



Guidance on private candidates and withdrawal from RS GCSE

Private Candidates

- Parklands High School is not currently able to accept private candidate applications for examinations. The [JCQ website linked here](#) lists centres that would be able to offer entries for private candidates.

Withdrawal from GCSE Religious Studies (RS)

- Parents/Carers have a legal right to withdraw their child from the [Religious Studies GCSE \(AQA 8062\) course](#).
- Parklands High School has a legal responsibility to supervise withdrawn students during the curriculum time in which they would have studied Religious Studies.
- During this supervised curriculum time students must complete work set by parents/carers linked to their own beliefs/faith.
- Candidates on roll may also apply to sit additional examinations at a cost to parents/carers, this includes the entry fee payable to the examination board and an administration fee. We cannot offer any additional staff support for courses with non-examined elements so only those courses that are 100% terminally examined would be considered.
- Work for any additional entry can not be conducted during the time gained by withdrawal from RS as previously specified this time is to be used for the personal study of RS.

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