

Paper 1 Study of Religions- Christianity and Islam

Provisional Date: 9th May Duration: 1hr 45 in total approx. 50 minutes per paper on each religion.

Content: Beliefs and Practices of both religions.

Paper 2-Themes in Religious Studies

Provisional Date: 16th May Duration: 1hr 45

Content: Relationships and Families, War and Peace, Religion and Life and Crime and Punishment

You may wish to purchase one of the following:

New Grade 9-1 GCSE Religious Studies: AQA A Complete Revision & Practice with Online Edition (CGP GCSE RS 9-1 Revision) **ISBN-13:** 978-1789080926

AQA GCSE Religious Studies A: Christianity and Islam Revision Guide **ISBN-13:** 978-0198422839

AQA GCSE Religious Studies A: Christianity and Islam (Oxford Revise: Religious Studies) **ISBN-13 :** 978-1382040389

Top Tips:

- Ensure you are using the correct technique for the questions. Start by highlighting the command word in the question and looking how many marks it is worth. 4 mark questions require 2 ways/types/reasons and require the technique: Point-Develop it with an explanation, 2nd Point- Develop it with an explanation. 5 mark questions are the same technique but to get the 5th mark you must make reference to a relevant Biblical or Qur'anic teaching.
- 12 mark questions require a detailed response. Use the FACE technique (Arguments) For-explained in detail. Refer to religious views if appropriate. (Arguments) Against-explained in detail. Refer to religious views if appropriate.
Conclusion-which side of the argument is strongest and why?
Evidence- Use examples, reasons and key religious teaching to support your points throughout your answer.

Revision Sessions

Revision sessions will continue throughout the year. Those scheduled for January are targeted intervention sessions based upon results from the trial exam. Students will be invited to these by their class teacher. Those running after January are advertised via Google Classroom, the HLS Religion and Worldviews Instagram page and via email/the weekly newsletter. **All revision sessions will be from 3.15pm to 4.00pm.**

How do I prepare for my exams?

- Regularly access Google Classroom. The religion and worldviews department has placed knowledge booklets, revision guides, practice questions and model answers on there to support you in preparing for your exam.
- Create your own revision materials using the knowledge booklets and guides provided by the department. This could be cue cards, mind maps or summary sheets.
- Watch GCSE pod videos, make notes on these and then apply this to practice questions.
- Access past papers, mark schemes and examiners reports to increase familiarity of what the exam will be like.
- Submit practice questions (in addition to those set in class or for homework) to your teacher for feedback. As well as in the knowledge booklets and on Google Classroom these can be accessed at:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062/assessment-resources>