

Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, the RP GCSE exams are on **12th May and 20th May**, which means we are very much now on the countdown to the final exams.

For many students, RP can provide the opportunity to achieve one of their best grades and their RP grade can be the key factor in meeting the entry requirements to get a place at the college of their choice. Universities will often also look back to GCSE results as the only external exams taken by students at the time of their applications to differentiate between candidates of a similar standard.

It is not too late for students to make a significant difference to their final grades, but it is essential that in the time we have left Year 11 are trying their best in lessons and completing worthwhile revision tasks and homework.

I am sending this letter to ask you to check in with your son or daughter to make sure they are revising for their RP exam and that they are taking it seriously. This letter also outlines how you can best support your son or daughter in their revision.

We have been taking the following actions in school to support students:

- Individual feedback has been given on mock papers and all students have identified targets to help them move forward.
- Year 11 have been reminded of classroom expectations, for example arriving on time and catching up missed work, so we can utilise the teaching time effectively.
- All students have been set homework and revision tasks designed to aid their independent revision. Please check Bromcom for this and do let us know if you require a hard copy.
- Students have SENECA revision tasks to complete and have a bank of resources in the Year 11 Team folder to help them revise/ catch up missed content from Yr10 or Yr11. Students will be show in lesson how to access their Teams folder, but if they are still struggling, they should alert their class teacher.
- Targeted interventions sessions are being delivered as part of the intervention programme that students will be invited to.

Below you will find some helpful information with regards to the exam board information and how your child should be revising.

Thank you for your continued support of RP. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via rp@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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Head of RP



Religious Studies Revision Sheet

Examination board AQA
Syllabus 8062

Structure of Exam

Tuesday 12th May AM. Component 1: The study of religions: beliefs, teachings and practices of (50% of GCSE)

- Christianity Beliefs and Teachings
- Christianity Practices
- Islam Beliefs and Teachings
- Islam Practices

Wednesday 20th May PM. Component 2: Thematic studies (50% of GCSE)

- Theme A: Relationships and families
- Theme E: Religion, crime and punishment
- Theme D: Religion, peace and conflict
- Theme F: Religion, human rights and social justice.

2 x written exams: 1 hour 45 minutes

96 marks (plus 3 marks for Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG))

Useful Websites/Apps/Books:

Exam Paper Links: AQA: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/student-support/for-students/revision/revision-resources>

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z6bw2hv>

SENECA: <https://www.senecalearning.com/>

GCSE POD

RE definitions app

- AQA Religious Studies A Christianity (978 019 837033 8)
- AQA Religious Studies A Islam (978 019 837034 5)
- AQA GCSE Religious Studies A: Christianity and Islam Revision Guide by Marianne Fleming, Harriet Power, Peter Smith. (Available on Amazon)

How to revise for RP:

- ✓ Writing practice exam answers
- ✓ Writing timed answers
- ✓ Planning essays
- ✓ Learning key terms and definitions
- ✓ Learning quotes and scripture
- ✓ Get someone to test you on key word definitions
- ✓ Ask someone to proofread your work and help them with SPaG

Tips to Answer Exam Questions:

1 Mark Question

"Give one....."

- All you have to do is list one correct answer that relate to the question.
- DON'T explain them.
- DO try to give one word answers.

4 Mark Question

"Explain two....."

- Explain - to make something (an idea) clear by giving more relevant detail.
- To get 4 marks you need to give two correct points and then explain each of them.
- DON'T just describe.
- DO it as a paragraph.

6 Mark Question

"Explain two....."

- Explain - to make something (an idea) clear by giving more relevant detail.
- To get 4 marks you need to give two correct points and then explain each of them. For the 5th mark add a quote.
- DON'T just describe.
- DO it as a paragraph.

12 Mark Question HIGH FIVE!

"Evaluate this statement"

Paragraph 1: Introduction

- Define key word

Paragraph 2: Arguments for

- Point
- Explain
- Example

Paragraph 3: Arguments against

- Point
- Explain
- Example

Paragraph 4: Religious P.O.V + quote

- Point
- Explain
- Example

Paragraph 5: Conclusion

- Give opinion
- Explain opinion