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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, 2022's Year 10 cohort (the first formal examination since the pandemic) achieved an exceptional 32.9% grade 9 (the whole country's average was 9% achieving a Grade 9 for RS), 68.6% grades 9 - 7 and 91.9% grades 4 - 9. Students are so successful because they can prioritise all the extra revision sessions that the Religion & Philosophy department deliver. In addition, we have found doing the examination in Year 10 gives students practice, as well as confidence for their other subjects' examinations at the end of Year 11.

At Maiden Erlegh we are studying 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: Muslim Beliefs, 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: Christian Beliefs, 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. In Year 10 they have one exercise 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) the week after October half term (date tbc by the examination team) where they will have a 1 hour 45 minute paper containing questions on four of the six topics we have studied so far.

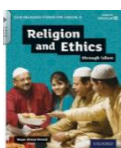
The topics we have completed so far are listed below and the ones that are asterisked, are the four appearing in the November PPE:

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| - * Christian Beliefs | - * Living the Christian Life | - Crime and unishment |
| - * Muslim Beliefs | - 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

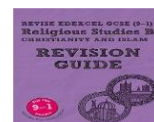


**2) GCSE Religious Studies, Edexcel B,
Religion, Peace and Conflict through
Christianity**

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. On this page there are completed glossaries, past paper questions, revision resources, exemplar answers and videos where a member of the RP team talks through the content from each unit. 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 GCSEPod 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.

Additionally, the RP team will be delivering **revision sessions on Google Meets** for two of the topics in the November PPE. The first will be on **Monday 10 October** which will cover the unit 'Christian Beliefs' and the second will be on **Monday 17 October** which will cover the unit 'Muslim Beliefs.' Both will run online from **4:00 – 4:30pm** to allow students enough time to go home and log on. The Google Classrooms page students should join to attend these has the code: **fy6k5u7**. We look forward to seeing as many students there as possible.

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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Head of Religion and Philosophy

