



West Park School

Religious Studies: Full Course

GCSE Examination Summer 2026

In readiness for your examinations in Religious Studies you must **LEARN** and **REVISE** the following content and skills:

Area of Study 1 – Christianity: Christian Beliefs

- What is the Trinity?
- The Christian views on Creation
- What is the incarnation?
- The last days of Jesus' life
- Salvation
- Christian eschatology (teachings about life after death)
- The problem of evil and suffering
- Christian solutions to the problem of evil and suffering

Marriage and the Family

- The importance and purpose of marriage
- Christian teachings about the nature and importance of sexual relationships
- Christian teachings about the purpose and importance of the family
- How the local parish supports family
- Christian teachings about family planning
- Christian teachings and attitudes to divorce and remarriage
- Christian teaching about the equality of men and women in the family
- Christian teachings gender prejudice and discrimination

Living the Christian Life

- What is Worship? (liturgical and non-liturgical)
- What are the Sacraments?
- What are the Catholics and Baptists views on Baptism?
- What are the Catholics and Methodists views on Eucharist?
- What is Prayer?
- What is Pilgrimage? Why go and what are some places of pilgrimage?
- What is Advent?
- What is Christmas?
- What is Easter?
- What is Missionary and Evangelical work?
- What is the role and purpose of the local church?

Matters of Life and Death

- What are the origins of the universe?
- Why is life important?
- Can science and religion be compatible?
- Abortion – what is the legal situation in the UK and what are Christian views?
- What is Life after death? What are Christian and non-Christian arguments for and against?
- Euthanasia – what is the law, Christian and non-Christian views?
- What is the Environment? What threats does it face and what are Christian and non-Christian views?

Area of Study 2 – Judaism:

Jewish Beliefs

- What is the Jewish view of the Almighty?
- What is Shekhinah?
- What is the nature and purpose of the Messiah in Judaism?
- What is the covenant made at Sinai? Why is the Decalogue important to Jews today?
- What is the covenant with Abraham and his descendants?
- What is Pikuach Nefesh?
- Moral principles and the Mitzvot
- What are the Jewish beliefs about life after death?

Crime and Punishment

- What is the Jewish attitude towards justice?
- What are the Jewish attitudes towards crime?
- What are the Jewish teachings about good, evil and suffering?
- What are the Jewish attitudes towards punishment?
- What are the Jewish teachings about forgiveness?
- What are the Jewish teachings about the treatment of criminals?
- What are Jewish attitudes towards the death penalty?

Living the Jewish Life

- How do Jews worship?
- What is the Tenakh and Talmud?
- What are the Jewish food laws?
- What are the Shema and Amidah?
- What is Brit Milah, Bar and Bat Mitzvah and marriage?
- What are Jewish beliefs and practices at death (Jewish funerals)?
- What is Shabbat?
- What is Rosh Hashanah?
- What is Yom Kippur?
- What is Sukkot?
- What is Pesach?
- What is Shavuot?
- What is the role and purpose of the synagogue?

Peace and Conflict

- What are Jewish views on peace?
- What do Jews do to try to work for peace?
- What are Jewish attitudes to conflict?
- What is the role of religion in the causes of conflict?
- What are the Jewish attitudes to the Just War theory?
- What are the Jewish attitudes to Holy War?
- What are the Jewish attitudes to weapons of mass destruction (WMD)?
- What are the Jewish attitudes to violence, war, and terrorism?