

# EXAMINATIONS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

2018 -

## Present Situation

- ENTRY LEVEL (Below GCSE grade G)
- GCSE
- GCE

## ENTRY LEVEL

- 4 GRADES 3 2 1 U
- Target entry: those who would not gain a level 3 at the end of KS2.

## 2018 -

- No direct replacement
- Does not count towards League tables/Progress 8

## GCSE

- 4 Awarding Bodies –  
AQA,  
Edexcel/Pearsons,  
OCR, WJEC

## GCSE

- AO1 (Describe, explain and analyse, using knowledge and understanding) 50%
- AO2 (Use evidence and reasoned argument to express and evaluate personal responses, informed insights, and different viewpoints) 50%

## GCSE - Content

- Either reflect the fact that the religious traditions of Great Britain are in the main Christian, whilst taking into account the teaching and practices of other principal religions represented in Great Britain (in which case students must not be required to study more than two principal religions in addition to Christianity)
- Or support the study of Christianity and/or one or two other principal religions only.

## 2018 -

- AO1 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of religion and belief (religious and non-religious) including
  - Beliefs, practices and sources of authority
  - Influence on individuals
  - Similarities and differences within and/or between religions and beliefs50%  
(Knowledge in isolation maximum 20%)
- Analyse and evaluate aspects of religion and belief, including their significance and influence 50%

## Religions to be studied

- Christianity/ Catholic Christianity
- Buddhism
- Hinduism
- Islam
- Judaism
- Sikhism
- Humanism/Atheism as part of Philosophy and Ethics

## Areas of Study

- Religious Philosophical and Ethical Studies (4 topics)
- OR
- 2 topics plus Textual Studies from 1 or 2 religions (2 themes)

## Study of religion

- Beliefs and Teachings
- Practices
- Sources of Wisdom and Authority
- Forms of expression and ways of life

## Assessment

- AQA – Either 6 religions plus 2 textual (Christian) and 2 Philosophy and Ethics OR 4 Philosophy and Ethics
- OR – Catholic Christianity Plus Islam/Judaism
- Eduqas – Either 4 Philosophy and Ethics, Christianity, Other religion
- OR – Catholic Christianity plus Judaism
- OCR - Religion (No Sikhism nor Catholic Christianity) plus Philosophy and Ethics
- Pearsons - Study of Religion (Catholic Christianity, Christianity and Islam)
- Study of Second Religion (Catholic Christianity, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism and Sikhism).
- Students must then complete one assessment from either:
- Philosophy and Ethics (Catholic Christianity, Christianity and Islam)
- Textual Studies (Mark's Gospel or The Qur'an)

## GCE 2018 -

- Study of a religion plus Philosophy and Ethics/Textual Studies
- Weightings changed: A01 40% (previously 60%)  
AO2 60% (previously 40%)
- AS weightings now 50% for AO2 (formerly 33.3%)
- AS no longer is part of A level

