

Support highlights

We know teaching has been greatly disrupted in 2020, so to support you we have collated some of our most useful resources. These include materials that will focus your teaching on individual abilities of students, help determine their capabilities and above all save you time. They will enable you to quickly get back up to speed in the classroom and support your students in preparing for exams. Many more resources are available from the [OCR website](#).

GCSE (9-1) RS Specification

[Download our specification](#)

Our GCSE (9-1) specification explains the aims and learning outcomes of the qualification. The specification details what students should know, understand and be able to do. It lists the content in detail for each area of study and provides suggested sources of wisdom and authority. It also explains aspects of assessment in GCSE RS. The specification is your starting point – it is useful for planning, both long and medium term and, also individual lessons.

Scheme of Work

[Download our scheme of work](#)

Our editable scheme of work covers the most popular options:

- Beliefs and teachings and practices – Christianity.
- Beliefs and teachings and practices – Islam.
- Beliefs and teachings and practices – Judaism.
- Religion, philosophy and ethics in the modern world from a Christian perspective.

The scheme of work gives content, number of lessons, suggested sources of wisdom and authority and is packed with suggested resources and activities for lesson

Assessment story: exploring our question papers

[Download our Assessment story: exploring our question papers](#)

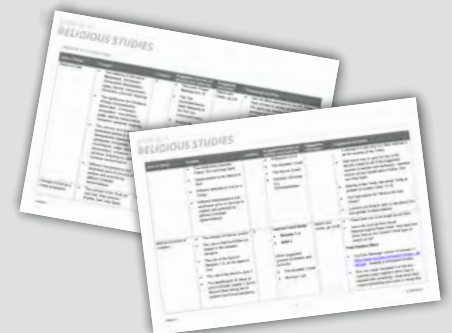
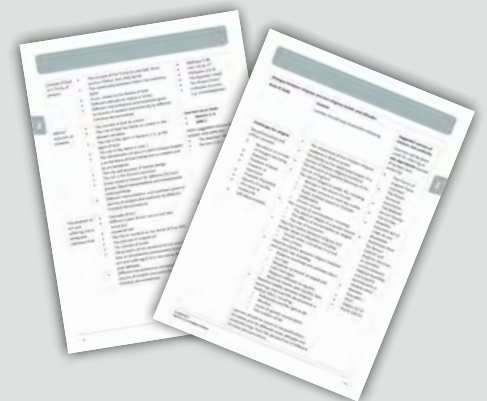
This new resource is an assessment guide for teachers. It explains about the course, question papers, teacher support, assessment objectives, assessment structure, the different papers, the command words and our approach to marking. Clear explanations are given about command words for the different questions.

The guide also features annotated candidate answers for all questions, showing how students approached the questions and why marks were awarded.

New resources to support you

Assessment materials

Access past papers, mark schemes and examiners' reports from the [OCR website](#).



Professional development

Understanding the Assessment: Exam Preparation for the 2021 GCSE Religious Studies (9-1) J625 Exams (Full Day online)

This [event](#) will build on our past exam feedback events, with a greater focus on teaching and learning. It will cover:

- assessment including feedback on previous exams with marking activities for the different questions
- aspects of teaching and learning including planning the course, teaching and learning, revision and assessment strategies.

Improving Your Delivery: Teaching and Learning GCSE Religious Studies (9-1) J625

Building on last year's exam prep event this will cover aspects of planning, teaching strategies, assessment strategies and techniques, revision planning and revision techniques. [Date to be confirmed.](#)

Ask the Subject Advisor: GCSE (9-1) Religious Studies (J625) Update (Online Q&A)

There will be [several free Subject Advisor online updates](#) over the course of the year – these events will provide teachers with an update about the year ahead in terms of resources, networks and CPD. There will be discussion of the key headlines and themes from past examiner reports and an opportunity to ask questions.

Find an event

See our range of professional development courses using the '[Find an event](#)' search tool.

We're now running all our CPD training online rather than face-to-face. Future courses will be in the form of a webinar, offering the same high-quality training as our face-to-face training. If you have any questions, please email professionaldevelopment@ocr.org.uk

Publisher materials

Hodder Education

[OCR GCSE Religious Studies \(9-1\)' by Lorraine Abbott, Steve Clarke and Gordon Kay](#)

This endorsed textbook from Hodder Education covers the most popular options – Beliefs and teachings and practices - Christianity, and Islam; and Religion, philosophy and ethics in the modern world from a Christian perspective. It is available at the cost of £24.99.

Hodder Education has published 'my revision notes', a revision guide covering the same three options which costs £9.99. They also have a range of dynamic learning resources available to purchase.

Polity Books

[Religious Studies for GCSE Philosophy and Ethics applied to Christianity, Roman Catholicism and Islam' by Dennis Brown](#)

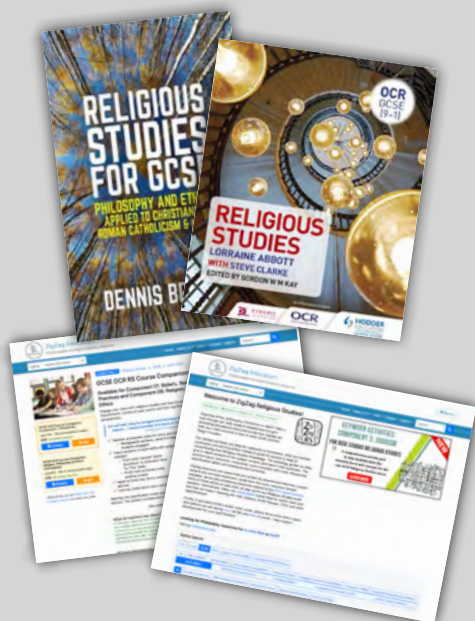
This textbook from Polity Books covers philosophy and ethics themes and examines them from the perspectives of Christianity, Roman Catholicism and Islam. It is available for £19.99.

ZigZag Education

[GCSE OCR Course Companion: Component 1: Christianity' \(£89\)](#)

[GCSE OCR Course Companion: Religion, Philosophy and Ethics \(Christianity\) \(£99\)](#)

Zig Zag have published course companions for the two most popular components along with a range of [other resources](#). Zig Zag resources are in the form of photocopy masters. The purchasing school is licensed to make as many copies as needed for students.



Other resources

The [NATRE](#) website has free and member resources to support you and your students at Key Stage 4/GCSE.

The [BBC Bitesize](#) pages cover aspects of beliefs and teachings and practices. BBC Bitesize is also available as an app on mobile phones.

Revision for OCR GCSE RS from [Seneca Learning](#) covers beliefs and teachings for Christianity, Islam and Judaism and philosophy and ethics.

[True Tube](#) on YouTube features 24 videos asking the ultimate questions – beliefs, traditions and their effect on our lives

[The Bible Society](#) has published a booklet on sources of wisdom for OCR GCSE RS which can be downloaded free. Hard copies can be purchased for £3.50.

Keep connected

Blogs

In this [blog](#) we discuss all you need to know about OCR GCSE Religious Studies including how the course is structured; recent changes to assessment; changes to question papers and answer booklets; resources; and professional development courses.

In this [blog](#) we discuss lessons from the 2019 exam series including headlines from the exams; exam tips and teacher support.

In this [blog](#) we discuss our 2020 OCR RS Forum held in March where the main discussions were around the impact of GQ reforms on GCSE RS; teachers and texts; promoting RE/RS and The Panpsycast podcast.

In this [blog](#) we discuss the future of religious education following the publication of the Commission on RE's final report and conversations at the 2019 OCR RS Forum about the report.

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