GCSE Religious Studies

Exam Board: OCR

Topic 1: Beliefs & Teachings and Practices (Christianity)

Topic 2: Beliefs & Teachings and Practices (Islam)

Topic 3: Religion, philosophy and ethics in the modern world from a religious perspective.

During topic 3, students will also study the following four themes and assess how religion impacts on these four areas of life;

- 1. Relationships and families
- 2. The existence of God, gods and the ultimate reality
- 3. Religion, peace and conflict
- 4. Dialogue between religious and non-religious beliefs and attitudes

All Religious Studies exams assess using a range of 3, 6, 9 and 15 marks. A link to the past paper section of the OCR website is available on the reverse of this sheet.

Details of topics

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Christian Beliefs and Teachings

- 1. Nature of God
- 2. Concept of God as a Trinity of persons
- 3. Biblical accounts of Creation
- The problem of evil and suffering and a loving and righteous God
- 5. Jesus Christ
- 6. Incarnation, Crucifixion,
 Resurrection and Ascension
- 7. The concept of salvation
- 8. Eschatological beliefs and teachings

Christian Practices

- 1. Worship
- 2. Sacraments
- 3. Prayer
- 4. The role and importance of pilgrimage and celebrations to Christians
- The role of the church in the local community and living practices
- 6. Mission
- 7. The role of the church in the wider world

Islamic Beliefs and Teachings

- 1. Core beliefs
- 2. Nature of Allah
- 3. Prophethood (Risalah)
- 4. Books (Kutub)
- 5. Angels (Malaikah)
- 6. Eschatological beliefs and teachings
- 7. Life after death (Akhirah)

Islamic Practices

- The importance of practices
- 2. Public acts of worship
- 3. Private acts of worship
- 4. Haji
- 5. Zakat/Zakah
- 6. Sawm
- 7. Festivals/special days
- 8. Jihad

Relationships and the Family

The role and purpose of families Marriage

Contraception

Roles of men and women

Equality

Gender Prejudice and

Discrimination

The Existence of God

God and human suffering
The Design argument
The first cause argument
The Moral argument
God revealed through miracles
God revealed through other people
Forms of religious experience

Peace and Conflict

Violence
Terrorism
Just and Holy War
Pacifism and working for Peace
Forgiveness and reconciliation

Dialogues

Christianity in Britain
Religion in Public life
Secularisation
Inter faith Dialogue
Potential Disagreements

GCSE Religious Studies

How best to support your child with their study or religious studies at Lode Heath School?

The links below will enable you to access various resources that will enable your child to make progress towards their target grade in their GCSE.

As well as this support, your child's teacher will provide revision opportunities via the online learning site 'SENECA'. In year 11, there will also be the opportunity to attend revision sessions that will ensure any gaps in your child's understanding are addressed.

OCR Religious Studies Specification



OCR Past Paper Questions



Amazon link for teacher approved revision guide

This can be purchased via amazon more cheaply than we can order them from our suppliers

