

WJEC Newsletter – January 2026

## GCSE Religious Studies

The submission deadline of the unit 2 NEA candidate marks is **24<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. The new qualification has four units but only units 1,2 and 3 will be available for first assessment in the summer series 2026. There is a range of support materials currently available, both on the public WJEC web site and the centre accessed portal to support both the examined units 1 and 3 and the non-examined units 2 and 4.

These materials include the detailed specification, specimen assessment materials (SAMs), guidance for teaching for each unit, NEA handbooks, options evening flyer, and 'Examination and NEA walkthroughs' for each unit, along with previous PL materials.

New blended learning materials are now editable for centres to adapt the materials, with many of the legacy materials continuing to be relevant for the new qualification. The materials are designed for candidates to work through the materials for individual self-study or for classroom use. The BBC BITESIZE site also has a range of relevant materials from the legacy GCSE which supports the new qualification.

Later In the Spring term the Bible Society will be producing on-line an updated resource booklet for all the Bible references used in the new specification for both Christianity and Catholic Christianity.

There are a range of new resources produced by Humanists UK to support teachers with a range of materials, available from their website.

### Moderators and assistant markers

Applications to work as an assistant moderator and assistant marker for the new qualification may be made through the appointees' website:

[Make Your Mark – Become an Examiner.](#)

### Get in touch

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