



20 March 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 10 - Religious Studies GCSE Examinations

I am writing to remind you that your son/daughter will be sitting their GCSE in Religious Studies in May this year.

Historically, our students have done exceptionally well by taking the examination at the end of Year 10 instead of 11. For example, 54% of 2025's Year 10 cohort achieved the outstanding grades 7-9 and 84.6% achieved a grade 5 and above. Students are so successful because they can prioritise the extra revision support that the Religion and 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 Tuesday 12 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 Wednesday 20 May (PM).

The topics we have completed so far are listed below. We are currently studying our final unit: Peace and Conflict, and this will be completed by Easter.

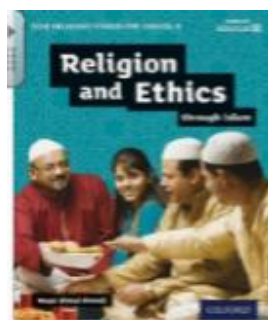
- Christian Beliefs
- Living the Christian Life
- Crime and punishment

- Muslim Beliefs
- Living the Muslim Life
- Marriage and the Family
- Matters of life and death



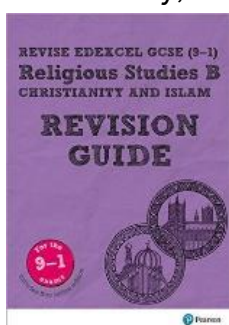
If you wish to support your child further with their GCSE Religious Studies, we recommend:

**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: 987-0198-8370444**

Alternatively, the following revision guide could be purchased:



<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**

After **Easter**, we will be running **drop-in sessions** in G2 and G7, each **Wednesday from 3-4pm**. During these sessions, students can complete practice questions with an RP specialist on hand to help them.

Over the next couple of months, to prepare for the final examination, we strongly recommend that you encourage your child to engage with the revision resources available on Google Classroom, in particular, by completing practice questions each day to consolidate each topic. Please remind your child that if they would like to receive feedback on some of their practice questions, they should give their responses to their RP teacher.

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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