Curriculum & Course Overview

Subject: GCSE Religious Studies		
Key Stage	KS4 Year 9 Year 10 Year 11	
Exam Board	Edexcel Religious Studies B	
Examination	Paper 1- Buddhism: Religion and Ethics- 1D- (1hr45) Paper 2- Christianity: Religion, Peace and Conflict- 2B- (1hr45)	
Specification	https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/religious-studies-b-2016.html	
Key Content	Buddhism: Buddhist Beliefs The life of the Buddha Dhamma First Noble Truth Second Noble Truth Fourth Noble Truth Fourth Noble Truth Huma life Buddhist Ethical teachings Christianity: Christian Beliefs The Trinity The creation of the universe and humanity The last days of Jesus' Life The role and importance of salvation Christian Eschatology The problem of Evil and Suffering Solutions of the problem of Evil and suffering Buddhism: Marriage and the Family Importance of purpose of Marriage Sexual relationships Importance of the family in the Sangha Buddhist teachings of contraception Buddhist teachings of divorce Buddhist teachings and attitudes towards gender prejudice and discrimination Christianity: Living the Christian Life Christian Worship The role of the sacraments The nature and purpose of prayer Pilgrimage Christian religious celebrations The future of the Christian Church The role and importance of the local church	

	- The role and importance of the Church in the worldwide community
	Buddhism: Living the Buddhist Life
	- Meditation
	- Chanting
	- Mantra recitation
	- Feature of Buddhist places of worship
	- Objects of devotion
	- Puja
	- Death and mourning rituals
	- Festivals and retreats
	Christianity: Peace and Conflict
	- Christian attitudes towards peace
	- Role of Christians in peacemaking
	- Christian attitudes towards conflict
	- Christian attitudes towards pacifism
	- Christians attitudes towards Just War Theory
	- Christian attitudes to Holy War
	- Christian Attitudes to WMD
	- Christian attitudes to issues surrounding conflict.
	Buddhism: Matters of Life and Death
	- Origins and value of the universe
	- Sanctity of life
	- Buddhist responses to scientific and non-religious explanations about
	the origins of the universe
	- Implications of the Buddhist teachings about the value and sanctity of
	life for the issue of abortion
	- Buddhist responses to the existence of death and the afterlife
	- Buddhist responses to non-religious arguments against life after death
	- Application of teachings to the issue of euthanasia
	- Buddhist responses to issues in the natural world.
Homework	Teams
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Holland Park	HPS Revision Guide
Resources	This items on dolde
Revision	Full revision guide provided on a topic by topic basis.
Resources	Revision work packs
	Key term lists
	• List of key quotations provided by February half term for Y10/ Y11 cohorts.
	Key Quotation Quizlets
	o https://quizlet.com/691273646/christianity-quotations-flash-
	cards/?i=7ww2j&x=1jqt
	o https://quizlet.com/695195000/buddhism-quotations-flash-
	cards/?i=7ww2j&x=1jqt
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