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Subject: AQA GCSE Religious Studies Specification A (Christianity)

Dear Colleague

**AQA GCSE Religious Studies Specification A *Christianity***

I would like to introduce myself - I am the AQA Subject Officer for Religious Studies at Entry Level, GCSE and GCE Levels. I would very much like to keep you up-to-date with exciting developments within Religious Studies at AQA. The advice and guidance given to the AQA Religious Studies team by LEA Advisors has been invaluable, and I am keen to find new ways to support this dialogue in order that we can develop the subject, and support of it, still further.

I am delighted that, in this first e-mail, I am able to confirm a number of important revisions to AQA's GCSE Religious Studies Specification A (*Christianity*) which have now been agreed by QCA. This e-mail provides advance notice of these revisions; the letter attached is being despatched to centres currently entered for this specification simultaneously in hard copy.

I also attach a statement of support for the suite of AQA GCSE Religious Studies Specifications from Fr Joseph A Quigley, National Religious Education Adviser for England and Wales, The Catholic Bishops' Conference Department for Catholic Education. Fr Quigley has reviewed AQA's mapping of GCSE Religious Studies Specifications A, B and C, against the content of the Curriculum Directory draft levels of Attainment and the aims of the Bishops' Conference Department, and has confirmed that Specification A meets fully the needs of the Catholic community. The mapping document is attached here for your consideration; it will also be published on a CD-ROM which is packed with further support materials relating to Specification A and which will be issued at the forthcoming launch meetings for the revised specification.

I shall be in touch shortly to both share with you more information about our Specifications, and to circulate material that has been produced in support of the suite of Specifications we offer. In the meantime, I hope that you will not hesitate to share with me your ideas on good practice and on different, but valid, approaches to delivering the AQA Religious Studies Specifications.

With best wishes

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**For the attention of GCSE Religious Studies teachers**

Your ref:  
Our ref: RS/GCSE/SP/DAG

February 2007

Dear Colleague

**GCSE Religious Studies Specification A *Christianity***

Thank you for agreeing to be a member of the nation-wide network of support teachers for GCSE Religious Studies Specification A *Christianity*. I have a number of support materials that I would like to forward to you, and in order to provide this support both quickly and efficiently, and to provide you with future additional support on a regular basis, it would be helpful to receive confirmation of your **e-mail address**. Please e-mail my secretary, Sue Pollard at [spollard@aqa.org.uk](mailto:spollard@aqa.org.uk) at your earliest possible opportunity, **confirming your centre name and centre number in the title of the e-mail**, and we will forward the first set of additional support materials to you upon receipt.

Thank you for your continued support of AQA's GCSE Religious Studies Specification A – it is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Deborah Garnett  
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## GCSE Religious Studies Specification A *Christianity*

I would like to form part of the support network for GCSE Religious Studies Specification A *Christianity*.

I consent to my contact details being circulated to colleagues delivering Specification A *Christianity*. This is the only purpose for which the information will be used and I understand that this is purely to assist with the exchange of ideas on resourcing, planning and best practice in Specification A.

**Name** .....

**Centre Name** .....

**Centre Number**

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<b>Paper(s) Delivered</b>	<b>(tick ✓)</b>
Paper 1A <i>Christianity</i>	
Paper 1B <i>Christian Belief and Practice with Reference to the Roman Catholic Tradition</i>	
Paper 1C <i>The Christian Life and St Mark's Gospel</i>	
Paper 1D <i>Christianity and the Synoptic Gospels</i>	
Paper 2A <i>Effects of Christianity on Behaviour, Attitudes and Lifestyles</i>	
Paper 2B <i>Effects of the Roman Catholic Tradition upon Aspects of Christian Lifestyle and Behaviour</i>	

**Signed** .....

**Position held** .....

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