

“OUR VISION is to develop world class students who have the belief in themselves that anything is possible and lead happy and successful lives”





Welcome to GCSE PY (Religious Studies)

- AQA 8062
- 100% exam
- One x 1 hour 45 minute paper to examine the 'Themes'. This is 50% of the GCSE
- One x 1 hour 45 minute paper to examine the 'Religion'. This is 50% of the GCSE.
- Four Themes units: Religion and Life, Religion, Peace and Conflict, Religion, Crime and Punishment and, The Existence of God and Revelation.
- Four Religious units: Christian Beliefs, Christian Practices, Islamic Beliefs, Islamic Practices.





Our expectations

- Students must attend as many lessons as possible, **high attendance is vital**
- **Have the right equipment** – your book, pens, highlighters and the **right attitude**.
- Any missed work must be caught up on – **it is the responsibility of students to find their teacher to discuss.**
- **Homework is set with purpose** – this must be completed carefully by students
- At least **30 minutes of independent study** time a week – in addition to any homework set.





Retrieval Practice

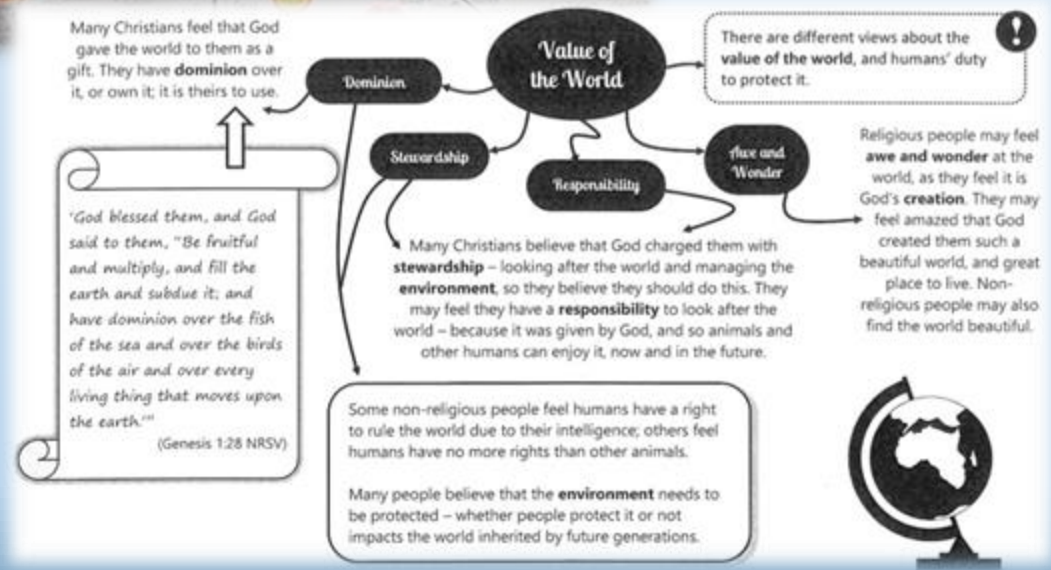
- *“Practice that’s spaced out, interleaved with other learning, regular and varied produces better mastery and longer retention”* – ‘Make it stick’ by Peter C Brown.
- Students are expected to **self-test their knowledge for 30 minutes each week** – this is an excellent learning habit and will improve knowledge and outcomes.
- Ways to do this: create a revision calendar, flashcards, memory clocks, knowledge organisers, practice questions. **It must be active.**



Retrieval Practice Strategies

VISION timetable 2019

February/March				April/May/June			
25 Mon	6 Week Nuclear Weapons	21 Fri	Forgiveness	25 Sun	Day Off	1 Mon	What happens when we die? Views about the afterlife.
26 Tue	7 Thurs Campaign for nuclear disarmament	26 Sat	Conservation	2 Tue	NEW TOPIC - CHRISTIANITY BELIEFS Nature of God	12 Tue	Sex and salvation
27 Wed	8 Fri Weapons of mass destruction	27 Sun	Day Off	20 Tue	Eating meat and religious responses to eating meat	20 Sat	Role of the church in the community - street pastors. Causes of crime
28 Thurs	9 Sat Holy war	28 Mon	TOPIC - RELIGION AND LIFE Types of truth	27 Wed	Animal testing - medical drugs and cosmetics	3 Wed	'Overs' V
1 Fri	TOPIC - WAR AND PEACE Violent and peaceful protest	10 Sun	Day Off	27 Wed	Animal testing - medical drugs and cosmetics	12 Fri	Heaven and hell
2 Sat	Termination	11 Mon	Religious beliefs about war and violence - is it justified?	28 Thurs	Religious views on animal testing.	13 Sat	Role of Jesus in salvation
		20 Wed	The creation story - Genesis 1 and Genesis 2	29 Fri	Abortion	14 Sun	Day Off
				6 Sat	Confession	15 Mon	NEW TOPIC - CHRISTIANITY PRACTICES Worship and prayer



'God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."
(Genesis 1:28 NRSV)





Resources to support your study

- AQA have provided a wide range of supporting resources – past exam papers, the specification, course textbook information, examiners reports...
- BBC Bitesize is a fantastic resource for this course alongside watching the news, listening to podcasts from BBC 4 In our Time and watching Question Time.
- **Teachers can make more specific recommendations in relation to individual students' needs.**



Thank You