



John Mason School

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Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Year 10 Religious Studies Examination**

As you are probably aware from your son/daughter, Year 10 students began studying for their religious studies GCSE at the beginning of Year 9, with a view to sitting the exam in the summer, at the end of Year 10. This is an external exam and will count towards their full raft of qualifications for application at next steps when they reach the end of Year 11.

To help them prepare for this exam, Year 10 students will have a mock timetable with a single exam (Religious Studies) in November, and will receive a proper exam timetable later in the year. Mr Duckham will explain the plans to the student body in assembly.

We have been very keen to allow students an opportunity to take a real GCSE in Year 10 to ensure that they better understand the exam and revision processes and wanted this option open to our current year 10 students. They will then have the opportunity to reflect on the process during their Social Education lessons in year 11, to improve their revision and preparation strategies for the rest of their GCSEs.

Students will need to revise the subjects they studied in Year 9 (Planet Earth, Prejudice, Crime and Punishment, Elderly and Death) as well as the topic they have been doing in Year 10 (War and Peace).

Some revision resources are being posted on SMHW, but our strongest advice to students is to use the fantastic resources available on GCSEPod which students in previous years have found very helpful. If you have any questions about subject content please contact your child's class teacher. If you have any questions about this qualification please contact me on [rcon7543@johnmason.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:rcon7543@johnmason.oxon.sch.uk).

Yours faithfully

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