

Religious Studies GCSE Information Sheet

AQA GCSE: Religious Studies A Christianity and Buddhism (**non-textual studies**) Specification:
<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062>

Examination Information:

GCSE Religious Studies is assessed at grades 1-9. Students will be assessed entirely through two externally marked examination papers.

Paper 1 consists of two booklets, one for Christianity and one for Buddhism. Each booklet has two five part questions with space for written answers. Both booklets must be completed in 1hr45mins and provide a guide as to how much to write for each answer. Students' knowledge, understanding and evaluation of each religions' beliefs, teachings and practices are examined. Students should be guided by the number of marks in order to know how much time to spend on each part of a question. It is roughly a mark a minute unless as student has extra time.

Paper 2 consists of a question booklet and an answer booklet. Having completed Paper 1, students will have a good idea how much to write for each answer in paper 2. Students must answer questions from the four themes that we have studied and must ignore the two themes that we haven't studied due to the fast-track nature of the GCSE religious studies course. Students have studied Theme A: Religion and Relationships, Theme B: Religion and Life, Theme E: Religion, Crime and Punishment and Theme F: Religion, Human Rights and Social Justice. They should ignore the two themes in the middle of the booklet. The timing remains roughly a mark a minute unless as student has extra time.

How you can support your child:

In order to achieve the best possible overall grade for their Religious Studies GCSE we strongly recommend that students get into the habit of regular revision from now onwards if they are not already doing so. 15 minutes twice a week will significantly enhance their knowledge, skills and confidence in Religious Studies. This could be spent revising from their book, Moodle, Revision Guide or Kerboodle Textbooks (for which they use the same logins that they use for Science). Ideally students would make flashcards covering key knowledge and test themselves regularly using the resources they have made.

Key Websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zjgx47h> – good for quizzes to test knowledge

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/christian-beliefs-and-teachings-700f> – good for quizzes and video resources to aid revision on Christian beliefs and teachings

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/christian-practices-173f> – good for quizzes and video resources to aid revision on Christian practices

<https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard> - Excellent revision materials for AQA Religious Studies A Christianity and Buddhism. Includes a range of activities and quizzes to test learning.

Moodle:

All current lessons and resources are available to students on Moodle on the Religious Studies Y11 page. It is important that if students are away from school that they catch up on the lessons that they have missed.

If you have any queries at any time, please do not hesitate to contact the Director of Personal and Physical Development via the school or via email: info@ladymanners.derbyshire.sch.uk