

Steps to Success

Religious Studies



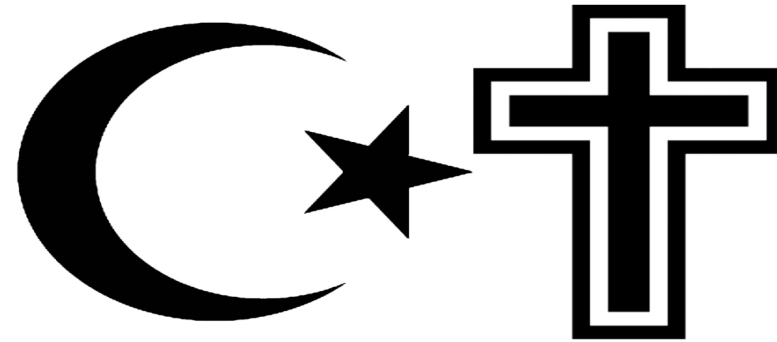
RS AQA GCSE- The Course

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The course is split in to two parts:

PAPER ONE: The study of Religions

- Christian Beliefs
- Christian Practices
- Islam Beliefs
- Islam Practices



PAPER TWO: Thematic Studies

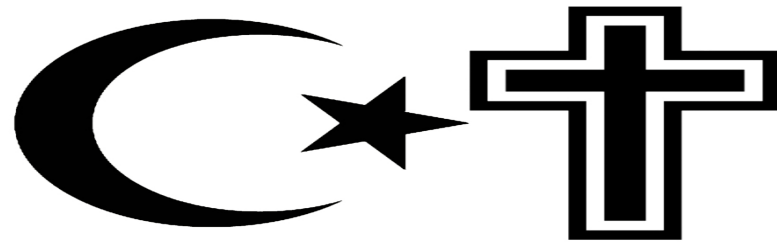
- Crime and Punishment
- Peace and Conflict
- Religion and Life
- Relationships and the Family



The Study of Religions

Beliefs and teachings: This section focuses on the specific beliefs and teachings of a religion. For example, beliefs about God and the roles of Jesus and Muhammad.

Practices: This section looks at the way the religious beliefs affect the lives of believers. For example, the Five Pillars of Islam, worship and pilgrimage.





Thematic Studies

Religion and Life: Animal rights, abortion, euthanasia, origins of life

Crime and Punishment: Causes of crime, aims of punishment, the death penalty, the treatment of criminals

Peace and Conflict: Causes of war, terrorism, nuclear weapons, pacifism

Relationships and Family: Marriage, divorce, sexuality, contraception

Assessment

- This GCSE is completely exam based
- There will be two 1hr 45 min exams in May 2020.



Assessments

Grade Boundaries 2018

9 = 88%

8 = 82%

7 = 75%

6 = 68%

5 = 60%

4 = 52%

3 = 39%

2 = 25 %

1 = 12%

What can you do to support your child?

- Encourage them to **watch the news/read newspapers**
- **Discuss** things that you see in the news
- **Ask their opinion** on what they have studied in class- it can often make for an interesting debate at the dinner table!
- Ask to see their **homework** and make sure they complete it with care.
- Help them to meet **deadlines**.
- Help your child to be **organised** about having the right equipment every day.
- **Speak to us** if you have any concerns

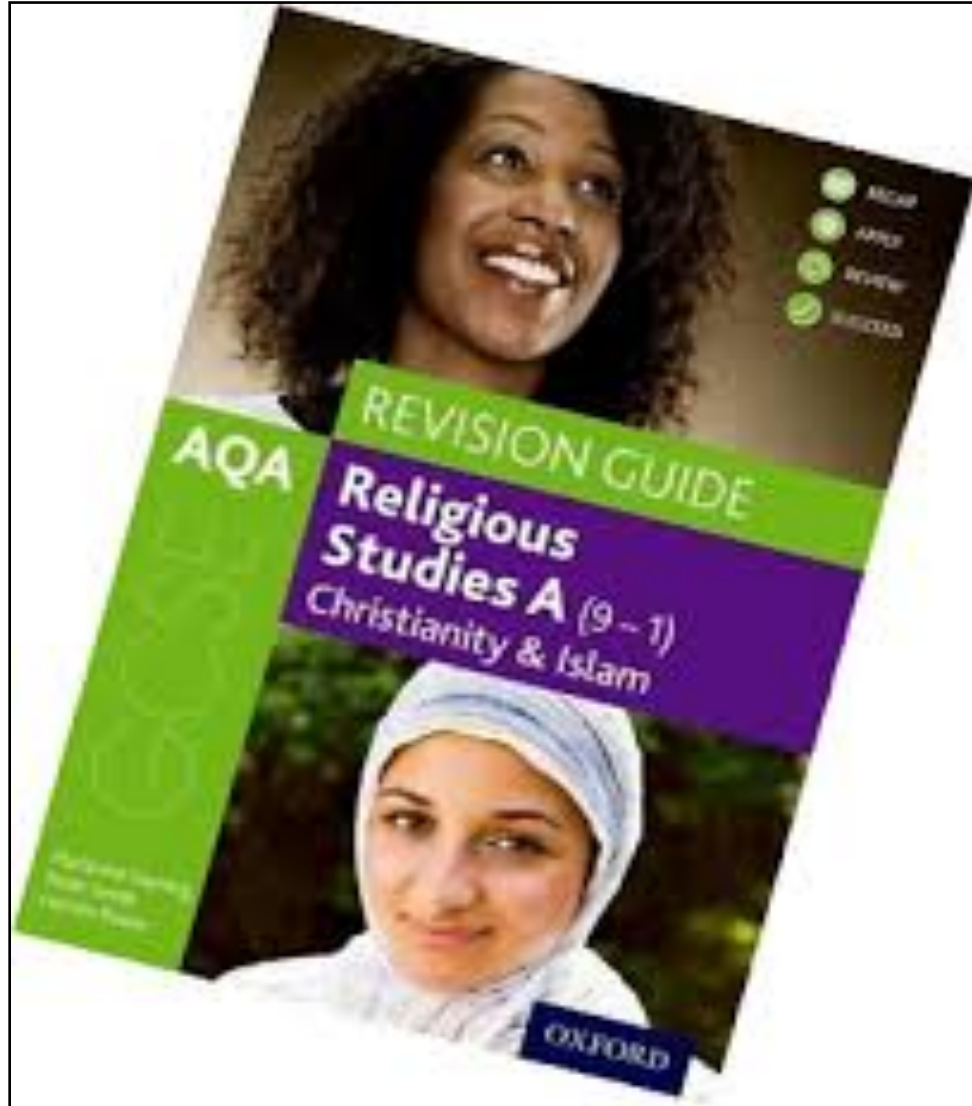


Revision Tips

- **Be interested**
- Ensure a **quiet and productive** environment is available
- **Do not be fooled** by the “...but music really helps!” argument
- **Get involved** – test them
- **Vary the methods:** summary notes/mind maps/ test cards / post-its/rewrite, reduce, repeat!
- **Speak to your teachers** take advantage of the support they give with revision e.g. revision sessions afterschool, one to one support



Revision Guide



£9 available to buy in school

The revision guide contains

- **step by step exam practice**
- **strategies for all the different exam questions**
- **concise and clear points and diagrams which will help students recap key knowledge**
- **targeted activities to ensure they apply it effectively while rehearsing essential exam skills.**

Online resources

1. BBC Bitesize



2. Sam Learning

3. www.revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/rs-religious-studies

4. Seneca learning

