



Dear parents and carers of pupils,

**Re - Religious Studies GCSE**

As you are aware, all pupils in year 11 have been working towards a GCSE in Religious Studies (RS). After consideration, your son/daughter has been entered for the RS GCSE exam.

To supplement their learning, the following support has been put in place:

- Wednesday week B period 5 (normally PSHE lesson) will now be a Religious Studies lesson with Mrs Torr so pupils will have 3 RS lessons a fortnight.
- The upcoming Focus Days will be GCSE RS study days. The dates are Tuesday 7th December, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March.
- A ‘learn at home’ scheme has been created for the topic ‘Relationships and Families’. Please support pupils in working through this pack. A paper copy focusing on Christianity and Hinduism has been given to all pupils. A PDF copy with more religious perspectives is on google classrooms. Pupils only need to study Christian and Hindu perspectives for the exam.

**Key information about the exam**

At Avanti we follow the AQA Religious Studies A syllabus and study Christianity and Hinduism. More information, key documents and assessment materials can be found at:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062>

The course has two parts. Each part is examined with one 1 hr 45-minute exam.	
Part 1: The study of Religions, Beliefs, Teachings and Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beliefs and Teachings in Hinduism- completed</li> <li>• Practices in Hinduism- currently being studied in weekly lessons</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beliefs and Teachings in Christianity</li> <li>• Practices in Christianity</li> </ul> <p>Both these topics will be studied on Focus day Tuesday December 7th</p>
Part 2: Thematic Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theme B: Religion and Life- completed</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Theme C: The Existence of God and Revelation To be studied on Focus day Wednesday 26th January and Focus day Thursday 24th March.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Theme A: Relationships and Families- at home learning pack provided</li><li>• Theme E: Religion, Crime and Punishment- to be studied in Spring/Summer Term RS lessons.</li></ul>

The following online resources can support learning in RS GCSE:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrfj382?scrlybrkr=a7a52a5e>

Ben Wardle or Mr Finlayson on Youtube

Thank you for your support with your son/daughter's RS GCSE. If you have any questions please email [Sophie.torr@avanti.org.uk](mailto:Sophie.torr@avanti.org.uk).

Best wishes

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