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Dear Families

Beliefs and Values GCSE

As we move deeper into the autumn term, I am emailing to remind you that our Year 10 students will be sitting their Beliefs and Values (Religious Studies) GCSE this academic year. The confirmed exam timetables have now been published, so I can tell you that the exams will take place on the morning of Tuesday 12 May 2026 (paper 1) and the afternoon of Wednesday 20 May 2026 (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 17 November 2025, 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 Beliefs and Values section of the Student Intranet contains a wealth of revision materials: <https://intranet.mysackville.co.uk/subject-pages/bv>.

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 £8.65. This can be bought online, via MCAS. Other revision guides are available, such as Oxford Revise and 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 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 - amorris@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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