



Friday 27 September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

I wanted to take this opportunity to express how incredibly proud I am of your child as we have started to embark on this important journey into their GCSE option subjects. The transition into Year 10 can be challenging but they have navigated it with remarkable enthusiasm and maturity. Their dedication to embracing new subjects and the commitment they've shown in settling into their chosen pathways has been truly impressive. I have no doubt that this positive start will set the foundation for a successful year ahead. I have no doubt that their hard work and perseverance will pay off!

Preparation for RE examinations

We are now into the second and final year of preparation for the RE GCSE with the examinations in the Summer Term of 2025. This is a great opportunity for students to gain a positive examination performance and achieve a grade that matches their potential. This will set them up for a successful Year 11, where they will complete all their other subject examinations. Valuable experience is always gained in the build-up of preparation for real exams, through the advice given in lessons and assemblies. 85% of our Year 10 students last year achieved a grade 4 or higher in RE, with many students achieving above their target grade by one, two or even three grades. The greater majority of students also find that the RE result is useful to them, in reference to the grades they need by the end of Year 11, to carry on their journey to a destination of their choice.

I strongly recommend that all students take advantage of what is discussed below, with mock exams set up, with the intention of students demonstrating what they know, so they can receive valuable feedback on any gaps in their knowledge and continue to improve.

Dates of mock exams

Mock 1 is timetabled for Wednesday 23 October 2023. Students will meet in the canteen at 8.45am. This is a two hour paper. All students will be given a small pack of key revision for the main topics in the mock. This is also available on Go4schools. There will be an optional revision session for all students on Tuesday 22 October, from 3.15-4.15pm in the RE rooms. Students can access revision resources for this Mock on the Digital Learning Hub and they are also on Go4schools. A reminder that when students are in school and open their internet browser, the Digital Learning Hub will be their landing page; if at home, they can access this through the school website on any PC, phone or tablet using the DLH shortcut tab on the top right of our homepage.

Mock 2 will be timetabled in Feb 2025. This will also be a two hour paper. From January onwards students will have the option to attend after school revision sessions on a weekly basis on key topics and exam structure. A timetable will be communicated nearer the time.

Provision final exam dates

Paper 1 Themes (Tuesday 13 May 2025)

Paper 2 Christianity (Wednesday 21 May 2025)

Paper 3 Islam (Wednesday 4 June 2025)

Parent Teams session

All parents will be invited to a Teams session on Tuesday 15 October 2024, from 6.15-6.45pm. The Head of RE will explain the structure of the RE GCSE and will discuss strategies for supporting students with revision at home.

Details are here on how to [Join the meeting will be available here](#)

Revision strategies

The most common and effective types of revision used in RE are:

- Revision clocks with targeted questions
- Use of flash cards with spaced repetition for key concepts
- Timed exam question practice

Students are familiar with all these strategies. They can collect materials from their RE teachers at any time to support their independent revision.

Revision Resources

In addition to subject resources available for students on the Digital Learning Hub for subjects there are also some additional revision resources to buy. Currently resources are available for Science and for Geography via parentpay (www.parentpay.com)

GCSE Science (Combined & Triple Science) revision guides and flash cards are available to purchase at a reduced cost. These are valuable resources and will support your child's GCSE Science journey. These will be available to purchase until **18 October**.

Please note if you have previously purchased a revision guide or flash cards, the listing will not be showing on your Parent Pay profile.

*KS4 Combined Science Revision Cards	£13.30
*KS4 Combined Science Revision Guide	£7.20
*KS4 Triple Science Revision Cards	£14.80
*KS4 Triple Science Revision Guides	£10.70

If your child is studying Geography there is an opportunity to purchase the revision guide we recommend for £6.50. The payment is due by **Friday 11 October** after which it will go from Parent Pay and the order will be made.

Target Grades

Target grades for all students in Year 10 have now been set, available to see on G4Schools, these have been primarily formed from testing on entry to Year 7 given the absence of KS2 data for this year group. These targets are always set to help students be in the top 20% nationally for their peers come the end of Year 11. Target setting is heavily reliant on the use of English and Maths predictive data which has been supplemented with prior achievement in lessons at KS3. Many students may well

exceed these baseline targets and if so, will be given a progressive target, specific to individual subjects, to continue to stretch and challenge them as we move through KS4. Feel free to contact me if you have further questions about your child's predictive measures.

Kind regards,

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