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Dear parent/guardian/carer

Year 10 Diagnostic Assessments

At Poole High School, all Year 10 students sit their GCSE Religious Studies examination at the end of Year 10, during the summer GCSE season. We have been delighted with the dedication students have undertaken with their period 6 Religious Studies revision sessions.

We have scheduled a diagnostic examination for GCSE Religious Studies to take place on the morning of **Wednesday 12 January 2022**. This will be an important opportunity for your child to sit their first diagnostic GCSE examination in real GCSE examination conditions. This diagnostic examination will take place in one of our on-site examination venues and will be invigilated by our highly trained invigilation team. The length of this diagnostic examination is the standard 1 hour and 45 minutes and will consist of a blend of Paper 1 and Paper 2 topics.

Our head of Religious Studies, Mr Attrill, has prepared an online video presentation outlining how students can best prepare for their upcoming examinations in Religious Studies. This can be found on our information page located at: <https://poolehigh.co.uk/students-parents/advice-and-help/getting-into-the-best-habits-year-10-religious-studies-gcse-advice>

Later this academic year, Year 10 students will be undertaking their full GCSE Diagnostic examination period for **all their GCSE subjects**. This two-week diagnostic examination period will give Year 10 their first full experience of GCSE examinations across their range of subjects. This is scheduled to take place after Easter during the **weeks commencing Monday 25 April 2022 and Monday 2 May 2022**.

The actual GCSE Religious Studies examination dates are **Monday 16 May 2022** (Paper 1 - 1h 45min) and **Thursday 26 May 2022** (Paper 2 - 1h 45min). As these are externally assessed examinations, it is vital students are present, as it is not possible to re-arrange/re-sit these papers.

We encourage you to review with your child our **PHS Examination Handbook** which covers a number of 'what if' scenarios. This booklet is available on our examination information page located at: <https://poolehigh.co.uk/school-information/information/examination-information>

Yours sincerely

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