

17 September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to remind you that your son/daughter will be sitting their GCSE in Religious Studies at the end of this academic year.

Historically, our students have done exceptionally well by taking the examination at the end of Year 10 instead of 11. For example, last year's Year 10 cohort achieved an exceptional 45% grades 9-7 and 88% grades 4-9. Students have only the one subject to focus on and all the extra revision sessions that the Religion & Philosophy department put on can be prioritised by students. Also, we have found doing the examination in Year 10 gives students excellent practice for their other subjects' examinations at the end of Year 11.

At Maiden Erlegh we are studying the new Edexcel Religious Studies B (1RBO), accredited by Ofqual in July 2016. This is formed of:

Paper 1: Religion and Ethics (1RBO/1C) from a **Muslim** perspective (1hr45).
Topics: Belief in Allah, Marriage and the Family, Living the Muslim Life and Matters of Life and Death.

Paper 2: Religion, Peace and Conflict (1RBO/2B) from a **Christian** perspective (1hr45).
Topics: Belief in God, Crime and Punishment, Living the Religious Life and Peace and Conflict.

From Year 9, students have had two workbooks (one for the first paper and the other for the second paper), as well as an assessment book. Yellow assessment books will contain all formatively assessed work, including end of unit milestones and practice questions and these are kept in school until closer to the examination.

Your child will also have a PPE (pre-public examination) on **Monday 11 November** where they will have a 1 hour 45 minute paper containing questions on four of the six topics we have studied so far.

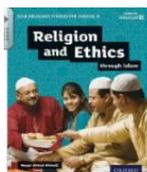
The topics we have done so far (and the ones they need to revise for this PPE) are:

- Belief in God
- Belief in Allah
- Living the Christian Life
- Living the Muslim Life
- Crime and Punishment
- Marriage and the Family

If you wish to support your child further with their GCSE Religious Studies, we recommend:

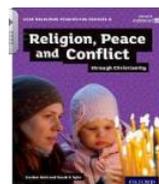
1) **GCSE Religious Studies, Edexcel B, Religion and Ethics through Islam**
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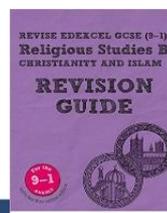
2) **GCSE Religious Studies, Edexcel B, Religion, Peace and Conflict through Christianity**
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Alternatively, there is a good revision guide that you could purchase:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Edexcel-Religious-Studies-Christianity-Revision/dp/1292148829>



In addition, please encourage your son/daughter to utilise our department's google classrooms page.
The code is: **6005sqx**.

Many thanks for your continued support and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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