

Exam board: AQA – Religious Studies A (Christianity and Islam)

Exam information summary:

Full course GCSE qualification

- Assessment is 100% by examination – two papers sat at the end of year 11.
- Students are assessed on eight different units over the two exams:
 - Paper 1: Christian Beliefs and Teachings , Christian Practices
 - Paper 1: Islam Beliefs and Teachings, Islam Practices
 - Paper 2: Thematic Studies

<u>Theme B: Religion and Life</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Origins and Value of the Universe• Origins and Value of Human Life	<u>Theme C: The Existence of God and Revelation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Philosophical arguments for and against the existence of God• The nature of the divine and revelation
<u>Theme D: Religion, Peace and Conflict</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Religion, violence, terrorism and war• Religion and belief in 21st century conflict	<u>Theme E: Religion, Crime and Punishment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Religion, Crime and the Causes of Crime• Religion and Punishment

- Paper 1 consists of two question/answer booklets, one for Christianity and one for Islam.
- Each paper is 1 hour and 45 minutes long.
- Each section should be answered in 25 minutes.
- Each section comprises of 5 questions: 1 mark, 2 marks, 4 marks, 5 marks and 12 marks,
- Questions 1-4 are knowledge based questions.
- Question 5 is an evaluation question, where students have to respond to a statement and come to a justified conclusion.

Useful websites:

Exam Board: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062>

BBC Bitesize Revision: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zb48q6f>

Past papers and mark schemes: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062/assessment-resources>

Revision guides:

The RS department produce revision guides for each unit. Students will be given a hard copy of these in lessons, with electronic copies available on Show My Homework and the school website.

KS4 Support is available from Miss Clarke every Thursday after school in Ea2.