



Carleton Community High School

A Specialist Science with Mathematics School



GCSE Religious Studies

We follow the **AQA B syllabus** and students will be required to study two units.

- Unit 5: Religious expression in society
- Unit 4: Religious philosophy and ultimate questions

Each unit is assessed through a 90 minute exam in the summer of year 11. (That's two separate exams).

It is now at the point where attendance at '**plus one' revision sessions** is crucial, especially in the lead up to the mock exams at the end of this month. During these sessions we will concentrate on areas of the course where students are uncertain and additional resources are also given out. Results from previous year groups show that these sessions had a **positive impact**, particularly on those students who were on the borderline between two grades. Plus ones for RE will run on **Friday of week A after school**.

There is currently no revision guide produced for the two topics we study however Hodder Education produces an excellent textbook series that contains all of the course content needed to **revise** and detailed **exam advice**. These can be ordered from Amazon or any good bookstores for about £15. The titles you need for the units we study are:

- Religious Expression in Society (GCSE Religious Studies for AQA B)
 - ISBN no: 978-0-340-98367-6
- Religious Philosophy and Ultimate Questions (GCSE Religious Studies for AQA B)
 - ISBN no: 978-0-340-98364-5

The department is currently producing some revision guides that pupils will be able to use in lessons and copy onto memory sticks or print off from the S Drive on the school computer system.

The following **websites** may also help:

- www.aqa.org.uk
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/rs/>
- <http://www.rsrevision.com/GCSE/index.htm>
- <http://revisionworld.co.uk/gcse-revision/rs-religious-studies>
- www.gcsepod.com

There are also a number of well made videos on **YouTube** that may help, particularly with learning key words. Try typing in the titles of the topics and see what you get! The YouTube account **hws_pre** has some very good exam technique advice videos specific to this course and syllabus.

If you have any **further questions** please contact Mrs Day.