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Dear Parent/Carer,

In **May 2026**, Year 11 students will sit their first GCSE Religious Studies (RS) exam of this exam season.

The students will be aware that the focus of this first exam will be:

- **Buddhism: Beliefs and Teachings**
- **Buddhism: Practices**
- **Christianity: Beliefs and Teachings**
- **Christianity: Practices**

This will make up 50% of their final GCSE RS grade.

The second exam will assess the following units:

- **Theme A: Relationships and Family**
- **Theme B: Religion and Life**
- **Theme D: Religion, Peace and Conflict**
- **Theme E: Religion, Crime and Punishment**

This will make up the other 50% of their final GCSE RS grade.

To support with this, students should **make use of the revision guide** that they have previously purchased. A link below if necessary: AQA GCSE Religious Studies A: Christianity and Buddhism Revision Guide.

A link to which can be found below:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/AQA-GCSE-Religious-Studies-Christianity/dp/0198422857/ref=sr_1_1?crd=52JL5XU4J8KH&keywords=gcse+religious+studies&qid=1696263990&prefix=gcse+religious+studies%2Caps%2C175&sr=8-17

Please note, that **most students will have already purchased this revision guide in preparation for their previous mock exams.**

In addition to this, the Religious Studies department will again be offering **lunch-time and after-school revision sessions** that will aim to review material in preparation for the upcoming exams in May.

These sessions will run for the next few weeks **from 15:30 until 16:30, in H5 every Wednesday**. Attendance at the revision sessions is optional, though advisable. We ask that students who do attend do so with the expectation that they will be focussed and ready to revise material with maturity so that all can benefit from the sessions. **Students will need to make their own way home from the school at 16:30.**



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Furthermore, we will also offer **lunchtime revision sessions**. These will take place **every Monday lunchtime in either H1**.

Finally, as previously mentioned to students, we would strongly encourage them to **attempt practice papers in their own time**. Our mock results have shown that students who practiced exam questions and handed in to their RS performed better than those that did not. To support with this, past questions can be found in the revision guide and all students have been given a sheet with every single previous exam question for the upcoming exam. So, there are plenty of resources to enable students to attempt practice questions.

The RS department is more than happy to mark these practice exam questions to give your child feedback and enable them to improve further, please encourage your son/daughter to make the most of these opportunities.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your Sincerely,

Mr A Burrows
Head of Religious Studies



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