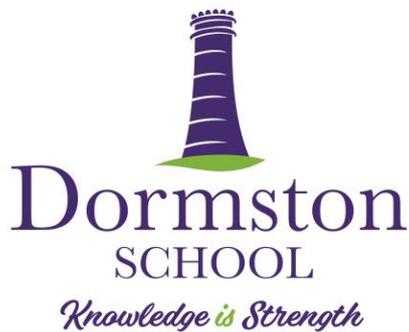


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YEAR 10 PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parents/Carers



GCSE Religious Studies

Firstly, I would like to thank you for the support and encouragement that you gave your child this year as they complete their journey through the GCSE Religious Studies course. May we take this opportunity to remind you that all Year 10 students will sit their final external exams for this subject on the following dates:

- **Paper 1:** Monday 15th May 2023 (am);
- **Paper 2:** Tuesday 23rd May 2023 (pm).

You may be aware that students have recently completed their second official mock exam in GCSE Religious Studies. This half term, they will be working on feedback and we have spent a considerable amount of time explaining how they can improve upon the grade they achieved. Mocks allow students to evaluate their performance and become clearer on which aspects of the course they have noticeable weaknesses. All students should know which areas of the GCSE they have significant gaps in their knowledge. These gaps can be overcome by embarking on a detailed revision programme at home and this should be encouraged. All students should have at least one revision guide that they have been given at the start of Year 9.

In addition to this, all students would benefit from attending the Tuesday after school revision sessions (which run from 3.00pm - 3.45pm). Students that have attended these revision workshops have found them highly beneficial. If you could support your child by encouraging them to attend, it would be greatly appreciated. If there are reasons why they cannot attend, can they please discuss this with their teacher so alternative arrangements and support can be put into place.

Here is some guidance we have shared with students on how to prepare for their upcoming GCSE exams:

1. Start by creating a revision timetable: Plan out your revision schedule, allocating time to revise each topic or subject area. This will help you to stay on track and make the most of your study time.
2. Focus on key topics: Identify the key topics and themes that are likely to come up in the exam. Focus your revision on these areas to ensure that you are well-prepared for the questions that you are likely to encounter.
3. Use a variety of revision techniques: Mix up your revision techniques to keep things interesting and help you to remember the information better. Try making mind maps, flashcards, quizzes, and summaries.
4. Practice past papers: Practice past papers to get a sense of the types of questions that might come up in the exam. This will also help you to get used to the format of the exam and the way questions are asked.
5. Use online resources: There are many online resources available to help you revise for your GCSE Religious Studies exam. Check out websites such as BBC Bitesize or Revision World, which offer revision guides, quizzes, and other useful resources.
6. Discuss with others: Talk through the topics with classmates, friends or family members who have a good understanding of the subject. Having a conversation can help you to clarify your understanding, learn from others, and cement knowledge in your mind.
7. Take breaks: Take regular breaks and ensure that you get enough rest and relaxation to avoid burning out. Revision can be intense and taking a step back to recharge can be helpful.

Once again, we thank you for your support and look forward to seeing your child at these workshops.

Please contact the school should you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

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