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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Religious Studies GCSE**

I am writing to introduce myself as the new head of religious studies and to outline the plan for religious studies for the rest of this academic year.

As you know, your son or daughter will be taking their GCSE examinations for religious studies in May and June next year (final dates yet to be released). They took an internal examination at the end of year 9, the results of which you will have seen in their end of year report. These results have given us an indication of each student's progress over year 9 and have helped us to plan the lesson materials for each of the groups in year 10.

Just before half term, students will take a shorter assessment in their lessons. This assessment will help me to judge the progress of each of the classes and to guide the teachers in terms of any material that needs revisiting. It will also identify any students who may need additional intervention.

In November, year 10 students will take a mock examination in religious studies. They will take 2 papers, over 2 hours:

Paper 1 – Religious teaching and practices – Christianity and Islam

Paper 2 – Philosophical issues – 2 questions from 3 topics, 'Good and Evil', 'Relationships' and 'Life and Death'

These examinations are extremely important as we are providing students with mock exams to prepare them fully for what they will experience in the formal examinations.

The results from the mocks will inform our planning for the rest of the year, which will include an intensive revision programme from Easter onwards.

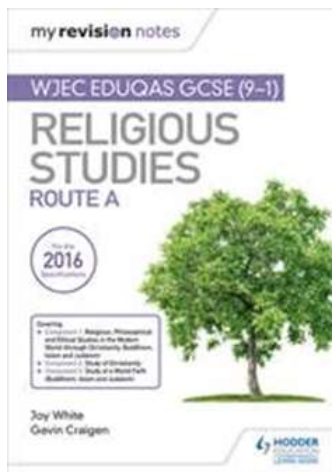
The GCSE examination that students take in the summer will be: GCSE Religious Studies (Full Course) Route A Component 1 (NEW EDUQAS). The summer examination will comprise 3 papers as outlined below:

Paper 1 - (2 hours) Philosophical Issues (50%) – Human Rights, Good and Evil, Relationships, Life and Death

Paper 2 - (1 hour) Christianity - Beliefs & Practices (25%)

Paper 3 – (1 hour) Buddhism - Beliefs & Practices (25%)

We recommend the following revision guide as an accompaniment to the course and would advise you to purchase it for your son or daughter so they can support their studies throughout the year. The guide is “WJEC Eduqas GCSE – Religious Studies Route A – My Revision Notes” – by Joy White and Gavin Craigen – Hodder Education.



Please encourage your child to revise in the run up to these assessments and examinations. If you require any further information then please contact me via email.

Yours sincerely,

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