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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 10 Religious Studies GCSE examinations

Students in Year 10 will soon be sitting their Religious Studies GCSE examinations on 16 and 26 May. **This will determine their GCSE result in RS as the subject is 100% exam based.**

To help prepare students we are doing the following:

- Giving detailed feedback on their PPE2 papers with reference to EDEXCEL's marking guidance.
- Providing a clear summary of what students do and do not need to revise from the specification.
- Offering revision timetables for students to follow from next week as they prepare.

We will also provide after-school revision sessions ahead of the exams. Each session will be online with a subject specialist, beginning promptly at 4.00pm. More details of these will be provided to your child after the Easter break.

I cannot over-emphasise the importance of thorough and consistent revision in helping prepare students for their exams, particularly their understanding of key terms and concepts from the course. These enable students to understand the questions in the paper and give accurate explanation in their answers.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could encourage your child to make use of the help being offered to them and to attend the revision sessions. As a reminder, the topics in the exams are:

RELIGION	TOPIC
Islam	Belief in Allah
	Living the Muslim Life
	Marriage & Family
	Matters of Life & Death
Christianity	Belief in God
	Living the Christian Life
	Crime & Punishment
	Peace & Conflict

Please remember that a number of revision resources are available:

- The school offer the EDEXCEL Religious Studies Kerboodle resources, including both course text books in their entirety and a wealth of unit summaries, key terms lists and practice tests.
- GCSE Pod is a new addition to the online resources available to students with lots of useful revision videos and activities.
- The GCSE Google Classroom has been in development for over four years and has been successfully used by students preparing for exams in previous years. The code is ifya3ui.

- A revision guide covering all of the units for the GCSE exam is available from Amazon. This will not be needed by all students because of the other resources available, but some may benefit from it. It costs £5.99, ISBN: 978-1292148823

Yours sincerely,

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