

# WJEC GCSE Religious Studies

## Newsletter – Autumn 2024

Welcome back! We hope you have enjoyed a well-deserved rest over the summer holidays and are looking forward to the exciting year ahead. This newsletter contains information on our professional learning events both on the feedback from this summer's GCSE exams and preparation for the new specification. There is also a link to a report from Bangor University about RVE. If you have anything you would like to see included in a future newsletter, please let us know! Contact information is at the end of the newsletter. Thank you and have a wonderful term.

### Autumn Term Professional Learning opportunities

Our new Assessment Feedback Package for 2024-25 is an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of how assessments are marked or moderated. This integrated suite of resources and training brings together free access to Principal Examiner reports, marked scripts, and online assessment feedback sessions, as well as a range of optional paid face-to-face Professional Learning events. Learn more about how you and your learners can benefit from our Assessment Feedback Package here: [Assessment Feedback Package 2024-25](https://www.wjec.co.uk/assessment-feedback-package-2024-25)

([wjec.co.uk](https://www.wjec.co.uk)). You can download the most recent Principal Examiner Report and register for FREE, online feedback events on your qualification page:

WJEC GCSE RS 'Feedback on Summer Assessments' online event in English Medium and Welsh Medium, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 4-6pm

### New *Made for Wales* GCSE Religious Studies

We are excited to launch the new specification for Religious Studies. Here are some key dates for your diaries including information on upcoming Professional Learning opportunities.

### Key dates

Approved Specifications Published: 30th September 2024

Publication of Sample Assessment Materials: 19th December 2024

Guidance for Teaching Published: 31st January 2025

## PL Events and Materials

PL Type	Aims	Format and Notes
<p>Your Guide to the new specification module</p> <p><b>Available from end of September 2024</b></p>	<p><i>To support your understanding of the specification document.</i></p>	<p><i>This asynchronous module will be on the "training on demand" tab of your qualification page on the WJEC website. You will need to register to access a link to view.</i></p>
<p>Parent / Options evening flyers</p> <p><b>Available from end of September 2024</b></p>	<p><i>To support you to provide information to parents and learners before start of study.</i></p>	<p>This PDF will be published on your qualification's home page.</p>
<p>Live Online Qualification Briefing &amp; Q&amp;A</p> <p><b>Available 2nd half autumn term 2024.</b></p> <p>Events are open for registration.</p> <p>Visit the <i>Training</i> tab on your new qualification's webpage to view dates and register.</p> <p>Q&amp;A online PL events for WJEC GCSE RS:</p> <p>EM 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024</p> <p>WM 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024</p>	<p><i>To support your understanding of the new qualification, its content and assessment structure. The live event will also refer to resources and upcoming PL and offer an opportunity to put questions to our Subject Teams and specification experts.</i></p>	<p><i>These live online events will be advertised on the WJEC website, and you will be required to register via a link. They will be hosted on Teams Live (Townhall).</i></p> <p><i>The events will be presented by WJEC Subject Advisors with Q&amp;A support from WJEC Subject Officers. There will be English medium and Welsh medium events (except for English and Welsh qualifications).</i></p>
<p>* Preparing to Teach (face-to-face)</p> <p><b>Available from 14/02/25 to 07/04/25</b></p> <p>Registrations for the Pan Wales INSET days will be collected via your head teacher. No registrations through WJEC's website.</p>	<p><i>To support teaching the new specification. There will be a focus on understanding the assessments, assessment objectives, content and teaching approaches based on the specification, sample assessment materials and guidance for teaching.</i></p>	<p><i>These days take place on designated regional INSET days - there are 12 days in this series held across Wales, including 2 Welsh medium days and 1 bilingual day.</i></p> <p><i>These events will be led by WJEC Subject Advisors and our expert presenting teams.</i></p>

Exam and NEA Walk-throughs  <b>Available summer Term 2025</b>  <b>Access via the WJEC Portal secure website</b>	<i>To support you and your learners to understand the structure of question papers/NEA briefs, question types, assessment objectives and marking methods.</i>	<i>These pre-recorded PPT will initially be published on the WJEC Portal secure website only.</i>
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\* Your designated regional WJEC face-to-face INSET date (Preparing to Teach) can be found here: [Made-for-Wales GCSEs \(wjec.co.uk\)](https://www.wjec.co.uk/made-for-wales-gcse)

### Bangor University Report about RVE

In April 2024, Bangor University published a 'Report on the teaching provision of religion, values and ethics in schools in Wales'. You may find this report useful if you teach RVE.

### [Presenting a significant report in the Senedd | Bangor University](#)

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