

The Good...

GCSE is taught over

Three years 36%

Two years 64%

This is a reversal of the previous trend when 76% reported teaching the GCSE over three years

No. specialist teachers either stable or increased



In almost a quarter of schools there are now more specialist teachers of RE than in 2019.

The Bad...

20% of RE is taught by non-specialists* in



** In this context, “non-specialist” means a teacher who mainly teaches another subject.*

Teachers received no training even in school in



We understand that external training would be affected by a pandemic, but not ‘in school’ training.

The Ugly ...

No. of schools reporting zero hours for RE in Y11



This is data reported to the DfE by schools as part of the November workforce census.

More RE being taught in



Schools of all types report an increase in provision in the last 12 months

Full GCSE time for RE in



In the past GCSE was often taught in less time than recommended by Ofqual. That trend has reversed.

No core RE is provided in



In these schools, no RE taught to students who did not choose to study the GCSE at KS4.

No entries for short course



This previously successful course is now declining in popularity due to its removal from performance tables

% withdrawals led by schools



28% of withdrawals involve pupils with special needs or disabilities who then are not taught RE