

# WJEC AS/A Level Religious Studies

## September 2022 Newsletter

### Congratulations to the Class of '22!

Congratulations to all the candidates who received their results this Summer. Also well done to all the teachers who supported these candidates during an unprecedented period of disruption. Hopefully, this year will be a more normal academic year!

The GCE examinations were sat and the qualifications were awarded in late August and grade boundaries were set broadly at a mid-way point between the 2019 and 2021 outcomes.

### Welcome to Christopher Owens - the new Subject Officer for WJEC GCSE Religious Studies!

From September 2022 a new Subject Officer will manage the Wales suite of GCSE qualifications. Christopher Owens is a subject specialist with many years of teaching, lecturing and examining experience. He has been a Principal Examiner for WJEC at both GCSE and A Level and has authored textbooks and delivered training. WJEC is delighted to welcome him to the R.S. team.

Going forward, Lynda Maddock will manage the Eduqas GCSE qualifications. She wishes the Wales team all the very best for the future. Lynda has now taken the opportunity to work part-time and has as result give up her WJEC GCSE Religious Studies Subject Officer role. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Lynda for all her hard work during the last 7 years.

### Professional Learning

In 2022/23, the professional learning (CPD) will be available as both face-to-face and on-line events.

Face-to-face events will take place at Llanelli (24<sup>th</sup> November), Llandudno (25<sup>th</sup> November) and Cardiff (5<sup>th</sup> December)

You can book your place on the face-to-face or the on-line events [here](#).

## Option/Parents' Evening Materials

See here a range of engaging promotional material to use with student, parents and senior leaders that highlight the value of studying religion, ethics and philosophy:

[Welcome to GCE Religious Studies](#)  
[Relevance of RS in the modern world](#)  
[Why Study RS ?](#)  
[Rewarding Careers](#)  
[Student videos](#)

## Exam Walkthroughs

These resources offer practical hints and tips on how to effectively approach questions in the examination paper. Using questions from past exam papers, the PPTs with audio help and audio script in the notes will walk you through a mock examination paper, helping you practise useful exam techniques. Available [here](#).

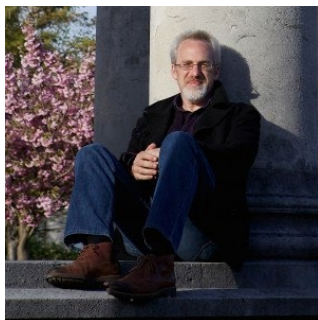
## Knowledge Organisers

Brief summaries of every subtheme within each Unit/Option in one A4 document are available [here](#).

## Entry Pathways Humanities

Entry Pathways Humanities is a qualification that allows learners to achieve credit for their work across units drawn from History, Geography and Religious Studies, with assessment criteria designed to complement the WJEC GCSE qualifications in these subjects. Centres can select units that are drawn from one or more of these subjects to allow those candidates who may not be able to display a successful outcome at GCSE to achieve an Award, Certificate or Diploma in Humanities at Entry Level 2 or Entry Level 3. For further information about the Entry Pathways Humanities qualification, please see the subject page ([Entry Pathways Humanities \(wjec.co.uk\)](#)) or contact us at [entrypathwayshumanities@wjec.co.uk](mailto:entrypathwayshumanities@wjec.co.uk) .

## News about Dr Greg Barker



Many of you may have met Dr Greg Barker at our previous CPD events either in person or online, or maybe Greg visited your centre and has worked with your students? Greg's love of all things relating to Religious Studies (and Star Wars!) is both infectious and inspiring. It is therefore with great sadness, that we have to inform you that Greg is currently receiving palliative care after being diagnosed with a brain tumour earlier this year. If you wish to send a supporting message to Greg, his wife Teresa, and his family you can do so [here](#) (please do so before 29th September). We are all thinking of him and his family at this time.

All the best

**Andrew Pearce**

**Subject Officer for GCE Religious Studies.**