



16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

**RE: Current Year 9 - Year 10 POR PPE November 2020**

As you know Year 9 have been studying for their GCSE since September. Throughout the year, and particularly during lockdown, we have been impressed with the level of maturity and diligence demonstrated by the year group as a whole. We have now reached the halfway point of the course. In usual times the year group would have sat a full PPE exam in June. For obvious reasons this did not happen but we believe there are huge benefits for the students to have this experience. Not only do they have to learn the disciplines of study but also they have the experience of the exam hall.

I am writing to give you details of the Pre Public Exam which the girls will sit in November.

Religious Studies PPE Exam AQA

Date: **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Duration: **1hr45mins**

This exam will include all topics studied this year.

1. Christianity Beliefs
2. Christianity Practices
3. Islamic Beliefs
4. Islamic Practices

There is a recommended revision guide that we have been promoting to the students since the start of the course. Link below:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/AQA-GCSE-Religious-Studies-Christianity/dp/0198422830/ref=sr\\_1\\_fkmr1\\_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1526402396&sr=8-3-fkmr1&keywords=aqa+religious+studies+gcse+9-1+oxford+islam+and+christianity](https://www.amazon.co.uk/AQA-GCSE-Religious-Studies-Christianity/dp/0198422830/ref=sr_1_fkmr1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1526402396&sr=8-3-fkmr1&keywords=aqa+religious+studies+gcse+9-1+oxford+islam+and+christianity)

All materials for the two-year course can be found in this book.

Also a new work book has been published. This is not a requirement however many older students have found this helpful.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/AQA-GCSE-Religious-Studies-Workbook/dp/0198445636?pf\\_rd\\_r=N0N35780H1AR919KG4ZZ&pf\\_rd\\_p=ad1dac78-5484-4aaa-bf17-e82a62646aa9&pd\\_rd\\_r=4995915c-e273-4b56-a773-162f8e3617d3&pd\\_rd\\_w=H5Gim&pd\\_rd\\_wg=pYI31&ref=pd\\_gw\\_ci\\_mcx\\_mr\\_hp\\_d](https://www.amazon.co.uk/AQA-GCSE-Religious-Studies-Workbook/dp/0198445636?pf_rd_r=N0N35780H1AR919KG4ZZ&pf_rd_p=ad1dac78-5484-4aaa-bf17-e82a62646aa9&pd_rd_r=4995915c-e273-4b56-a773-162f8e3617d3&pd_rd_w=H5Gim&pd_rd_wg=pYI31&ref=pd_gw_ci_mcx_mr_hp_d)

There are 2 workbooks for the course P1 and P2. Only P1 is necessary at this time but you could purchase both to get ahead for next year!

We would encourage the students to prepare for this exam as thoroughly as possible. I have produced a number of revision videos which are accessible through Teams.

Any revision resources produced now can be used again for their actual exam in summer 2021. There is no point doing it all again! Students can revise by using mind maps, revision cards or any other way that they find helpful. There are specification papers that can be accessed on the AQA website. We have looked at many of these question in class as well: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062/assessment-resources>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions. I will send out a further reminder nearer the time.

Yours sincerely



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