

Baha'i GCSE examination 2008
A joint project of
Baha'i Religious Education Agency (BREA)
and
Local Spiritual Assembly of Baha'is of Brent

This is a step by step procedure of how to participate in this exciting project.

Please note that BREA and LSA of Brent are hoping to have year on year continuity in friends sitting Baha'i GCSE exams which is something examination boards are looking for. Accordingly once our yearly quota is reached you may be asked not to sit the exam for this year.

1.If your community has volunteers to enter for the EdExcel Project, please have each volunteer fill in the form with which you have been provided and send it to:

Dr. Stephen Vickers (for BREA) at Stephen@appleinter.net OR (not both) (for LSA of Brent) either Mr. Farjad Farid (farjad@worldcitizenship.org) or Mr. Hamish McPharlin (hagmish@gmail.com) or Mr. Hassan Afnan (HAfnan@aol.com). This step is very important and allows BREA and LSA of Brent to keep track of the project.

2.Once BREA and LSA of Brent have collected all the names each of you will receive an e-mail indicating whether your services are required for this year. Otherwise we ask you to be patient in God and wait for the next opportunity in the following year.

3.If there are less than 5 candidates in your area please go to step 4 in which case you effectively become the coordinator.

Appoint a community coordinator for the Project. This combines well with your community's SACRE work and promoting Baha'i GCSE at schools. The coordinator is the main person who will be in contact with BREA of LSA of Brent.

4. The coordinator should check with the volunteers whether they wish to enter for the full GCSE (both papers) or the half-GCSE (just the Baha'i paper), and mark the entry form accordingly. FULL GCSE costs approx £56 and requires the candidate to sit two exams each of which are 2 hours. The short course costs approx £30 pounds and involves sitting only a single 2 hour exam.

5.The coordinator should approach a school in their local area that accepts "external adult candidates". Remember not to phone during class time, the "Exams Officer" may be teaching. This role is carried out by a Deputy Head or Senior Teacher, please be very courteous; they do not have to accept the entries. Tell them you wish to enter examination on GCSE RE for Christianity and the Baha'i Faith under Edexcel examination board(Tel :02071904283 Senior project coordinator Ms. Alice Jones).The

subject numbers are 5561 Unit A for short course and Unit H for full course. If the school agrees to do this then they will contact Edexcel.

6. If the school accepts the entries, they will give the coordinator a form for each candidate, which should be filled in and submitted to the school with the required fees. This will be about £30 for the short course GCSE, and around £56 for the full GCSE.

7. If you cannot find a school, the coordinator should email Brent LSA and ask for their candidates to sit in Brent.

8. Baha'i curriculum will shortly be placed on Brent community's web site (<http://www.brentbahais.org.uk/>) and can be downloaded free of charge. BREA is expecting to provide a limited number of printed materials for Christianity curriculum. This will be free of charges except for postal costs. Candidates can request these directly from BREA but should return them in good condition after use.