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Dear Year 10 Parent/Guardian,

Year 10 GCSE RE exams

The purpose of this letter is to share important details regarding the upcoming GCSE RE exams.

DATES OF THE GCSE RE EXAMS (held in the Leisure Centre)

There are specific exam protocols to follow e.g. only writing in black ink. Students are aware of these due to the PPE in December 2023 and information shared in class. I will write again with final reminders about these at the start of next term.

GCSE RE Full Course Exams:

Paper 1 Tuesday 13th May (AM) (1hr 45mins)

This assesses Christian Beliefs and Practices; Islamic Beliefs and Practices

Paper 2 Wednesday 21st May (PM) (1hr 45mins)

This assesses Themes – Religion, Peace and Conflict; Relationships and Families; Religion and Life; Religion, Crime and Punishment

GCSE RE Short Course Exam

Wednesday 21st May (PM) (1hr 45mins)

This assesses Christian Beliefs; Islamic Beliefs; Religion, Peace and Conflict; Relationships and Families

REVISION MATERIALS

All Year 10 students will receive their revision folders during their lessons this week. These include the relevant GCSE RE specification, every single past paper question, and other revision materials such as knowledge quizzes for all the units being assessed. These folders should supplement other materials Year 10 students have been directed to, including their exercise books, Google Classroom and online revision videos.



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It is expected that all Year 10 students will use the revision folders and other materials to revise over the Easter break. All students have been given guidance about practical activities of how to do this to ensure their revision is productive and active.

REVISION EVENTS

Revision Sessions - Tuesdays in H4 and H12 3:15-4pm

You have already been made aware of these as they have been underway for several weeks. They are currently open to Full Course students and will be opened to Short Course students on Tuesday 29th April (inclusive).

GCSE RE Full Course Walking / Talking Papers – Thursday 1st May (Periods 1-3)

All Year 10 Full Course students will participate in a revision session in the Main Hall instead of normal lessons. It will be an opportunity to review exam technique and add further top tips to their toolkit. This is NOT an assessment.

GCSE RE Short Course Final Booster Session – Wednesday 21st May (P1/2)

All Year 10 Short Course students will participate in a fast-paced, confidence-building revision session on the morning of their exam. This will be an opportunity for any last-minute queries and to revisit some key knowledge they may need to use.

Should you have any questions or queries arising from this letter, please do contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Abby Jones Subject Leader - RE









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