

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to inform you about an important change regarding your son's GCSE Full Course in Religious Studies. Starting immediately, we will be transitioning from the OCR J625 (01/02/06) specification to the Eduqas Route A (C120QS) specification.

Course Content:

As with the previous specification, students will continue to study:

- Christian beliefs, teachings, and practices, which accounts for 25% of the overall qualification.
- Islamic beliefs, teachings, and practices, which accounts for 25% of the overall qualification.

Additionally, students will explore **Religious, Philosophical, and Ethical Studies in the Modern World** from both a Christian and non-religious perspective. This will account for 50% of the overall qualification. The four themes that will be covered in this unit are:

1. **Issues of Relationships**
2. **Issues of Life and Death**
3. **Issues of Good and Evil**
4. **Issues of Human Rights**

Reasons for the Change:

The decision to switch to the Eduqas specification has been made for several key reasons:

- **Enhanced Classroom Experience:** The Eduqas curriculum is designed to offer a better classroom experience, particularly within the timetabled allocations for RS.



- **Continuity and Progression:** From September, your son will focus on the final three themes required to sit their summer exams with Eduqas. Everything that your son has studied up until now is still relevant for the new Eduqas specification.
- **Assessment Similarity:** The Eduqas specification closely aligns with OCR in terms of assessment objectives and marking criteria, ensuring a smooth transition and consistency in evaluating students' performance.

We believe this change will benefit our students by providing a more engaging and manageable learning experience.

If you have any questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. McCague
Head of Religious Studies