

# GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES WJEC NEWSLETTER – SUMMER TERM 2024

## Summer Series 2024

A range of resources to aid teaching, learning and revision are available on the WJEC website, including student revision planners.

<https://resources.wjec.co.uk>

Students could be directed to use this website for their own revision or for homework, or the teacher may facilitate students using it during lessons. A particularly useful set of resources for independent revision can be found here: [Resource WJEC Educational Resources Website](#) This includes skills-builder tasks where students go from naming a ceremony to describing its features and then explaining its importance. This helps students develop a clearer understanding of the requirements of different types of exam questions. It also includes sorting tasks on the keywords, which helps solidify students' knowledge of these key concepts, which is vital for all of the questions on the exams.

## New qualification GCSE Religious Studies proposed first teaching from September 2025

WJEC has begun the process of developing the new GCSE Religious Studies specification based on the proposal published by Qualification Wales. The new GCSE specification will be completed for September 2024, with first teaching scheduled to begin in September 2025; the first year of assessment for the new GCSE is scheduled for summer 2026, with an examination and NEA task.

It is important to note that this is a two-year unitised qualification.

## Professional Learning for the new qualification

In the Spring term 2025, the WJEC will host a series of professional learning events across Wales to launch the new qualification. This will ensure every GCSE RS teacher in Wales has a chance to receive high quality training before starting to teach the new specification in September 2025. Look out for the email from the WJEC asking you to sign up! Detailed and accessible teacher guidance for teaching the new qualification will also be made available.

## Entry Pathways – Humanities

Last term's newsletter featured information on using Entry Pathways as an appropriate alternative to GCSE for some students. The new GCSE specification will not include a Short Course GCSE RS and so the Entry Pathway may be a suitable alternative for some students. For further information about the Entry Pathways Humanities qualification, please see the subject page (Entry Pathways Humanities) on [Entry Pathways Humanities \(wjec.co.uk\)](#)