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WJEC Religious Studies : Data Feedback

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Specification A

8 units (see below), each of the world religion's units consist of:-

Beliefs, teaching and sources	Practices and Ways of life
Expressing Meaning	Identity, Diversity and Belonging
Meaning, Purpose and Truth	Values and Commitments

Those studying **one unit** can achieve a **short course qualification**. Those who study **two units** can achieve a **full course qualification**.

Unit 1 : Christianity	Unit 2 : Christianity and the Gospels	Unit 3 : Roman Catholicism	Unit 4 : Roman Catholicism 2	Unit 5 : Philosophy and Ethics	Unit 6 : Hinduism	Unit 7 : Islam	Unit 8 : Judaism
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Specification B

Again those studying **one unit** can achieve a **short course qualification**.
Those who study **two units** can achieve a **full course qualification**.

Unit 1 : Religion and Life

Relationships – love, marriage and divorce

Is It Fair ? Issues of justice and equality

Look For Meaning – issues about God, life and death

Our World – exploring creation and our place in the world.

Unit 2 : Religion and Human Experience

Religion and conflict Issues of peace, forgiveness and conflict

Religion and medicine Issues of medical ethics and the sanctity of life

Religious Expression Issues of expressing one's faith

Authority – Religion and State Issues of law and order in religion and society

GCSE feedback on the last 3 years

1. In the last 3 years there has been a move away from the Spec A by some centres to Spec B.

There are no longer any independent schools doing the GCSE Spec A short course. The entry is entirely from secondary schools.

	2012	2013	2014
Religious Studies A (Full course)	2,322	2,249	2,029
Religious Studies A (Short course)	439	519	721
Religious Studies B (Full course)	6,382	7,510	7,676
Religious Studies B (Short course)	17,357	17,117	16,661

2. However Spec A Short course numbers have gone up (nearly 300 more candidates).

GCSE feedback on the last 3 years

3. On the whole more candidates are being entered for a Full Course Spec B GCSE (approx. 1100 more)
4. Pass rates for Religious Studies GCSE FULL COURSE either matched or were better than the National Average A*-C pass rate FOR ALL SUBJECTS but the A*-G were slightly below.

	National % A*-C All subjects	Spec A (full)	Spec B (full)	National % A*-G	Spec A (full)	Spec B (full)
2012	65.8%	66.6%	75.0%	98.7%	97.5%	98.3%
2013	65.7%	66.9%	70.9%	98.7%	96.7%	97.9%
2014	66.6%	66.6%	69.5%	98.5%	96.7%	97.9%

5. On average the male/female split at GCSE Spec A is 40% male/ 60% female and 39% male /61% female for Spec B.
6. The pass A*-C rate in Spec B Full course has gone down 5.5% in the last 3 years (but there have been 1100 more entries) .
7. The % of candidates achieving each grade point in Spec B Full course A*-C has dropped by 5.5% from 75.5% to 69.0% in 3 years.
8. On average over the last 3 years in Spec A full course the girls have achieved a 11.7% Higher A*-C rate (71.9%) than the boys (60.2%).
9. On average over the last 3 years in Spec B full course the girls have achieved a 14.1% Higher A*-C rate (78.3%) than the boys (64.2%).

GCSE feedback on the last 3 years

10. Pass rates for Religious Studies GCSE SHORT COURSE are below the National Average A*-C FOR ALL SUBJECTS and A*-G rates (but less so in Specification B).

	National % A*-C All Subjects	Spec A (short)	Spec B (short)	National % A*-G	Spec A (short)	Spec B (short)
2012	65.8%	57.8%	65.7%	98.7%	93.1%	95.9%
2013	65.7%	56.3%	62.9%	98.7%	92.3%	95.7%
2014	66.6%	53.9%	63.3%	98.5%	87.3%	96.1%

11. A very high proportion of those entered for either specification actually sit the exams (for example 97% - Spec A entries and 98% of Spec B entries)

12. Since 2013, in every unit in both Spec A and Spec B on Q. 1(e) 5 marks are awarded for "Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar" (SPAG)

The boys have scored 3.0 marks on average over 2 years

The girls have scored 3.4 marks on average over 2 years

The average SPaG mark for both boys and girls has increased since being introduced.

