

GCSE Religious Studies

The new

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Join our **exciting** GCSE Religious Studies pilot

regardless of which awarding body you are currently teaching

Our new pilot **GCSE Religious Studies C: Religion and Belief in Today's World** is the first approach of its kind. Developed in conjunction with key stakeholders.

Why join the pilot?

By taking part in this pilot you will be at the forefront of religious education; you will be able to provide valuable feedback, which could shape the future of religious teaching.

In today's multi-cultural Britain and the wider world, your learners will be exposed to issues resulting from religious differences throughout all aspects of their life. Our new GCSE will provide you with the opportunity to better prepare them for these events and help them develop their own opinions.

How is the pilot different from other GCSE Religious Studies specifications?

Our pilot specification requires your learners to study aspects of two or more religions in an inter-faith framework. It encourages exploration of ideas such as community cohesion and valuing diversity.

The full award offers four compelling units to stimulate your learners and evoke meaningful debate:

• Unit B611: Religion and Belief in the Modern World

Looks at the impact religion, secularisation and Humanism have on society in terms of business, politics and personal freedoms. Your learners also have the opportunity to study two religious movements.

- Unit B612: Religion, Politics and Culture in Britain Investigates religion, its impact and how it has evolved in Britain.
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- Unit B613: The Individual Explores interpretations of the truth and the impact of religion on everyday life.

Unit B614: Community Cohesion and the Individual

Discusses human rights, freedom of expression, influence of technology, including medical and biotechnologies, and citizenship within a religious context.

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What support will be available?

We are committed to providing all our centres with the highest level of support to ensure they feel confident in teaching our new GCSE specifications. You will have access to the following support materials as a pilot centre of this qualification:

- Launch meeting
- Dedicated e-community
- Schemes of Work and Lesson Plans
- Specimen Assessment Materials

Why have we created this pilot?

The pilot is based on recommendations identified by the 2007 Ofsted report: Making Sense of Religion. This report highlighted the need for a religious education specification that enables children and young people to make sense of religion in the modern world. It also called for a realistic approach to controversy to be maintained when making pupils aware of the complexities and ambiguities of religion, all within a framework which encourages them to explore issues openly.

Resource lists

How do I join?

It couldn't be easier! You can register your interest by:

- 1. Visit www.ocr.org.uk/rspilot
- 2. Complete the details below, save the pdf on your computer using the 'Save as...' feature and email the form back to RSpilot@ocr.org.uk as an attachment, alternatively you can fax back this form to 024 7649 6399
- 3. Email the required details to RSpilot@ocr.org.uk

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