

Curriculum Overview:

In year 10 students will study the second year of the GCSE in Religious Studies.

In Year 9 students have studied the first year of GCSE Religious Studies where they have looked at moral issues such as marriage and family life, abortion, euthanasia and why people believe in God in addition to community cohesion. They have studied these topics from the point of view of both Christians and Muslims.

In year 10 students will complete an in depth study of Islam. The four units students study are from the Edexcel exam board and are called: Beliefs and Values, Living the Muslim Life, Community and Traditions and Worship and Celebration. They will have a chance to do independent research and form their own opinions. At the end of the year students will sit two exams both of 1 ½ hours and worth 50%. The key skills you are developing include: knowledge, explanation and evaluation.

Homework & Assessments Overview:

- Each week students will complete exam question for practice.
- They will also be given revision booklets and study guides closer to the exam.

Useful Websites:

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zb48q6f>
- <http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gcse/gcse09/rs/Pages/default.aspx>

Practical tips / activities for parents to support learning at home:

- Developing oral skills by asking your child to explain and justify their opinions
- Encouraging discussion about different cultures and faiths
- Reading and reviewing class work at home after each lesson
- Using ICT creatively
- Visiting a Church and Mosque