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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 10 - Religion and Philosophy Examination

As you are aware, your son/daughter will shortly be sitting their GCSE Religious Studies examinations. Your child has received their examination timetable in tutor. The papers are as follows:

Monday 16 May 2022 - 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.

Thursday 26 May 2022 - 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.

Students have been working incredibly hard in preparation for these examinations over the last two years and I would like to remind you of all the resources that are on our google classrooms page (code: q26g3ik). There are revision PowerPoints, practice questions, glossaries, and revision videos to help students to revise. In addition, the team have created revision PowerPoints which go through this year's advanced specification information.

Your child is still more than welcome to attend our weekly drop-in sessions, which take place each Tuesday in G2. In this session your child can complete independent revision with a specialist on hand to answer specific questions and ask teachers to mark their practice questions.

On Monday 16 May from 8:00am, your child is more than welcome to attend a short booster session in the dining room, where RP staff will be on hand to give last minute advice and encouragement before their morning examination. There will also be a booster session during the school day on Thursday 26 May to help students just before their second, afternoon paper.

We wish them every success in their examinations.

Key Stage 4 (PSMSC)

PSMSC is a very important part of our curriculum at Maiden Erlegh School, lessons allow students to find out about and discuss a range of topics which impact on their lives and their futures. Examples include: cyber-safety, careers education, diversity awareness and drugs and substance misuse education.

It is delivered in a variety of ways but mainly through the pastoral programme and the Core Humanities curriculum. A key element of PSMSC is the wellbeing component, which includes sex and relationships education which is taught in the context of developing positive values and a moral framework that will guide their decisions, judgements and behaviour but also build self-esteem and a sense of self-worth so they have the skills to judge what kind of relationships they want. After your child's Year 10 Religious Studies GCSE examinations, students will be studying PSMSC in their Religion & Philosophy lessons.

In these lessons, they will be covering:

- Guidance about job or apprenticeship interviews
- Positive body image and self-esteem
- A sensitive exploration of mental health issues and ways to access mental health support
- Safety online, especially in response to sexting and online pornography
- Consideration of the media's portrayal of sex and sexual relationships, including an awareness of pornography

Delivery of these themes will run in line with our Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) and Equality Policies, both of which can be found on the website.

Governors recognise the important of all students' participation in SRE. A parent may, however, exercise a right of withdrawal from these lessons if the content is not part of the national curriculum (Section 405 of the Education Act 1996). Should you wish to exercise your right to withdraw your child from SRE you should inform the Headteacher in writing. If your child is withdrawn from SRE sessions, we will ask you to provide your child with appropriate work while they are being supervised.

We may invite you in to meet with Mrs Bendall (Senior Assistant Head Teacher) who will explain the school's policy and discuss your concerns with you.

If you have any questions about the course, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please also note that your son/daughter's GCSE results will be handed out in the first week of September, after the summer break. There will be a notice to inform students of which day after school the results can be collected and which venue we are using to do this. We wish your child every success in their examinations.

Yours sincerely

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Miss S Jones
Head of Religion and Philosophy

