



Friday 19 September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

I would like to begin by sharing just how proud we are of our Year 10 students this term. Their start to GCSE study has been outstanding. They have shown enthusiasm, resilience, and maturity as they've stepped into their chosen option subjects. Many have already impressed staff with their focus, willingness to embrace challenge, and determination to succeed. This positive start is a real credit to them and gives us great confidence in the success they will achieve this year and beyond.

Preparation for RE Examinations

We are now entering the second and final year of preparation for the RE GCSE, with exams scheduled for Summer 2026. This is an excellent opportunity for students to secure a strong grade that reflects their true potential and sets them up well for their full set of examinations in Year 11.

Last year, 87% of Year 10 students achieved a grade 4 or higher in RE, with many exceeding their targets by one, two or even three grades. The experience gained from this process is invaluable and provides a solid foundation for future success.

To ensure the best possible outcomes, we encourage all students to make full use of the revision opportunities outlined below.

Dates of Mock Exams

- **Mock 1:** Wednesday 22 October 2025 (students meet in the canteen at 8.45am).
 - This will be a **two-hour paper**.
 - Students will receive a revision pack for key topics (also available on Go4schools).
 - Optional revision session: **Tuesday 21 October, 3.15–4.15pm in the RE rooms**.
 - Additional resources are available on the **Digital Learning Hub (DLH)**, accessible at school or via the school website at home.
- **Mock 2:** February 2026 (date to be confirmed).
 - Another **two-hour paper**.
 - From January onwards, weekly after-school revision sessions will run on key topics and exam techniques (timetable to follow).

Provisional Final Exam Dates

- **Paper 1 – Themes:** Tuesday 12 May 2026
- **Paper 2 – Christianity:** Wednesday 20 May 2026
- **Paper 3 – Islam:** Wednesday 3 June 2026

Revision Strategies

The most effective approaches for RE include:

- Revision clocks with targeted questions

- Flashcards with spaced repetition for key concepts
- Timed exam practice

Students are already familiar with these methods and can request further resources from their RE teachers at any time.

Additional Revision Resources: Maths & Science

In addition to the revision resources available for students on the Digital Learning Hub there are also some additional revision resources to buy that we recommend. Revision resources for science and maths are available for you on ParentPay (www.parentpay.com) with payment due by (add date) after which the order will be made.

Maths

Class	Item	Price
All Year 10	Scientific Calculator Casio FX-83GT	£9.50
Year 10 Foundation Students (set 3a 3b)	GCSE Maths AQA Revision Question Cards - Foundation	£4.90
Year 10 Higher Students (Set 1 2a 2b)	GCSE Maths AQA Revision Question Cards - Higher	£4.90
Year 10 Foundation Students (set 3a 3b)	Collins GCSE Grade 9-1 Revision - AQA GCSE 9-1 Maths Foundation	£5.65
Year 10 Higher Students (Set 1 2a 2b)	Collins GCSE Grade 9-1 Revision - AQA GCSE 9-1 Maths Foundation	£5.65

Science

Item	Price
KS4 Combined Science Revision Cards	£14.74
KS4 Combined Science Revision Guide	£7.20
KS4 Triple Science Revision Cards	£16.43
KS4 Triple Science Revision Guides	£11.25

Thank you for your continued support. We are so proud of our Year 10 students and excited to see all that they will achieve this year.

Kind regards,

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