

THE NEW WELSH BACCALAUREATE AND RE



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With the launch of the new Welsh Bacallaureate in September 2015, WASACRE is interested to know how schools have managed the implementation of the new qualification in their individual setting, and whether the Welsh Bacallaureate has had a positive or negative impact on religious education in schools across Wales.

By completing the short survey below, schools will enable WASACRE to assess the impact of the New Welsh Bacallaureate on religious education and further enable SACREs to provide the required support to their schools.

1) Since the implementation of the New Welsh Bac, does your school provide statutory Religious Education according to the Locally Agreed Syllabus for RE at KS4?	YES NO	Details (optional) No and hasn't done for a number of years. We have had the WB in our school for 8 years. RE is 'taught' within the WB and full course RS is an option at GCSE
2) Since the implementation of the New Welsh Bac, does your school offer a Religious Studies GCSE qualification as one of the supporting qualifications for Welsh Bac at KS4?	YES NO	Details (optional) Yes, GCSE RS full course has always been an option with uptake of between 50 and 85 each year in Year 10. It is a very successful option with excellent outcomes.
2a) If YES, is the RS GCSE course taught within: a) Core RE time (for all KS4 pupils) b) Option only c) Other	a) b) c)	Details B - Option Time
3) Has the New Welsh Bac had more of a positive/negative or no impact on RE	Please circle: Positive NegativeX None	
4) How has the New Welsh Bac had a positive effect on RE in your school?	Details	
5) How has the New Welsh Bac had a negative effect on RE in your school?	Details Stat RE has to be fitted into the WB. It is taught by form tutors who aren't RE specialists. Despite SoW and lesson resources from the SL, few teachers find the time to fit in the RE in an otherwise very full WB course. When it is included, RE skills aren't specifically developed but rather the WB skills/outcomes.	

6) Do you require any support from your local SACRE?	YES	Details
	NO	Not really since this has always been the case at the school. Not a recent change. Prior to the WB, RE was taught in a stat but non-examination course alongside RS options.