



19 October 2023

Dear Families

Beliefs & Values GCSE

As we move into the autumn half term, I am emailing to remind you that our year 10 students will be sitting their beliefs & values (religious studies) GCSE this academic year. The provisional exam timetables have now been published, so I can inform you that the exams will take place the morning of **Thursday 9 May 2024** (paper 1) and the afternoon of **Thursday 16 May 2024** (paper 2).

In preparation for these external exams, the school will be running two mock exams. The first of these will be on the morning of **Monday 20 November 2023** and will cover paper 1 material – the beliefs, teachings and practices of Christianity and Islam. Your child's class teacher will be running in-class revision sessions, and setting revision homework, in the coming weeks. There will also be opportunities to attend after-school revision sessions and the VLE section of the student intranet contains a wealth of revision materials:

<https://sites.google.com/mysackville.co.uk/vle/home>

I would like to remind you that the Hodder Education GCSE revision guide is available to buy through the school at the discounted rate of £8.50. This can be bought online, via MCAS. Other revision guides are available, including one from CGP. If you are purchasing revision materials outside of school, please ensure that they are produced specifically for the **AQA Religious Studies A** specification.

Please remember that if your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium government grant we will use that to pay for this item. Please get in touch with Mrs Nibloe (h nibloe@sackvilleschool.org.uk) if you **do not** wish us to do this.

Please do encourage your child to revise little and often. They should also know that they can approach their class teacher, or me, with any queries at any time.

Thank you for your support with your child's GCSE. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at amorris@sackvilleschool.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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