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Dear Year 10 Students and Parents and Carers,

Religious Studies mock exam arrangements

Year 10 have made a fantastic start to the year, and as I am sure you are aware, they will shortly complete their first mock exams for Religious Studies. These will take during the morning of **Monday 17th November**. Please note, if a student misses an exam, for the mocks they will be required to catch this up and this could take place after school. Whilst we can offer this for mock exams, it is important to note that for the final summer exams, **if an exam is missed, students cannot sit this at a later date**.

This November mock will include Paper 2: Christianity, and Paper 3: Buddhism. Each section will last an hour and have questions on 'Beliefs and Teachings' and 'Practices'. Your child's teacher will have given them a revision guide to bring home to help them prepare (or will do so shortly). This document includes all the key words, key teachings and practices. There are also plenty of revision materials to be found on the RS revision Google Classroom page. Here is the code if your child still needs to join the group - fgux5w. We would advise that the students revise little and often. They should start with the key words as the definitions; one of these will always be the first question on the paper. They should then move on to revising the key teachings and practices.

On the day of the exam, students will attend school for the start of the day as normal. This will allow them to register with their tutor, and to have time to prepare with their peers. From 8:40 am, students will leave their tutor room, and head to the exam area outside the Sports Hall, lining up based on their seat number. The exam should finish in time for break and if a student has extra-time, we will ensure they have a break after their exam.

It is essential that your child has read the 'JCQ Information for Candidates' documents which can be found here on the website under the JCQ guidance section. The document outlines the items that are permitted and prohibited from the examination room. Students will be expected to put all of their belongings in their lockers before meeting in the examination area (the playground at the back of the school by the Sports Hall). Students must also know their seat number for each examination; this will be on their personal examination timetable, which will be issued via Arbor shortly, and it will be posted on the noticeboard outside the exam hall.

Whilst we know and expect that students will show the correct attitude and approach to their exams, it is important to note that if a student doesn't follow the protocols as set out by the JCQ they will be removed from the exam; this is true for both mock and final exams. In both cases sanctions will be put in place in line with the School's Behaviour Policy, and for GCSEs, if a student is removed, this will result in them scoring zero for the paper, and they could be withdrawn from the entire subject by the exam board.

We appreciate there is a lot of information in this letter, but please do discuss this with your child. Over the coming weeks we will also cover this in an assembly, and tutors and teachers will continue to support students and reaffirm this information too.

Finally, if you have not yet signed up for the **Year 10 Information Evening on Wednesday 15th October**, you can do so via this **form**. The event will start at 6.00 pm and last around 30 minutes.

If you have any questions or require further support, then please do get in touch. We are very much looking forward to a successful mock examination period and to continue to work with the students to prepare them for the summer.

Good luck Year 10!

Kind regards,

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