



Friday 25 September 2026

Dear Parents / Carers

I wanted to take this opportunity to express how incredibly proud I am of your child as we have started to embark on this important journey into their GCSE option subjects. The transition into Year 10 can be challenging but they have navigated it with remarkable enthusiasm and maturity. Their dedication to embracing new subjects and the commitment they've shown in settling into their chosen pathways has been truly impressive. I have no doubt that this positive start will set the foundation for a successful year ahead and that their hard work and perseverance will pay off!

Preparation for RE examinations

We are now into the second and final year of preparation for the RE GCSE before the final examinations taking place in the Summer Term 2027. This is a great opportunity for students to gain a positive examination performance and achieve a grade that matches their potential. This will set them up for a successful Year 11, where they will complete all their other subject examinations. Valuable experience is always gained in the build-up of preparation for real exams, through the advice given in lessons and assemblies. 86% of our Year 10 students last year achieved a grade 4 or higher in RE, with many students achieving above their target grade by one, two or even three grades. The greater majority of students also find that the RE result is useful to them, in reference to the grades they need by the end of Year 11, to carry on their journey to a destination of their choice.

I strongly recommend that all students take advantage of what is discussed below; mock exams are set up with the intention of students demonstrating what they know, so they can receive valuable feedback on any gaps in their knowledge and continue to improve.

Dates of mock exams

Mock 1 is timetabled for Wednesday 21 October 2026. Students will meet in the canteen at 8.45am and it is a two-hour paper. All students will be given a small pack of key revision for the main topics that will be covered in the mock which is also available on Go4schools.

There will be an optional revision session for all students on Tuesday 20 October, from 3.15-4.15pm in the RE rooms.

Students can access revision resources for this Mock on the Digital Learning Hub and Go4schools. A reminder that when students are in school and open their internet browser, the Digital Learning Hub will be their landing page; if at home, they can access this through the school website on any PC, phone or tablet using the DLH shortcut tab on the top right of our homepage.

Mock 2 will be timetabled in Feb 2027. This will also be a two-hour paper. From January onwards students will have the option to attend after school revision sessions on a weekly basis on key topics and exam structure. A timetable will be communicated nearer the time.

Provision final exam dates

Paper 1 Themes (Thursday 13 May 2027)

Paper 2 Christianity (Friday 21 May 2027)

Paper 3 Islam (Monday 7 June 2027)

Revision strategies

The most common and effective types of revision used in RE are:

- Revision clocks with targeted questions
- Use of flash cards with spaced repetition for key concepts
- Timed exam question practice

Students are familiar with all these strategies. They can collect materials from their RE teachers at any time to support their independent revision.

GCSE Revision Resources

In addition to the revision materials available to students through our Digital Learning Hub, we have also collated details of supplementary revision resources for GCSE courses on the school website. These resources can be found under Learn → Revision and include recommended materials from individual subject areas. We have brought these recommendations together in one place at the start of this academic year so that parents/carers can see the resources available and decide which, if any, may be helpful in supporting revision at home.

[Revision Resources Details on the NLS Website](#)

Kind regards,

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