

How to Succeed in Religious Studies

(AQA Religious Studies A)

The best chance of success in all subjects is:

- an excellent punctuality and attendance to lessons
- a positive attitude to learning
- high aspirations, resilience and a determination to achieve
- a commitment to independent study (homework and revision)

In Religious Studies we provide the following support to ensure that all students make the best possible progress:

Knowledge organisers - These can be used to revise the key learning ideas. Students have copies of these in their homework booklet. Digital copies are also available here: - [Year 10](#) & [Year 11](#)

PLCs - These can be used to assess the knowledge for each topic in Religious Studies. Students will be using these to RAG the understanding for each topic, this is a useful technique when revising. All students have copies of these in their class books.

Google classroom - This is where students will find useful information regarding their GCSE Religious Studies subject. Students will be able to access past exam papers and markschemes from the AQA exam board. There will also be website links for students to access further revision material, topical articles relating to a specific unit they may be studying, and revision tips and guides to aid their learning.

Exam questions - Below are past paper questions students can use to revise. Mark schemes are easily accessible in the [shared KO drive](#) in google.

[RS Question Bank - Google Docs](#)

Homework - We expect students to spend up to **40 minutes** completing their Religious Studies homework each week. Booklets are provided for each topic studied, that contain the schedule of homework for each week.

Extended Support - Additional support will be provided for specific students initially that would benefit the most from it. This will be an opportunity for them to ask any questions and complete tasks with a smaller number of students. This support will then be opened up to all students as we approach the exams.

Revision Material

We recommend that students buy a revision guide and workbook:

- **Revision guide** - AQA GCSE Religious Studies A (9-1): Christianity & Buddhism Revision Guide: Revised Edition. ISBN 10 - 1382073682

Useful revision websites

- <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zjgx47h>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/>
- <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/blog/gcse-religious-studies-revision/>

If there are any subject concerns please contact the class teacher early so that we can support. By working closely together we can make sure students make the best possible progress.