

Curriculum information for Religious Studies Year 10

Which exam board and course are used?	AQA, specification A.
What curriculum topics are being covered this year?	• Family and Relationships • Christian Beliefs, Teachings • Peace and Conflict • Islam Beliefs
How many exams have students got and what is covered in each one?	External examinations: none Internal assessments: mid and end of each unit. These will be under exam conditions and timed. Questions will be taken from previous GCSE exam papers. End of year assessment with GCSE questions, completed in exam conditions. Marked against the AQA standardised mark scheme.
What should students be focusing on?	Students should secure their understanding by reviewing their learning on Teams, BBC Bitesize. There is a lot of content to learn and so students would benefit from creating revision resources, such as flash cards and mind maps, which they can use through the whole of their course. It is never too early to start collating revision tools now rather than rushing to complete them later. In class, students should focus on building their skill set. They should ensure that they have learnt quotes and religious evidence to support their points.
What is the best way for parents/carers to support students in this subject?	Parents/carers can test their child's knowledge and understanding of key terms and ideas, especially in the run up to assessments. Parents/carers should encourage their child to revisit topics previously learnt to keep their knowledge fresh. Parents/carers can also talk and debate with their child about the issues which have come up in the various topics. This helps develop evaluation skills and supports students in being able to explain arguments clearly.
What websites and resources would be helpful? What wider reading would be helpful? Where can I get resources?	The most useful websites for revision are BBC Bitesize and https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/ . Both sites provide information and explanation, as well as quick quizzes to test knowledge. https://quizlet.com/ and https://knowunity.co.uk/auth/signin are websites that provide online revision resources that are pre-made. They can be accessed at home or on the go – so revision can be done anywhere. Ben Wardle provides excellent knowledge through his YouTube account (https://www.youtube.com/@BenWardle), with plenty of tips as well as explaining knowledge/content.

	AQA Revision Guide can be purchased through the school website at a discounted rate. Resources can also be found on Teams and/or Class Charts. Plan your revision. Use a revision guide template, here is an example of one: https://www.ncchomelearning.co.uk/blog/essential-free-study-revision-timetable/
Have previous students got any tips or advice for this subject?	• Give yourself plenty of time to revise for assessments and exams. Leaving it until the last-minute means you don't do your best work. • Try to think about how ideas relate to each other. There are many times that quotes used in one topic can be used in others too. • Revise by completing past questions. Doing this will help you know what you have remembered, as well as ensuring you know where there are gaps in your skills.