



St Edward's School

A Level Religious Studies

Summer Examination Series 2022 – Advice and Guidance for Parents and Carers

What are the key guidance points from the Advanced Information?

- The Advanced Information gives specific guidance points relating to each of the three components of the course (H573/01 Philosophy of Religion, H573/02 Religion and Ethics and H573/03 Developments in Christian Thought).
- As usual, there will be a separate 2 hour examination for each of the three course components. In this time students are expected to answer three essay questions from a choice of four. Usually we would not know in advance what the focus of these four questions but the Advanced Information gives details of which topics students should prioritise.
- Link to full Advanced Information: <https://ocr.org.uk/qualifications/2022-advance-information/>

What are the main adaptations to the exam?

There are no adaptations to the structure of the usual examinations in Religious Studies but the number of topics that students need to revise in depth has been reduced. However, it should be noted that the Advanced Information states: "Students' responses to individual questions may draw upon other areas of specification content where relevant, and credit will be given for this where appropriate. Therefore students should have a working knowledge of the entire specification:

<https://ocr.org.uk/Images/242913-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-religious-studies-h573.pdf>

How will we use this information?

Students will be given details of which topics to focus on in each of the three course components and students will be given guidance on how to show more general knowledge of the wider specification whilst answering a question that focuses on a specific part of the specification.

We will also ensure that the students are given the most authentic experience possible in the practice PPE examinations by following the guidance given in the Advanced Information when constructing practice examination questions.

What can you do?

In support of revision you can encourage the use of suitable sources of revision (as listed in the Sources of Revision section).

You can also check that your child has also understood the Advanced Information correctly and knows how to structure their revision in the most effective way, recognising that repeatedly revisiting topics helps to consolidate their knowledge and understanding.

Please also check that your child knows how to access past papers and is completing practice questions in examination conditions as part of their preparation for their examinations.

Sources of Revision

Textbook provided by the RE Department.

Recommended revision guide (ISBN 978-0-19-842375-1)

<https://alevelphilosophyandreligion.com/>

<http://www.rsrevision.com/Alevel/index.htm>

[BBC Religion & Ethics - BBC Religion & Ethics](https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/0/)
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