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Dear Parent/Guardian

### Year 10 – End Of Year GCSE

I am writing to remind you that your son/daughter will be sitting their GCSE in Religious Studies in May of this academic year.

Historically, our students have done exceptionally well by taking the examination at the end of Year 10 instead of 11. For example, 2024's Year 10 cohort achieved an exceptional 51% grades 9-7 and 76% grades 9-5. Students are so successful because they can prioritise all the extra revision sessions that the Religion & Philosophy department deliver and dedicate time closer to the exam on preparation. In addition, we have found doing the examination in Year 10 gives students practice, as well as confidence for their other subjects' examinations at the end of Year 11.

At Maiden Erlegh we are studying Edexcel Religious Studies B (1RBO), accredited by Ofqual in July 2016. This is formed of:

- **Paper 1: Religion and Ethics (1RBO/1C)** from a **Muslim** perspective (1hr45).  
Topics: Muslim Beliefs, Marriage and the Family, Living the Muslim Life and Matters of Life and Death.
- **Paper 2: Religion, Peace and Conflict (1RBO/2B)** from a **Christian** perspective (1hr45).  
Topics: Christian Beliefs, Crime and Punishment, Living the Religious Life and Peace and Conflict.

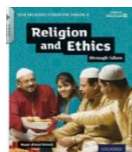
Your child will also have a PPE (pre-public examination) **after October half term** (date tbc by the examination team) where they will have a 1 hour 45 minute paper containing questions on four of the six topics we have studied so far.

The topics we have completed so far are listed below and the ones that are asterisked, are the four appearing in the November PPE:

- \* Christian Beliefs
- \* Muslim Beliefs
- \* Living the Christian Life
- Living the Muslim Life
- Crime and punishment
- \* Marriage and the Family

If you wish to support your child further with their GCSE Religious Studies, we recommend:

- 1) **GCSE Religious Studies, Edexcel B, Religion and Ethics through Islam**  
By Waqar Amhad Ahmedi  
ISBN-13: 987-0198370413

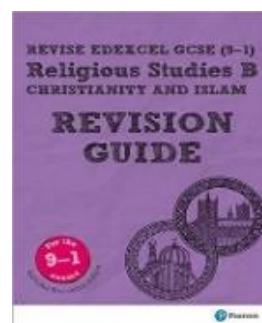


- 2) **GCSE Religious Studies, Edexcel B, Religion, Peace and Conflict through Christianity**  
By Gordan Reid and Sarah Tyler  
ISBN-13: 987-0198370444



Alternatively, there is a good revision guide that you could purchase:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Edexcel-Religious-Studies-Christianity-Revision/dp/1292148829>



In addition, please encourage your son/daughter to utilise our department's Google Classrooms page. On this page there are completed glossaries, past paper questions, revision resources, exemplar answers and videos where a member of the RP team talks through the content from each unit. The code is: **q26g3ik**

Additionally, the RP team will be delivering **revision sessions on Google Meets** for two of the topics in the November PPE. The first will be on **Wednesday 9 October** which will cover the unit 'Christian Beliefs' and the second will be on **Wednesday 16 October** which will cover the unit 'Muslim Beliefs.' Both will run online from **4.00-4.30pm** to allow students enough time to go home and log on. The Google Classrooms page students should join to attend these has the code: **fy6k5u7**. We look forward to seeing as many students there as possible.

Many thanks for your continued support and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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