West Park School
Religious Studies
Short Course GCSE Examination Summer 2023

In readiness for your GCSE examination in Religious Studies you must **LEARN** and **REVISE** the following content and skills:

Section A: Christian Beliefs
- What is the Trinity?
- The Christian views on Creation
- What is the incarnation?
- The last days of Jesus' life
- Salvation
- Christian eschatology (teachings about life after death)
- The problem of evil and suffering
- Christian solutions to the problem of evil and suffering

Section A: Jewish Beliefs
- What is the Jewish view of the Almighty?
- What is Shekhinah?
- What is the nature and purpose of the Messiah in Judaism?
- What is the covenant made at Sinai? Why is the Decalogue important to Jews today?
- What is the covenant with Abraham and his descendants?
- What is Pikuach Nefesh?
- Moral principles and the Mitzvot
- What are the key moral principles of Judaism?
- What are the Jewish beliefs about life after death?

Theme A: Relationships and Families
- The importance and purpose of marriage
- Christian teachings about the nature and importance of sexual relationships
- Christian teachings about the purpose and importance of the family
- How the local parish supports family
- Christian teachings about family planning
- Christian teachings and attitudes to divorce and remarriage
- Christian teaching about the equality of men and women in the family
- Christian teachings gender prejudice and discrimination

Theme B: Religion, Peace and Conflict
- The meaning and significance of: peace; justice; forgiveness; reconciliation
- Violence, including violent protest
- Terrorism
- Reasons for war, including greed, self-defence and retaliation
- The just war theory, including the criteria for a just war
- Holy war
- Pacifism
- Religion and belief as a cause of war and violence in the world
- Nuclear weapons
- The use of weapons of mass destruction
- Religion and peace-making in the world
- Religious responses to the victims of war including the work of one religious organisation