

GCSE from 2009 Religious Studies



How might your candidates' journey through the new GCSE 2009 Religious Studies differ to that taken through the old specification?

Modular -	the old specification was modular so you'll find no change there!
Resits -	only one resit opportunity for each unit is available
Terminal rule -	at least 40% of the entire GCSE must be completed at the end of the course - this means for 3RS01 or 2RS01 that one unit must be taken when certification is requested. This is the only real change you face between the old and new specs.
Uniform Mark Scale -	candidates' best marks are stored for aggregation when certification is requested, ensuring their best possible performance is awarded.
The GCSE standard -	all units are assessed at the GCSE standard

Below are examples of how your candidates experience of the new specification will differ to that of the old
Please note: this example is not a recommendation of how the course should be sat but an example of one of the ways that a student may approach the qualification.

SHORT COURSE

Old GCSE Religious Studies (3481)

12 or 24 Months				
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS				
Any one unit (5561, 5563, 5565, 5567, 5569, 5571, 5573, 5575, 5577, 5579, 5581, 5583, 5585, 5587, 5589, 5591)	100	Exam	100	Overall grade
OR				
Any one unit (5562, 5564, 5566, 5568, 5570, 5572, 5574, 5576, 5578, 5580, 5582, 5584, 5586, 5588, 5590, 5592)	80 20	Exam Cwrk	100	

New GCSE from 2009: Religious Studies (3RS01)

12 or 24 Months				
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS				
Any one unit (5RS01, 5RS02, 5RS03, 5RS04, 5RS05, 5RS06, 5RS07, 5RS08, 5RS09, 5RS10, 5RS11, 5RS12, 5RS13, 5RS14, 5RS15, 5RS16)	100	Exam	100	Overall grade

FULL COURSE

Old GCSE Religious Studies (2481)

12 or 24 Months				
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS				
Any two units from two different modules listed below				
Units 5561, 5563, 5565, 5567, 5569, 5571, 5573, 5575, 5577, 5579, 5581, 5583, 5585, 5587, 5589, 5591	100	Exam	100	Overall grade
Units (5562, 5564, 5566, 5568, 5570, 5572, 5574, 5576, 5578, 5580, 5582, 5584, 5586, 5588, 5590, 5592)	80 20	Exam Cwrk	100	

New GCSE from 2009: Religious Studies (2RS01)

12 or 24 Months				
ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS				
Any two units from two different modules listed below				
Units 5RS01, 5RS02, 5RS03, 5RS04, 5RS05, 5RS06, 5RS07, 5RS08, 5RS09, 5RS10, 5RS11, 5RS12, 5RS13, 5RS14, 5RS15, 5RS16	50	Exam	100	Overall grade