

**ATTAINMENT IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
AT GCSE LEVEL IN
SOUTHAMPTON MAINTAINED SCHOOLS**

An analysis of a 5 year trend in the outcomes for this subject show a large number of pupils take up GCSE programmes of study for Religious Education. There are fluctuations in the data year on year; for example, in 2010 only 360 students sat a GCSE in RE, our lowest number over the last 5 years, which was followed in 2011 by 517 students sitting the GCSE. This year produced the highest number of students sitting this exam over the last 5 years.

Similarly there are year on year fluctuations in outcomes for students. These range from 8% below the data for all schools nationally, to 1.5% above the national attainment figure. However overall, outcomes in this subject are positive.

In 2012 there were 1,972 students on roll in our secondary maintained schools. Of these, 420 were entered into the RE GCSE. This number falls midway between the range of numbers entered over the last 5 years. The table below records the percentage of pupils achieving at each grade in the GCSE.

GCSE Grade	Percentage of Pupils Achieving this Grade
A*	14.3%
A	21.9%
B	20.2%
C	15.7%
D	11.4%
E	7.6%
F	5.2%
G	2.9%

These grades represent 72.1% of students entering for this GCSE achieving A* - C in RE and 99.3% of students entering for this GCSE achieving A* - G

At school level there is considerable year on year variation in the availability of this subject as a GCSE option in some schools.

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