What is GCSE RE all about?

New Specification Paper 1
Religion and Ethics Christianity

1. **Belief in God**

2. **Marriage & the Family**

3. **Living the Christian Life**

4. **Matters of Life and Death**

* = Topic in both papers to compare religions/beliefs

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GCSE Paper 2
Religion, Peace and Conflict Islam

1. **Belief in God**

2. **Crime and Punishment**

3. **Living the Muslim Life**

4. **Peace and Conflict**

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Religious Studies
GCSE Results 2018

215 students
Grade 7+ (A*-A) = 33%
Grade 4+ (A*-C) = 78%

Tolerance

Ethics
Critical thinking, analysing arguments and making judgements using Sources of Authority (SOA) help with English Language/ Literature exams; ethical arguments, persuasive language, religious/ moral beliefs.
### Religion in England and Wales

#### Census 2011 which answer goes where?

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### Questions
1) Which is the biggest religious group?
2) What does ‘No religion’ actually mean?

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Reasons for belief?

Evolution and the Big Bang theory?

- No proof

- A feeling

- Evil and suffering

- Upbringing because your family have these beliefs.

The world is too complicated to come from an explosion there must have been a designer. That designer might be God.

Scientific explanations of miracles

- Miracles

- If there is no God then who created the world?

Prayers

- Its gives people comfort
Humanism

The Golden Rule = Treat others as you would like to be treated yourself.

Humanism is part of the curriculum and included in all Exam specifications as a non-religious point of view.

Humanists believe that everyone should have religious freedom and argue that we can use reason, empathy, compassion and respect to decide how to act.

Our morality and way of life is constantly evolving/improving overtime.

For a Humanist science provides the best way to understand the world.
1. Do we need to help each other?

2. Should we get married?

3. Did God create the world?
   - Refer to Christian/Muslim teachings
   - Refer to a non-religious point of view
   - Reach a justified conclusion

4. Is it right to eat meat?

d) 12 marks Evaluation BIG Money Question so check the bullet points use SOA to SORT and PEAL!

Some agree

Others disagree

Reference evidence

To conclude

3 marks for SPaG Q1d & 3d)
1. Auto-marked test: Muslim Beliefs

How much do you know about Muslim beliefs? This activity has 14 questions which will test your knowledge. Click Next to begin!