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Dear Parent/Carer,

In a few weeks Year 11 students will sit their second GCSE Religious Studies (RS) mock exam of this academic year. The students will be aware that the focus of this first exam will be:

- **Buddhism: Beliefs and Teachings**
- **Theme B: Religion and Life**
- **Theme D: Religion, Peace and Conflict**

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-Christians/dp/0198422857/ref=sr_1_17?crid=52JL5XU4J8KH&keywords=gcse+religious+studies&qid=1696263990&sprefix=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 last year.

In addition to this, the Religious Studies department will be offering **after-school revision sessions** that will aim to review material in preparation for the upcoming exams. These sessions will run for the next few weeks **from 15:30 until 16:30 in H5 every Wednesday**. Sessions will start **from Wednesday (14th January)**. Attendance at the revision sessions is optional, though advisable, especially for those who underperformed or were disappointed with their results during the last mock. 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. We have found that **most students who attend our revision sessions tend to do better than those that do not**.

Additionally, for those that are unable to attend after-school revision sessions, **we are offering lunchtime revision sessions every Monday in H1**. This will start from next week.

We therefore have at least 2 revision sessions running each week, we do hope that you will encourage your child to find a suitable time to attend to support their exam success if required.

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**



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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



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