

# KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM INFORMATION

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## SUBJECT CONTENT

Students study a full course GCSE that consists of the study of religion and beliefs (50%) and thematic studies (50%).

At EWS we have selected Christianity and Islam as the two religions studied. This reflects their relative numbers of adherents and the impact that each has on life in modern Britain.

Students will study Christian & Islamic beliefs/practices in detail and will be able to critically evaluate and compare a variety of understandings and views within each religion. Students will also study the following thematic units:

- Religion and Life (including euthanasia, abortion, environmental ethics, and animal rights).
- Religion, Relationships and Families (including family structures, sexuality, gender equality, polygamy, and marriage)
- Religion, Crime and Punishment (including capital/corporal punishment, the aims of punishment, and the relative success of each).
- Revelation and the existence of God (including arguments for and against God's existence, claimed sources of religious knowledge, and miracles).

## HOW WILL STUDENTS BE ASSESSED?

At the end of Year 11, students will sit two exams. Both are 1 hour 45 minutes long. Students will be required to complete a variety of written answers: from multiple choice to extended essay writing.

During their learning in Years 9, 10, and 11 students will regularly be given in class tests that mirror their final exam style and will be given detailed feedback on their strengths and areas of need.

## WHAT CAN I DO TO SUPPORT MY CHILD AT HOME?

Encourage regular revision, from the start of the course, as the course is 3 years long and students will not have time to go back over all material in the classroom. Students will also be set regular homework and should be encouraged to complete it.

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Students should also be encouraged to engage in current affairs and critically evaluate the responses to events and ideas, whilst forming their own considered viewpoint.

Students should purchase the AQA A RS (9-1) Revision guide from CGP. This can be most easily ordered through Amazon. If students are unsure of the correct choice, their class teacher can advise them.

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