



The King's School

**TRIAL EXAMINATIONS
For Year 10 Students**

SPRING TERM 2019

**Instructions and information
for students, parents and carers**



**Mrs L Bugler
Examinations & Assessment Manager**

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Short Course GCSE RE and Year 10 Top-Up RE Trial Exams January 2019

You will be aware that last year your son/daughter started GCSE RE in Year 9. Having opted for the Short Course GCSE RE option or the RE Top-Up option they will sit their official GCSE exam at the end of Year 10 in May 2019.

On Thursday 17th January 2019 all Year 10 Short Course RE students and Year 10 Top-up RE students will have a trial examination. This will be their second opportunity of a GCSE trial exam in RE, as they also sat one at the end of Year 9.

For the January trial exam all **Year 10 Short Course students** will need to revise the following units:

- Islamic Beliefs (studied in Year 9)
- Relationships and Families (studied in Year 10)

Year 10 Top-Up students will need to revise the following units:

- Islamic Beliefs (studied in Year 9)
- Religion Peace and Conflict (studied in Year 9)
- Relationships and Families (studied in Year 10)
- Religion and Life (studied in Year 10)

All Year 10 students who are taking an exam will be provided with revision booklets to support them in this process. Further revision materials, including electronic copies of the revision booklets will also be available on Moodle including quote support sheets and past paper questions. Other revision materials which may further support students in their revision for their mock and final exam in May are the following revision guides, should you wish to purchase them:

- AQA GCSE Religious Studies A: Christianity and Islam Revision Guide by Marianne Fleming, Harriet Power, Peter Smith (Oxford University press) ISBN: 9780198422839
- My Revision Notes AQA GCSE (9-1) Religious Studies Specification A by Lesley Parry and Jan Hayes ISBN: 9781510404793

The above revision guides are available online from providers such as Amazon, Wordery and Waterstones amongst many others. If your son/daughter qualifies for free school meals they will get a published revision guide free of charge.

Students will be briefed in an assembly on January 7th about the examination procedures on the 17th January and will be given their venue and seat information during the week of the 7th January.

If you have any further questions or wish to clarify any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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INTERNAL EXAMINATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS

1. Please make sure that you know exactly when your exam is by checking your individual timetable. Room lists will be on display on the windows outside the exams office and outside the main hall on the morning of the exam. All dates and times can be found on your individual timetable.
2. You need to make sure that you bring in **all** relevant items for each exam, e.g. a calculator for a maths exam, resources that you may need for your art exam etc.

Please make sure you also bring in **black pens**, pencils, eraser, ruler and a sharpener in a **clear** pencil case or plastic bag. **You are not allowed to use correction fluid, eg tipp-ex or highlighter pens in any answers.** However, you are able to use highlighters on question papers.

3. You will **not** be entitled to any extra time should you arrive late for any of your exams. If you are late, you must report to Mrs Bugler and **not enter** the exam room. If you are ill and cannot take the exam, you **must** contact the school immediately and leave a message for the exam staff.

4. **ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXAMS**

Please wait quietly outside your exam room. There may be several different exams taking place at the same time so please check your room and seat number carefully; this will ensure you can be seated effectively within the shortest amount of time. It also ensures that you receive the correct exam paper.

5. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** are bags or coats allowed into the exam room. Please leave them outside the main hall. All valuables must be handed in.

6. Once inside the room, exam board rules state that you **must** be silent (see JCQ regulations). If there is any communication between any students, it will be assumed that you are cheating and will be treated accordingly. You must not talk to anyone except an invigilator until after you leave the exam room.

7. **MOBILE PHONES**

We cannot stress enough how important it is **not to bring in mobile phones to the exam room. You may leave them turned off with the invigilator.** If found on your person you will be disqualified from the exam and no marks given as it would be in the actual examinations.

8. You are only allowed to bring a bottle of water into the exam room (unless previously arranged with Mrs Bugler).
9. You are not allowed to leave the exam room even if you have finished your exam. If you need to use the toilet please put your hand up and an invigilator will escort you, wait for you and then return you to the exam hall. This does cause distraction to other students that are still working, so please make yourself comfortable by using the facilities (toilet) before you enter the exam room.