. In 2015 there were 139 candidates from 4 schools. In 2017 there was an increase in the All Wales figure at 12401 students entered in 2017 compared with 11051 candidates in 2016 and 11,341 in 2015.
- The cohort entry for Merthyr Tydfil in 2017 was 28.8% which is higher than both the 25.4% entry in 2016 and the entry for 2015 at 23.2%.
- The overall % of A* - G grades for Merthyr Tydfil was 98.8 % which is higher than 98.1% in 2016 and with previous performance. The Consortium performance is the marginally lower at 98.5%. The All Wales figure of 97.8% is also slightly lower.
- The overall % of A* - C grades for Merthyr Tydfil was 65.4% which is lower than the figures of 69.9% in 2016 and of 74.1% in 2015. Performance at A* - C of 65.4% in Merthyr Tydfil is below the Consortium figure of 71.5% and the All Wales figure of 68.3%.
- The overall % of A* - A grades for Merthyr Tydfil was 21.6% which is significantly lower than 33.3% in 2016 and than 30.2% in 2015. It is also below the Consortium performance of 27.8% and below the All Wales figure of 24.7%.

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Examination Results Analysis 2017 - GCSE Religious Studies Short Course

	Merthyr 2015	Merthyr 2016	Merthyr 2017	Consortium 2017	All Wales 2017
A* - A	22.8%	18.7%	7.2%	7.5%	9.8%
A* - C	62.5%	52.0%	33.7%	34.3%	39.6%
A* - G	96.6%	94.1%	90.2%	86.9%	90.2%
Entry	325 students (54.3% of cohort) 4 schools	358 students (58.3% of cohort) 4 schools & EOTAS	306 students (53.6% of cohort) 4 schools & EOTAS	2607students (28%)	9343 students (29.8%)

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Comments

- In 2017 there was a decrease in the number of students sitting the GCSE Religious Studies short course at 306 students from 4 schools along with learners in Education Other than at School. In 2016 there had been a significant increase in entry where 358 students were entered compared with 325 students entered in 2015. Across Wales 9343 students were entered in comparison to 11,666 students in 2016 and 10,098 students in 2015.
- The overall % of A* - G grades for Merthyr Tydfil in 2017 was 90.2% which is a decrease on the previous two years when it was 94.1% and 96.6%. Performance at A*-G is, however, higher than the Consortium figure of 86.9% and matches the All Wales figure of 90.2%.
- The overall % of A* - C grades for Merthyr Tydfil in 2017 was 33.7% which was significantly lower than 2016 at 52.0% and the performance of 62.5% in 2015. However the 2017 performance is comparable to the Consortium performance of 34.3% but below the All Wales figure of 39.6%.
- The overall % of A* - A grades for Merthyr Tydfil in 2017 is 7.2%. This has decreased significantly from the performances in 2016 at 18.7% and 22.8% in 2015. The 2017 performance is comparable to the Consortium performance of 7.5% and marginally lower than the All Wales figure of 9.8%.