2013	Boys avg. mark 3.0	Girls avg. mark 3.4
2014	Boys avg. mark 3.38	Girls avg. mark 3.79

		FE/ Tertiary %	Independent %	Other %	Secondary %
2012	Avg.	9.6	8.3	0.0	82.0
2013	Avg.	10.6	12.3	1.2	75.9
2014	Avg.	15.7	11.2	0.6	72.6

1. Entry profile has changed slightly with a higher % of FE/Tertiary and Independent Schools now taking Religious Studies.
2. On average the GCE split (both at AS/A2 level) is a 70% female and 30% male.

GCE AS feedback on the last 3 years

Year	WJEC AS Entries	TOTAL AS Entries in Wales
2012	2,060	2,201
2013	2,001	2,151
2014	2,302	2,480
3 yr. change	242	279

- There has been a 10%+ increase in the number of WJEC AS entries in the last 3 years.

	National % A	WJEC AS % A	National % A-B	WJEC AS % A-B	National % A-C	WJEC AS % A-C	National % A-D	WJEC AS % A-D	National % A-E	WJEC AS % A-E
2012	16.1%	16.5%	40.0%	39.4%	62.9%	62.8%	79.8%	79.4%	90.3%	90.5%
2013	16.7%	17.7%	39.3%	43.9%	63.6%	68.1%	80.7%	83.9%	91.0%	92.8%
2014	16.3%	18.7%	38.5%	42.4%	60.8%	65.4%	78.0%	81.8%	89.4%	91.3%

4. The figures show that that WJEC candidates have generally performed above the national figures in all areas in the last 3 years. Including at A-C and A-E.

As Level	2012	2013	2014	Units ranked by uptake
	No. of sitters	No. of sitters	No. of sitters	
Eastern Religions	901	910	1491	1
Religion and Ethics	960	948	1275	2
Philosophy of Religion	766	688	891	3
Contemporary Society	550	362	826	4
Western Religions	384	473	523	5
Christianity	51	28	31	6
Biblical Studies	42	64	27	7

- At AS level there continues to be a move away from more 'traditional' options such as Christianity/Biblical studies and towards other options such as Eastern Religions, etc.

GCE **A2** level feedback on the last 3 years

Year	WJEC Entries	TOTAL Entries in Wales
2012	1560	1690
2013	1582	1678
2014	1632	1742
3 yr. change	+72	+52

6. There has also been a 4.6% increase in WJEC A2 entries in the last 3 years.

	National % A*	WJEC A2 % A*	National % A*-A	WJEC A2 % A*-A	National % A*-B	WJEC A2 % A*-B	National % A*-C	WJEC A2 % A*-C	National % A*-D	WJEC A2 % A*-D	National % A*-E	WJEC A2 % A*-E
2012	3.0%	3.0%	20.7%	20.4%	54.3%	54.3%	80.5%	81.4%	93.7%	94.7%	98.3%	98.8%
2013	2.3%	2.4%	19.0%	19.9%	50.8%	52.3%	79.2%	81.3%	95.2%	95.6%	98.8%	99.2%
2014	2.5%	3.3%	16.8%	19.1%	48.9%	51.7%	78.1%	80.8%	92.7%	94.0%	97.7%	98.3%

- The figures show that that WJEC candidates have generally performed above the national figures in all areas in the last 3 years. Including at A*-C and A*-E.
- There has however been a very slight drop in the % of WJEC candidates achieving grades A*-E. The largest of these drops being in the A*-B grade range (2.7%)

However this is smaller than the national drop at this range A*-B (5.4%)

GCE feedback on the last 3 years

A2 Level	2012	2013	2014	Units ranked by up take
	No. of sitters	No. of sitters	No. of sitters	
Eastern Religions	482	542	599	1
Religion and Ethics	463	515	470	2
Philosophy of Religion	308	259	300	3
Contemporary Society	136	133	146	4
Western Religions	142	81	96	5
Biblical Studies	15	18	21	6
Christianity	10	11	6	7
Religion and Human Experience	1550	1565	1626	compulsory unit

- The A2 take up pattern almost mirrors the AS one, but there are some differences e.g. a drop in the numbers for Western Religions and a slight increase in the take up for Biblical Studies.

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