

ANNUAL REPORT

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CESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER
STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL

ON

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2013 - 2014



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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

RS KS4 GCSE full course

17 out of 19 CWAC schools had GCSE entries in 2014

	2014	2013	2012	2011
CWAC Number of entries	1305	1202	1226	1125
% A*-C (national)	77.3 (70.2)	73.5 (72.2)	72.3 (72.6)	79.8 (72.0)
% A*-G (national)	98.9 (97.9)	99.4 (98.4)	98.4 (98.5)	99.5 (98.4)
Average points (national)	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

11 out of 14 CWAC schools with 6th forms had A level entries in 2014

	2014	2013	2012	2011
CWAC Number of entries	118	123	119	126
% A*-A (national)	22.0 (22.3)	24.4 (22.3)	27.7 (22.1)	26.2 (22.8)
% A*-B (national)	50 (51.5)	52.0 (51.5)	58.8 (52.1)	52.4 (52.5)
% A*-E (national)	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

10 out of 14 CWAC schools with 6th forms had AS entries in 2014. 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

	2014	2013	2012	2011
CWAC Number of entries	46	41	56	41
% A -B (national)	26.1 (27.1)	22.0 (28.7)	20.1 (29.8)	39 (30.1)
% A -E (national)	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. Schools who received letters are:

Winsford E-Act
The Russett Special School
Christleton Primary School
Hebden Green Special School
Leftwich Primary School
Acresfield Primary School
Capenhurst Primary School
Lower Peover Primary School
Dee Point Primary School
Tarpoley Primary School
Eccleston Primary School
Shocklach Primary School

2.4 RE Hubs have been established to share good practice and support the development of the RE Quality Mark.

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
- Farndon Primary School (teacher is assessor there)
- Lower Peover Primary School (pupils spoke at the House of Parliament at the All Party Parliamentary Group launch)
- The Russett School

Silver Awards

- Hartford High School
- Witton Church Walk Primary School
- Ellesmere Port Christ Church Primary School

Bronze Awards

- Bishops Church of England High School
- St Oswald's CoE Aided Primary School

The Ofsted report for Russett School mentioned the high quality RE and that the school had achieved the gold RE Quality Mark.

Teachers from The Russett School and Frodsham Manor House Primary School spoke about their RE practice at the national REQM conference in February 2013.

Head of RE at Hartford High School and the subject leader at Frodsham Manor Primary School had an article in REToday published about the RE Quality Mark award in their school.

- 2.5 The first SACRE lecture took place in February at Chester University with Rebecca Nye as the key note speaker. 80 attended and responded enthusiastically at question time
- 2.6 The RE subject leader at Frodsham Manor Primary School has become a Lead Learner in RE and attends the SACRE meetings.
- 2.7 The SACRE was given funding by NASACRE to support a school conference to celebrate diversity which will be managed by the lead learner in RE.
- 2.8 Primary Inset was provided on teaching Judaism
- 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 supports Chester Diocesan schools and Rochdale SACRE and is Vice Chair of the national Advisers for RE association.

She is a Project Manager for the RE Quality Mark.

Appendix 1 Membership of SACRE

Appendix 2 – SACRE Meeting Dates

**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

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

14th May 2014 – Witton Church Walk CE Pri School

6th November 2014 – Kingsmead Primary School

16th March 2015 – Blacon Mosque (tbc)

18th May 2015 – Venue to be confirmed