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Dear Parent/Guardian

### Year 10 – Religious Studies GCSE Exams

I am writing to remind you that your son/daughter will be sitting their GCSE in Religious Studies in May this year and that they have their final PPE on Thursday 14 March.

Historically, our students have done exceptionally well by taking the examination at the end of Year 10 instead of 11. For example, 51% of 2023's Year 10 cohort achieved the outstanding grades 7-9 and 77% achieved a grade 5 and above. 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. **The examination date is Thursday 9 May (AM).**
- **Paper 2: Religion, Peace and Conflict (1RBO/2B)** from a **Christian** perspective (1hr45).  
Topics: Christian Beliefs, Crime and Punishment, Living the Christian Life and Peace and Conflict. **The examination date is Thursday 16 May (PM).**

Your child will also have their final PPE (pre-public examination) on **Thursday 14 March** where they will have a 1 hour 45-minute paper containing questions on four of the seven topics we have studied so far.

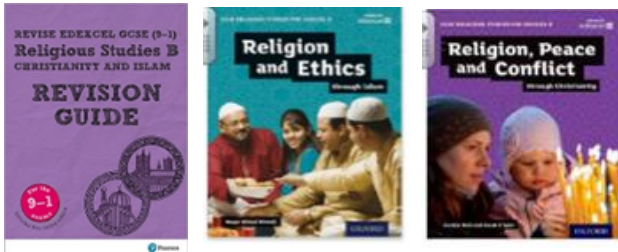
The topics we have completed so far are listed below. There is one more unit in the exam called Peace and Conflict which we are currently studying, and this will be completed by Easter. The topics that are asterisked are the four appearing in the March PPE:

- Christian Beliefs      \* Living the Christian Life      \* Crime and punishment  
- Muslim Beliefs      \* Living the Muslim Life      - Marriage and the Family      \* Matters of  
life and death

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 Classroom 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: q26g3ik**

The RP team will be delivering **revision sessions on Google Meet** for three of the topics in the March PPE. The first will be on **Wednesday 21 February** which will cover the unit 'Living the Muslim life', the second will be on **Wednesday 28 February** which will cover the unit 'Living the Christian Life' and the third session will be on **Wednesday 6 March** which will cover the unit 'Matters of life and Death.' All the revision sessions will run online from **4.00-4.30pm**, to allow students enough time to go home and log on. The Google Classroom page students should join to attend these has the code: **fy6k5u7**. We look forward to seeing as many students there as possible. After the sessions, the PowerPoints the teacher talks through will be uploaded onto the Google Classroom page. To ensure students have had the opportunity to revise all four topics in the March PPE, in one of our lessons before the PPE we will revise the final unit, 'Crime and Punishment.'

Finally, **after Easter**, we will be running **drop-in sessions** in G2, and G3, where students can come to us each **Wednesday from 3-4pm** to complete practice questions, with an RP specialist on hand to help them when required.

Over the next few weeks to prepare for the March PPE, we strongly recommend that you encourage your child to attend the online revision sessions, and then complete practice questions each day to consolidate each topic. Practice question booklets are on the Google Classroom page: **q26g3ik**. Please remind your child that if they would like a practice question marked, they should give it to their RP teacher who will provide feedback.

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

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