



Curriculum Overview

Curriculum Area: Religious Studies

Year: 11

Curriculum covered

Autumn Term: Paper 1

Practices: (Christianity): Worship, Sacraments, Prayer, Pilgrimage and Celebrations, The Church in the community, Mission and Evangelism, The Church in the world.

Practices (Islam): Five Pillars of Islam, Hajj, Jihad, Festivals, Mosque, Ten Obligatory Acts.

Spring Term: Paper 2

Theme D: Religion, Peace & Conflict

Violence, Terrorism & Protest, Reasons for War, Just War Theory, Nuclear War, Holy War, Pacifism, Reconciliation.

Revision and preparation for mock and final GCSE Exams.

Internal Assessment

Past paper questions

Year 11 Mock Exam One – November 2025

Paper One and Paper Two

Year 11 Mock Exam Two – March 2026

Full Paper One and Full Paper Two

Exam Board/Exam Paper Requirements/% Weighting

Key dates (mocks and final exams)

Religious Studies AQA. Pupils will complete 3 exams at the end of Year 11.

Paper 1 is split into 2 separate exams (total time hour and 45 minutes) and worth 50%.

Paper 2 is 1 hour 45 minutes and worth 50%.

Paper One: Christianity Beliefs, Teachings & Practices (worth 25% of overall grade)

- Islam: Beliefs, Teachings & Practices (worth 25% of overall grade)

Paper Two

- Thematic Studies – This covers four ethical topics – Religion and Life, The Existence of God and Revelations, Crime and Punishment, Religion, Peace and Conflict (each topic is worth 12.5% with overall weighting of paper being 50% of grade)

Helpful resources/revision guides/websites/exam preparation

- Zig Zag revision guides – Given to students
- [GCSE Religious Studies - AQA - BBC Bitesize](#)
- Revision classes – after school.
- [Specification for first teaching in 2016: Specification](#)
- Audio Recordings – On Teams in class materials
- Hodder Education – My Revision Notes
- Hodder Education – My Workbook
- CGP – GCSE AQA A Religious Studies

The Revision Guide