Exam Board	Recommended revision guide	Support available in school
	REVISION GUIDE	Revision sessions every Monday lunch time with Mr Lowis or Mrs Wheeler.
AQA	AQA Religious Studies A (9–1) Christianity & Islam	Monday A - A103 with Mrs Wheeler
	Makener Binner, Peter Small, Peter Small, Peter Small, International Property Control of the Con	Monday B — A106 with Mr Lowis



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## **Revision Schedule 2024**

Useful online resources	Exam date(s)		
BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zbndy9q (Christianity) https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4v7gwx (Islam)  Seneca Learning: https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/ - make sure to select the AQA GCSE RS course.	Paper 1 (Religions) 9 <sup>th</sup> May  Paper 2 (Themes) 16 <sup>th</sup> May		

	January						
Week beginning	Topic	Content to revise	Complete (tick)	Knowledge test score	Weeks left		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>		<ul> <li>The Six articles of faith in Sunni Islam and the Five routes of Usul as-Din in Shi'a Islam and the key similarities and differences</li> <li>The Oneness of God (Tawhid). Qur'an Surah 112</li> <li>The nature of God: omnipotence, beneficence, mercy, fairness and justice (Adalat in Shi'a Islam)</li> <li>God's nature with the world (immanence and transcendence)</li> </ul>			18		
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Islam Beliefs	Angels and their role including Jibril and Mika'ill Predestination and human freedom in relationship to the day of Judgement. Life after death (Akhirah), human responsibility, accountability, heaven and hell.			17		
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Prophethood (Risalah) including the role and importance of Adam, Ibrahim and Muhammad The holy books: The Qur'an – revelation and authority The Torah, the psalms, the Gospel. The imamate in Shi'a Islam: its role and significance.			16		
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Crime and Punishment	Reasons for crime including the following below: Poverty and upbringing Mental illness and addiction Greed and hate Opposition to an unjust law Views about people who break the law for the above reasons Views about different types of crime including hate crimes, theft and murder The aims of punishment: Retribution Deterrence Reformation			15		
	February						
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Crime and Punishment	Treatment of criminals: Prison Corporal punishment Community service Forgiveness			14		

		The death penalty		
		Ethical arguments on the death penalty such as utility and sanctity of life		
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christian Beliefs	The nature of God God as being omnipotent, loving and just The problem of evil and suffering The oneness of God and the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) Different Christian beliefs about creation including the role of the Word and the Spirit (John 1 and Genesis 1) Different Christian beliefs about the afterlife including resurrection, life after death, judgement and heaven and hell		13
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christian Beliefs	Jesus Christ, the incarnation and Jesus as the Son of God The crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Sin and Original Sin The means of salvation including law, grace and Spirit. The role of Christ in salvation including the idea of atonement		12
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Religion and Life	Christian and Muslim teachings about the origins of the universe and different interpretations of these stories  The Big Bang and other scientific explanations for the origin of the universe  The relationship between the religious and scientific views on the origins of the universe.		11
		March		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Religion and Life	The value of the world and the duty of humans to protect it including stewardship, dominion, responsibility, awe and wonder. The use and abuse of the environment The use and abuse of animals Animal testing The use of animals for food. Religious teachings about the origins of human life and different interpretations of these The relationship between scientific views on the origins of human life and the religious views		10
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>		Sanctity of life and quality of life Abortion Ethical arguments related to abortion Euthanasia Beliefs about death and the afterlife		9
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Peace and Conflict	Meaning of peace Meaning of justice Meaning of forgiveness Meaning of reconciliation Meaning of violence and violent protest		8

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Peace and Conflict	Terrorism Reasons for war including greed, self-defence and retaliation The Just War Theory Holy War Pacifism Religion and belief as a cause of war and violence in the contemporary world Nuclear weapons and nuclear deterrence Weapons of mass destruction Religion and peace-making in the contemporary world including the work of specific people and charities Religious responses to the victims of war including the work of specific organisations.  April		7
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Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Christian Practices	Different forms of worship and their significance: Liturgical, non-liturgical and informal, including the use of the Bible. Private worship Prayer and its significance including the Lord's Prayer, set prayers and informal prayers		6
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christian Practices	The role and meaning of sacraments The sacrament of baptism and its significance for Christians, infant and believers' baptism and different beliefs and infant baptism The sacrament of eucharist (Holy Communion) and its significance for Christians, including different ways in which it is celebrated and different interpretations of its meaning. Two contrasting examples of Christian pilgrimage: Lourdes and Iona		5
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christian Practices	The celebrations of Easter and Christmas including their importance for Christians in Great Britain today.  The role of the Church in the local community including food banks and street pastors.  The place of mission, evangelism and Church growth  The importance of the worldwide Church growth  Worldwide church growth working towards reconciliation  How Christian churches respond to persecution  The work of ONE of the following: CAFOD, Christian Aid or Tearfund		4
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Islam Practices	Five Pillars of Sunni Islam and the Ten Obligatory Acts of Shi'a Islam (you must know the Five Pillars, Jihad in both Sunni and Shi'a Islam and the additional duties of Shi'a Islam. Shahadah – declaration of faith and what this looks like in Muslim practice. Salah and its significance. Including times, direction, wudu, movements/rak'ahs, recitations, salah in the home and in the mosque, Friday prayer (Jummah) Key differences in the practice of salah in Sunni and Shi'a Islam and different Muslim views on the importance of prayer.		3

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Islam Practices	Sawn – the role of fasting during Ramadan including its origin, duties, benefits, exceptions and the Night of Power (Qur'an 96)  Zakah and the importance of giving alms including why and how it is given and the benefits. Khums in Shi'a Islam  Hajj and the significance of pilgrimage to Mekkah. How it began, what happens, important sites such as the Kab'aba at Makah, Mina, Arafat, Muzdalifah.  Jihad: different understandings of jihad and the conditions of lesser jihad.  Festivals and their importance for Muslims in Britain today including the origins and meanings of Id-ul-Adha, Id-ul-Fitr and Ashura		2
		May	1	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Relationships and Families	Human sexuality including heterosexual and homosexual relationships Sex before and outside of marriage Contraception and family planning The nature and purpose of marriage Same-sex marriage and cohabitation Divorce, reasons for divorce and remarrying Ethical arguments related to divorce including those based on the sanctity of marriage vows and compassion.		1
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Relationships and Families	The nature of families and the role of parents and children Extended families and the nuclear family The purpose of families including procreation, protection of children and educating children in faith. Same sex parents Polygamy The roles of men and women Gender equality Gender prejudice and discrimination including examples.		0