

Achieving your potential in GCSE Religious Studies?

What dates do I need to remember?

- **Every Friday** – Students can come and get support from revision sessions in WG6 with Mrs Lowe. They will need to come with something they would like to work on, for example an exam question they would like support with or a specific aspect of study they would like clarified
- **27th January 2023** – Matters of Life and Death mid-unit assessment
- **W/B 27th February 2023** – Trial exams begin. You will complete paper 1 – Christianity during this time
- **W/B 20th March 2023** – Trial exam results released

Edexcel B: RS
Paper 1 15th May 2023 AM –
Christianity and Ethics (1h 45min)

Paper 2 23rd May 2023 PM –
Islam, Peace and Conflict (1h)

What will I be expected to know / do in the exam?

Subject specifications and practice questions are available at

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/religious-studies-b-2016.html>. Specification at a glance is below.

Christianity (beliefs and practices from the Catholic, Protestant and Evangelical Churches)	Islam (beliefs and practices from both Sunni and Shia viewpoints)	Ethics (from a Christian view)	Peace and Conflict (from a Muslim perspective)
What do different Christians believe about God & the Church? What causes evil and suffering and the response to this? Who is God? What was special about Jesus?	Different core beliefs for Sunni and Shia Muslims. Who is Allah? What was special about Muhammad, Adam, Isa and Ibrahim? What happens to us when we die?	What is marriage? Why is it important? How did life begin? Is there equality for men and women? How can we prove the afterlife? Should people have the right to die?	What is Holy War? What do Muslims believe about peace? How should you punish a crime? Is the death penalty fair? What does the Shari'ah law say about crime and punishment?

What could I do to revise this information in a meaningful way?

Christianity

- A Mind map of key beliefs and practices **including quotations** – Use the Key terms booklet and quotes sheets in their books.
- For each individual denomination showing how they are similar and different

Islam

- A Mind map of key beliefs and practices **including quotations** – Use the Key terms booklet and quotes sheets in their books.
- The key differences in beliefs and practices between Sunni and Shi'a and one other (e.g. Ahmadiyya Sect)

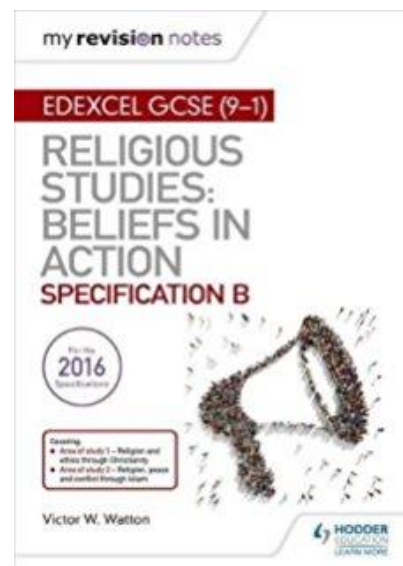
General

- Print some practise papers from the website and submit to your teacher for feedback (please do not use any exemplar material on the website as these are not correct) and submit to Mrs Lowe for feedback
- Past papers are also on showmyhomework or you can ask your teacher for one.

Revision resources are also available on showmyhomework

What will best help my child with their GCSE?

- The Hodder revision guide (see image) is highly recommended to buy as this has plenty of practice questions and exam guidance, as well as a checklist of all topics covered in the exam. This can be purchased from a variety of online stores such as Amazon and is available on parent portal for £8.50.



Websites of interest

- www.getrevising.co.uk – students can create their own resources as well as use existing.
- *Please be aware to look out for teacher recommended resources to ensure the information on those resources is correct.
- <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/religious-studies-b-2016.html> - past papers and mark schemes can be downloaded from here.
- www.quizlet.com – students can create their own profile for free allowing for revision of key terms and definitions. Simply input the key term and definition and the website produces flash cards, word fills, mini tests and even a game!
- <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zy7spb>
- <https://revisionworld.com/>

Target Grade:

Working at Grade:

Parent takeaway

