

To: Head of GCE Religious Studies

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

Dear Head of GCE Religious Studies

I am writing to remind you that we have modified the GCE Religious Studies specification and you should start teaching the amended specification (issue number 1, published in December 2005, publication code UA017309) for AS and A2 this September.

The first examination of the amended specification will be in June 2007, with subsequent examinations available in the June examination sessions and the coursework unit available in both January and June.

The changes include a move from 6 to 4 units, a wider range of study options and combinations and teacher guidance on the scope and depth of study of each topic.

The entry codes for the new spec are: AS 8560, A2 9560, Unit 1 Foundations 6581, Unit 2 Investigations 6582, Unit 3 Developments 6583, Unit 4 Implications 6584.

The last sitting of examinations for the old specification will be in June 2006 for AS units (6771-6776) and in June 2007 for A2 (6777-6782), with resit opportunities available in January 2007 for AS and in January 2008 for A2.

If you have any queries about the amended specification, please email GCEQualificationsSupport@edexcel.org.uk and title the email 'Religious Studies'. Please provide your name, centre number and centre name.

The amended GCE Religious Studies specification can be downloaded from our website at: www.edexcel.org.uk/rs or via our Publications department on tel 01623 467467.

Yours sincerely,

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