

## Curriculum information for Religious Studies Year 9

<b>Which exam board and course are used?</b>	AQA, specification A
<b>What curriculum topics are being covered this year?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crime and Punishment</li> <li>• Christian Beliefs</li> <li>• Christian Practices</li> </ul>
<b>How many exams have students got and what is covered in each one?</b>	<p>External examinations: none</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>What should students be focusing on?</b>	<p>Students should secure their understanding by reviewing their learning on Teams, BBC Bitesize and using their knowledge organiser. 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.</p> <p>In class, students should focus on building their skill set. They should ensure that they have learnt evidence to support their points.</p>
<b>What is the best way for parents to support students in this subject?</b>	<p>Parents can test their son/daughter's knowledge and understanding of key terms and ideas, especially in the run up to assessments. Parents should encourage their son/daughter to revisit topics previously learnt to keep their knowledge fresh.</p> <p>Parents can also talk and debate with their son/daughter 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.</p>
<b>What websites and resources would be helpful? What wider reading would be helpful? Where can I get resources?</b>	<p>The most useful websites for revision are BBC Bitesize and <a href="http://senecalearning.com">senecalearning.com</a>. Both sites provide information and explanation, as well as quick quizzes to test knowledge.</p> <p>An RS revision guide is available to buy cheaply from the school's online shop. This guide is useful both at home and when used to support learning in lessons and one guide covers all topics examined in Year 11. Students have also been issued with a knowledge organiser, which covers the units of work for all three years.</p>
<b>Have previous students got any tips or advice for this subject?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>