KINGSWINFORD ACADEMY
ASPIRE TO EXCELLENCE

Year 11 Achieve Excellence - Parent Support Guide
GCSE Religious Studies

Key Exam Information:
Exam Board: AQA: SPEC A
Assessment: *There are 2* ***papers*** *for GCSE Religious Studies, sat on different dates. The topics/ lengths/ weighting of papers are below:*

PAPER 1*:* ***Christianity*** *(25%) and* ***Islam*** *(25%) 1 hour 45 minutes*

PAPER 2: **Themes A:** Relationships and families, **Themes B:** Religion and life, **Themes E**: Religion, Crime and Punishment & **Themes F:** Religion, Human rights and Social Justice. (50%) 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Course Overview:
At present we are studying Theme E, after Christmas we will move onto our final topics of Islam Beliefs and practices. Students completed christianity Beliefs and practices in year 10.

YEAR 10	*Autumn*	Christianity Beliefs and Teachings
	Spring	Christianity practices
	Summer	Theme A & B
YEAR 11	*Autumn*	Theme E & F
	Spring	Islam Beliefs and Teachings & Islam practices
	Summer	Revision/Exams

Key content/ skills covered:
- Recall Knowledge of all periods covered *(weekly homeworks on their Google Classroom/ SENECA Learning will help support this - please encourage students to complete these)*
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of topics covered
- Write clear paragraphs (PEE)
- Analyse SOURCES of authority.

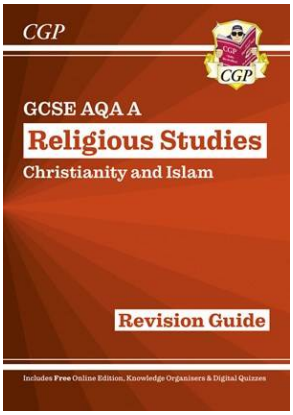
Support for these skills are covered in our Achieve Excellence Programme, which runs after school on a ***Thursday in HU6.***

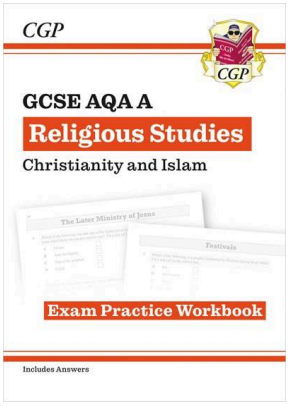
Actual exam dates for Summer 2027 are as follows (provisional at present);

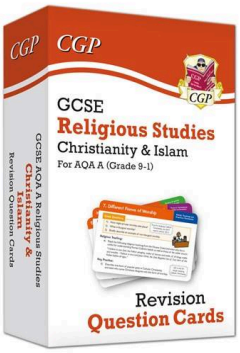
- **Religious Studies Paper 1: Christianity and Islam: Thursday 13th am May 2027 (AM)**

- **Religious Studies Paper 2: Themes A,B,E & F : Friday 21st May 2027 (PM)**

Links to past papers and revision guides:







Revision guides are available through the school shop on Arbor for £3.60 - we would recommend purchasing one through there as they are cheaper than buying from elsewhere.

Past papers can be found at:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aeagK4LSH6UWXPV4pz05NFQKg1pR75MGeOWiKT0LnNE/edit?tab=t.0

Links to revision sites/ resources:

SENECA Learning - on SENECA classrooms, students have been set up for all courses.
AQA: Religious Studies Exam Walkthroughs - Religious Studies
GCSE BITESIZE: AQA: RS (make sure you search for AQA and the correct topics)
AQA Past Papers
(Christianity Beliefs)
(Christianity Practices)
(Islam Beliefs)
(Islam Practices)
Theme A: Relationships and families
Theme B: Religion and Life
Theme E: Religion, Crime and Punishment
Theme F: Religion, human rights and social justice.docx

GCSE Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zjgx47h

The most useful resources for revision, outside of the revision guide, will be found on the GCSE Religious Studies Revision Google Classroom - students can join this classroom with the code:**e7rnuy2**. *This is also the classroom that online revision sessions will run from during holidays and the night before each exam.*

Point(s) of contact: For any queries, please contact your child's teacher, or the Curriculum Lead for Religious Studies (gpurewal@kingswinford.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)