

How to Succeed in Year 10 Religious Studies

(AQA Religious Studies A)

The best chance of success in all subjects is:

- an excellent punctuality and attendance to lessons
- a positive attitude to learning
- high aspirations, resilience and a determination to achieve
- a commitment to independent study (homework and revision)

In Religious Studies we provide the following support to ensure that all students make the best possible progress:

Knowledge organisers - These can be used to revise the key learning ideas. Students have copies of these in their homework booklet. Digital copies are also available here: - [Year 10](#) & [Year 11](#)

PLCs - These can be used to assess the knowledge for each topic in Religious Studies. Students will be using these to RAG the understanding for each topic, this is a useful technique when revising. All students have copies of these in their class books.

Google classroom - This is where students will find useful information regarding their GCSE Religious Studies subject. Students will be able to access past exam papers and markschemes from the AQA exam board. There will also be website links for students to access further revision material, topical articles relating to a specific unit they may be studying, and revision tips and guides to aid their learning.

Exam questions - Below are past paper questions students can use to revise. Mark schemes are easily accessible in the [shared KO drive](#) in google.

- 📄 RS Exam questions - Christian Beliefs.pdf
- 📄 RS Exam questions - Buddhist Beliefs.pdf
- 📄 RS Exam questions - Theme A - Relationships.pdf
- 📄 RS Exam questions - Theme B - Life.pdf
- 📄 RS Exam questions - Christian Practices.pdf

Homework - We expect students to spend up to **40 minutes** completing their Religious Studies homework each week. Booklets are provided for each topic studied, that contain the schedule of homework for each week. Homework should be completed in the spaces provided, following the clear instructions contained for each task. This will be checked and completion recorded weekly, on an agreed day. Homework booklets are also available to print out from your child's Google Classroom for Religious Studies, should they lose or damage their original.

Extended Support - Additional support will be provided for specific students initially that would benefit the most from it. This will be an opportunity for them to ask any questions and

complete tasks with a smaller number of students. This support will then be opened up to all students as we approach the exams.

Revision Material

We recommend that students buy a revision guide and workbook:

- **Revision guide** - AQA GCSE Religious Studies A: Christianity and Buddhism Revision Guide - AQA GCSE Religious Studies A (Paperback) ISBN: 9780198422853

OR

- **Revision guide** - Grade 9-1 GCSE Religious Studies: AQA A Revision Guide (CGP AQA A GCSE RS) Paperback – 22 May 2017 ISBN 10: 1782946411

- **Revision flashcards** - GCSE AQA A Religious Studies: Christianity & Buddhism Revision Question Cards (CGP AQA A GCSE RS)
- **Workbook** - AQA GCSE Religious Studies A (9-1) Workbook: Christianity and Buddhism for Paper 1. ISBN:9780198445647
- **Workbook** - AQA GCSE Religious Studies A (9-1) Workbook: Themes through Christianity and Buddhism for Paper 2. ISBN: 9780198445654

Useful revision websites

- <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zjgx47h>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/>
- <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/blog/gcse-religious-studies-revision/>

If there are any subject concerns please contact the class teacher early so that we can support. By working closely together we can make sure students make the best possible progress.