

Helping my child succeed at AS Religious Studies

Basic Information	Examinations
<p>Pupils will study two modules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Origins and Development of the Early Christian Church to AD 325 2. Foundations of Ethics with Special Reference to Issues in Medical Ethics <p>Both modules are worth 50% each at AS level and worth 20% each of the final A2 result.</p>	<p>Pupils would usually sit two examination papers:</p> <p>The Early Church paper (AS4) and the Ethics paper (AS7). There is an option to omit a paper due to the disruption of COVID. This will be explained to your child in class.</p> <p>Each exam will last for 1 hour and 20 minutes</p> <p>Examining board: CCEA</p>
Assessment	Skills
<p>Pupils will be set essays on the topics they study.</p> <p>Part A: 25 marks (Knowledge & Understanding) Part B: 25 marks (Critical Analysis)</p> <p>They will be required to identify areas for improvement based on the feedback from their latest essay.</p> <p>They will also complete memory retrieval tasks.</p>	<p>Pupils will be developing the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note-taking • Wider reading • Structuring an essay • Time management • Critical analysis • Developing a line of reasoning • Keeping abreast of current affairs
What does my child need?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ring binder (containing current topic) • Lever arch file (with completed topics) • Dividers • File paper • Highlighter • Flash cards • Coloured pens are helpful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TIME • A quiet place to work • Encouragement to consolidate regularly and to explain what they are studying • Notification of potentially relevant press stories • Effective revision techniques (no 'colouring in' with highlighters) • YOU (to cajole them along at times)
Other Aspects of Human Experience	
<p>Pupils are required to relate their topics of study to current affairs. For example:</p> <p>Church and State: Can a Christian or politician of any religion serve the state effectively? What if the needs of the Church and the state clash? Should politicians remain private about their faith? There are many local examples of religious people involved in political positions.</p> <p>You could help by asking your child about their current themes of human experience and then by spending some time discussing relevant stories. You could also encourage them to check the BBC News page on a regular basis.</p>	