

# Religious Studies Department

## GCSE Revision Tips

**WJEC GCSE Religious Studies Unit 1: Religion and Philosophical Themes and Unit 2: Religion and Ethical themes.**



Religious Studies Examination –

Unit 1 Religion and Philosophical Themes - **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

All pupils have the following resources and there is no need to buy any extra revision guides.

### Useful Revision Books

- \* **Folens Religion and Life Issues textbook and Religion and Human Experience textbook.** These are the textbooks for the old course which contain many useful chapters on the current issues studied in religious studies.
- \* **WJEC Religious Studies revision notes textbook.** This is a revision guide and workbook designed specifically for the new WJEC GCSE RS course.

### Useful Revision Websites

[www.wjec.co.uk](http://www.wjec.co.uk). This is the website for the exam board. Under the GCSE section of Religious Studies there is a digital resources section. Here you can find links, readings, games etc. related to each are of the course.

[www.bbc.co.uk/education](http://www.bbc.co.uk/education) This is the link to the BBC Bitesize website. There is a great range of resources about Christianity and Islam (and their approaches to the four courses Themes) available in the GCSE Religious Studies section. Click on WJEC and it has all the above in manageable chunks.

### RE Department's Top Revision Tips

Quotes! It is vitally important that you learn quotes from Christianity and Islam to support your reasons for why religious people hold their beliefs and follow their practises. Try creating quote flashcards and longer quotes with words missing that you can fill in later. Write down a topic, such as 'abortion' or 'capital punishment', and see how many quotes are related to it.

Key terms! Know your keywords, they are vital for Question a).... Try creating keyword flashcards and writing the meaning on the reverse. Write down a topic, such as 'Jesus' or 'Five Pillars', and see how many keywords you know are related to it.

Questions! Know the structure of each question. How do you answer a d) style question? Follow the guidance and practise all styles of questions.

Trigger words! Know the meanings of the trigger words. What is the question asking you? What, Describe, Explain and Discuss.... Practise each style of question.

Suggestions on how to support students

- ❖ Encourage them to outline a revision timetable. This will help them prioritise their work.
- ❖ Time revision sessions – especially practise questions.
- ❖ Find a good study space if possible. This is essential for their concentration and can reduce exam anxiety. Plan for breaks away from study space.

## **YHT 10 in 10 Revision Programme**

<b>Week beginning (Monday)</b>	<b>Suggested Topics to Revise</b>	<b>Achieved?</b>	<b>Week</b>
24 Feb	Christianity – Beliefs about God and Jesus		1
2 Mar	Christianity – Practices of Morality and Church		2
9 Mar	Islam – Beliefs about God and Sacred Places		3
16 Mar	Islam – Practices of Salah and Obligatory Acts		4
23 Mar	Life and Death Issues – The world and the Origin and Value of Human Life		5
30 Mar	Life and Death Issues – Beliefs About Death and the Afterlife		6
6 Apr	Good and Evil – Crime and Punishment, and Forgiveness		7
13 Apr	Good and Evil – Good, Evil and Suffering		8
4 May	Key Concepts		9
<b>11 May</b>	<b>Exam day!!!</b>		<b>10</b>