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Dear parents/carer,

As you may be aware, all students at BSCS do GCSE Religious Studies a year early. They begin to study the course in Year 9 and sit the exams in the summer of Year 10. We follow the Eduqas/WJEC specification and teach the following topics:

- Christianity (25% of final mark)
- Buddhism (25% of final mark)
- Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (Human Rights, Relationships, Good and Evil and Life and Death – 50% of final mark

We have had brilliant results in these exams over the past few years and following the positive start that Y9 have made we feel really optimistic for this cohort too.

As the course progresses, I will update you about progress and ways in which you can support your student, but I wanted to start the year bringing your attention to two things:

- On Tuesday 20th October, we are running a Places of Worship trip (you will receive more information about this in another letter), but this is a vital opportunity for students to visit a Buddhist Temple and different types of church, to speak to people who practise that faith and ask questions to extend their understanding.
- Y9 RS students will receive homework **once a week** to ensure they are fully prepared for the exam.

Thank you in advance for your support and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Claire Wilson
Head of Humanities