

## **Response from Schools regarding the impact of the implementation of the Welsh Bacallaureate on RE**

### **King Henry V111, Rhian Davies**

From September 2015 all students will study RS Full Course which means that time has been gained due to the introduction of the Welsh Bacallaureate.

### **Monmouth, Sharon Perry-Philips**

Pupils who do not choose RE at Key Stage 4 study some RE via the Welsh Bacallaureate which is taught by form tutors. However, this situation creates difficulty in monitoring the RE skills being covered.

### **Caldicot, Andrew Jones**

All pupils will continue to do full course RS, however, teaching time has been reduced at Key Stage 4 from four hours a fortnight to three hours a fortnight teaching although this is not due to the Welsh Bacallaureate.

### **Chepstow, Chris Jenkins**

As for the Welsh Bacc impact, this year there is none. We continue to teach RS Full Course to higher sets; three sets in Yr 11 and two sets in Yr 10, sitting a Short Course exam at the end of Yr 10, then topping it up with a second at the end of Yr 11; but with only a single hour per week to achieve this - but we do, with good results. Lower sets do a single Short Course in one hour a week across the two years. The Welsh Bacc co-ordinator has only recently returned from maternity leave, so I think that this year has been a lighter touch and it is largely stand-alone, but next year might be different. We shall see; the question may need to be asked again for 2016/17.