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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 10 Religious Studies GCSE – End of Year 10

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, 2019's Year 10 cohort (the last year a formal examination took place) achieved an exceptional 45% grades 9-7 and 88% grades 4-9. Last year's cohort achieved 48% grades 9-7 and 83% grades 5-9. Students have only one subject to focus on and therefore, 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 exercise books (one for the first and the other for the second paper), as well as an assessment book. Assessment books will contain all formatively assessed work, including end of unit milestones, and are kept in school until closer to the examination.

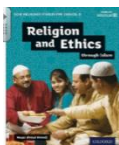
Your child will also have a PPE (pre-public examination) **Monday 8 November** where they will have a 1 hour 45 minute paper containing questions on four of the six topics we have studied so far.

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

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



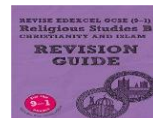
By Waqar Ahmad Ahmedi
ISBN-13: 978-0198370413

2) GCSE Religious Studies, Edexcel B, Religion, Peace and Conflict through Christianity



By Gordan Reid and Sarah Tyler
ISBN-13: 978-0198370444

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. There are videos where a member of the RP team talk through the content from each unit, revision resources, exemplar answers, completed glossaries and past paper questions to try in the 'study resources' folder. The code is: **q26q3ik**

GCSEPod is also great tool that we subscribe to, that your child can use to support with their revision. GCSEPod makes learning and revision much more manageable as content is broken down into small chunks. This video link is useful to understand how GCSEPod works and how you can use this to support your child with their revision at home: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKXN_FGBxFg. On our RP google classrooms page, there are links to videos on GCSE Pod that are useful for each of our units so please encourage your child to use these to help them navigate to pods that link to our exam board.

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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