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### Religious Studies Revision Resources

Dear Parent/Carer,

On welcoming back your child to their penultimate term at Manor, we wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the considerable resources your child has access to in order to support them in their revision for their Religious Studies GCSE.

We hope they and you have had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break and are ready for the final push towards your Religious Studies GCSE papers. This overview is intended to help you support your child in their final revision this exam.

#### **Key Dates for GCSE exams – AQA GCSE Religious Studies A 8062:**

- 13 May pm – Component 1 Exam – Christianity and Islam: Beliefs Teachings and Practices
- 20 May am – Component 2 Exam – Themed Paper – the vast majority of this will focus on Christianity. Where comparisons are required with other denominations/Islam, see Showbie.

Each component is worth 50% of the overall GCSE. For a brief breakdown of topics covered in each exam, see overleaf.

#### **Key Revision Resources:**

- Year 11 RS Revision Documents Showbie Area – all students have access to this. Unless otherwise stated, all below documents can be accessed through Showbie. Printed copies are available where necessary.
  - Student code: 7757G (parents can use this code to view documents also)
- Zig Zag Resources – a comprehensive workbook style revision resource covering all aspects of the course. This includes brief revision activity suggestions, exam questions and mark schemes, key words and important scripture references.
  - Electronic access via showbie (password activated – zz2ghc4).
  - Hardcopies provided (A4 – Component 1 (2 booklets); A5 – Component 2 (4 booklets)).
- Quizlet – Each unit has its own interactive key word quizzes/games in order for your child to become more familiar with the needed vocabulary.
- Sample Papers – Both past and specimen papers along with mark schemes are all available for viewing.
- Exam Skills/Command Words Summary – an overview on how to approach each style of question.



- Kerboodle – electronic resource to access the main textbook we have used throughout the course. Kerboodle also has other interactive quizzes to support revision, including revision summary videos.
- Revision Summary Videos – Each unit has a summary video – these are good starting points for revision.
- Assessment files/bookwork – engaging with their past assessment will highlight areas where particular focus is needed for revision. Students have access to feedback documents from each assessment completed and will have recorded the attainment on their own assessment tracker sheet.
- Other revision guides you may want to purchase must support the AQA Religious Studies A 8062 GCSE Course. We have samples of the CPG Revision Guide that can be bought through school should your child wish at £2.75.

There will be individual intervention put in place for students along with a timetable of sessions focusing on particular units. Individual class teachers will also be planning and delivering revision sessions during lesson time leading up to the exams.

\*Although the specific papers will only ask questions on the appropriate content (below), there are clear overlaps between each unit. This is particularly true in relation to the beliefs and teachings sections and Component 2.

<b>Component 1 – Beliefs Teachings and Practices (13 May)</b>	<b>Component 2 – Themes (20 May)</b>
<p><b>Christianity; Beliefs and Teachings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Christianity and the Nature of God</li> <li>• Nature of God – characteristics</li> <li>• Nature of God – oneness/Trinity</li> <li>• Different beliefs about creation</li> <li>• Different beliefs about the afterlife and their importance</li> <li>• Person of Jesus Christ including, incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, sin and salvation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Religion, Human Rights and Social Justice:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction the Human Rights and Social Justice</li> <li>• Discrimination based on Gender</li> <li>• Discrimination based on Sexuality</li> <li>• Religious Freedom</li> <li>• Racial Equality</li> <li>• Discrimination based on Disability</li> <li>• Christian Responses to Poverty and Wealth</li> </ul>
<p><b>Christianity; Practices:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forms of Worship</li> <li>• Prayer</li> <li>• Role and meaning of sacraments – including infant and believers baptism.</li> <li>• Holy Communion</li> <li>• Pilgrimage</li> <li>• Celebration – including Christmas and Easter</li> <li>• Evangelism</li> <li>• Working for Peace</li> <li>• Responses to persecution</li> <li>• Christian Charity</li> </ul>	<p><b>Religion Peace and Conflict:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to religion, peace and conflict</li> <li>• The four key concepts (Peace, Justice, Forgiveness and Reconciliation)</li> <li>• Violent protest and terrorism</li> <li>• Reasons for war</li> <li>• Nuclear war and weapons of mass destruction</li> <li>• The Just War</li> <li>• Holy war and religion as a cause of violence</li> <li>• Pacifism and Peace Making</li> <li>• Religious responses to the victims of war.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Islam; Beliefs and Teachings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Six Articles of Faith in Sunni Islam</li> <li>• The Five Roots of Usul ad-Din in Shi’a Islam</li> <li>• The oneness of God (Tawid)</li> <li>• The Nature of God – Characteristics</li> <li>• Angels</li> <li>• Predestination (al-Qadr) and human freedom</li> <li>• Life After Death (Akhirah)</li> <li>• Prophethood (Risalah)</li> <li>• The Qur’an and other Holy Books</li> <li>• The Imamate in Shi’a Islam</li> </ul>	<p><b>Religion Crime and Punishment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good and Evil</li> <li>• Reasons for Crime</li> <li>• Types of Crime</li> <li>• The Aims of Punishment</li> <li>• The Treatment of Criminals</li> <li>• The Death Penalty</li> </ul>
<p><b>Islam; Practices:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Five Pillars of Sunni Islam including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shahadah</li> <li>○ Salah</li> <li>○ Sawm</li> <li>○ Zakah</li> <li>○ Hajj.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Ten Obligatory Acts of Shi’a Islam</li> <li>• Festivals including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Id-ul-Adha (Hajj)</li> <li>○ Id-ul Fitr (Ramadan)</li> <li>○ Ashura.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Jihad.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Religion Relationships and Families:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachings about sexuality</li> <li>• Sexual relationships before and outside marriage</li> <li>• Contraception</li> <li>• Christian teachings about marriage</li> <li>• Same sex marriage</li> <li>• Divorce and remarriage</li> <li>• Nature of families</li> <li>• Purpose of families</li> <li>• Gender equality</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">*</p>

Should you have any further questions about the course or how best to support your child in their revision for their Religious Studies GCSE, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or your child’s Religious Studies teacher.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Tate and the RS Team**