



8 November 2022

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 their P6 Religious Studies revision sessions.

We have scheduled a diagnostic examination for GCSE Religious Studies to take place on the morning of **Tuesday 10 January 2023**. 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.

We would like to invite you to an information evening on **Thursday 17 November 2022** where we will be sharing what learning looks like at Poole High School. This includes effective study habits, how we support revision through homework to enable your child to achieve their best academic outcomes, and how we can work together to support students at home.

Later this academic year, Year 10 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 17 April 2023 to Friday 28 April 2023**.

The GCSE Religious Studies examination dates are **Monday 15 May 2023** (Paper 1 - 1h 45min) and **Tuesday 23 May 2023** (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. Any avoidable absence (e.g., orthodontics) should not be arranged on these dates, as absence for any reason will result in a failed GCSE Religious Studies qualification.

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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