

To: Parents/Carers of Selected Year 10 RS Students

Our Ref: 128321B

12 February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware your son/daughter will be sitting their Religious Studies GCSE this year and I am writing to inform you about the key dates and additional revision opportunities to support their preparation for these. The exam dates are as follow:

Monday 11 May 2020 pm - Paper 1: Beliefs and Practices

This exam lasts **1 hour and 45 minutes** and consists of **two** sections on **Christian Beliefs** and **Buddhist Beliefs** and **two** sections on **Christian Practices** and **Buddhist Practices**. A mock was completed on this on 18 November 2019.

Tuesday 19 May 2020 pm- Paper 2: Thematic Studies

A mock in this was completed on Tuesday 11 February 2020.

Students must choose to answer the 4 topics we study which are as follows:

- **Theme A – Religion, relationships and family**
- **Theme B – Religion and life**
- **Theme D- Religion, peace and conflict**
- **Theme E –Religion, crime and punishment**

In order to prepare students as best as possible, I wanted to make you aware of the following revision sessions available to students:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Focus</u>
Tuesday lunchtime	12.35-1pm	Miss Mooney	KF38	Revision of all topics interlinked.
Wednesday lunchtime	12.35-1pm	Mrs Ollett	KF34	Revision of all topics interlinked.
Thursday lunchtime	12.35-1pm	Ms Swift	KF39	Revision of all topics interlinked.
Friday lunchtime	12.35-1pm	Miss Mooney	KF38	A drop in session for any student wanting help on a topic, answering a question or support with revision strategies.

Revision materials have been distributed in lessons and electronic copies can also be found on the VLE along with additional revision materials. Religious Studies lessons after February half term will be focused on revision, exam terminology and exam question practice. We will also be offering Easter Booster sessions during the Easter holidays, which we shall inform you about in due course.

We recommend the following online resources to support your son/daughter's revision:

- GCSE Pod- students to register with their school emails.
- Quizlet- <https://quizlet.com/MissMooneyRS>
- Seneca- instructions will be given on how to join on sample revision timetables have been given to all students.

Finally, if you wish to purchase a revision guide we recommend the following guide to support your son's/daughter's revision- **AQA GCSE Religious Studies A: Christianity and Buddhism Revision Guide- by Marianne Fleming, Nagapriya, and Peter Smith**. It can be found on Amazon.

We want to thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions feel free to contact me on the school's telephone number in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,



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