

# GCSE Religious Studies Specification Addendum

## Exceptional Assessment Adaptations (for 2021–2022)

**This addendum should be used in conjunction with the current specification**

The table below shows the units available for Summer 2022 cash in and details where applicable:

- the unit eligible for omission; and
- any temporary adaptations that have been made due to public health restrictions.

**Please note: This applies only to candidates who started their GCSE course in September 2020 and are cashing-in at qualification level in Summer 2022**

See Section 1.5 for the prohibited unit combinations.

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2021–2022
<p><b>Unit 1:</b> <b>The Christian Church through a Study of the Catholic Church and the Protestant Church</b></p> <p><b>Unit 2:</b> <b>The Christian Church with a Focus on EITHER the Catholic Church OR the Protestant Church</b></p> <p><b>Unit 3:</b> <b>The Revelation of God and the Christian Church</b></p>	<p><b>Short Course:</b> one external written examination on students' chosen unit lasting 1 hour 30 mins</p> <p><b>Full Course:</b> two external written examinations, one on each of students' chosen units, lasting 1 hour 30 mins each</p>	<p><b>Short Course:</b> Written examination worth 100%</p> <p><b>Full Course:</b> each written examination worth 50%</p>	<p><b>Units 1 – 9</b></p> <p><b>Short Course:</b> no omissions or adaptations.</p> <p><b>Full Course:</b> Students are permitted the option of completing the examination for one assessment unit and a controlled assessment task for the second unit, as an alternative to the second examination.</p> <p>The Summer 2022 controlled assessment tasks will be made available to schools no later than 31 January 2022.</p> <p>Both units will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.</p> <p>Students are not allowed to do both external examination units and the controlled assessment task.</p>

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2021–2022
<b>Unit 4:</b> <b>Christianity through a Study of the Gospel of Matthew</b>  <b>Unit 5:</b> <b>Christianity through a Study of the Gospel of Mark</b>  <b>Unit 6:</b> <b>An Introduction to Christian Ethics</b>  <b>Unit 7:</b> <b>An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion</b>  <b>Unit 8:</b> <b>Islam</b>  <b>Unit 9:</b> <b>Judaism</b>			The controlled assessment task will be equivalent to 10% of the original specification.

### Full Course

- For those students who started their GCSE course in September 2020 and are due to cash in the full GCSE in Summer 2022 they will be required to enter for *either*:
  - Two external examination units **or**
  - One external examination unit and the controlled assessment task for their second chosen unit
- They will be unable to sit the two examination units **and** a controlled assessment task.
- In both cases the full specification content should still be delivered.

### Short Course

Students who cashed in for the GCSE short course in Summer 2021 and wish to enter for the GCSE full course in Summer 2022 must sit one examination unit.

For candidates commencing their GCSE course in September 2021, it is recommended that, as far as possible, the units are delivered in numerical order in case of any further disruption to the academic year.