



# Carleton Community High School

*A Specialist Science with Mathematics School*



## GCSE Religious Studies

This year we have begun a new and very exciting GCSE course. We follow the **AQA B syllabus** and students will be required to study two units. Each unit is assessed through a 90 minute exam in the summer of year 11. (That's two separate exams).

The individual units are broken down into six topics. During each topic the class will have an opportunity to produce a group presentation and sit an **end of topic test**. This test is written in the style of an exam question and helps us to track progress over the course. It is expected that students will **revise** for these end of unit tests using their **notes** made during classes and the key-word quizzes set on the '**iamlearning**' site.

**Mock exams** will be held within the first term of year 11. These will give us a good indication of what grades pupils can expect to get and also help us to identify those who need extra support.

In year 11 students will be given details about '**plus one**' **revision sessions**. During these sessions we will concentrate on areas of the course where students are uncertain and additional resources are also given out. Results from previous year groups show that these sessions had a **positive impact**, particularly on those students who were on the borderline between two grades.

Hodder Education produces an excellent textbook series that contains all of the course content needed to **revise** and detailed **exam advice**. These are much better than any revision guides available and can be ordered from Amazon or any good bookstores for about £15. The titles you need for the units we study are:

- Religious Expression in Society (GCSE Religious Studies for AQA B)
- Religious Philosophy and Ultimate Questions (GCSE Religious Studies for AQA B)

The following **websites** may also help:

- [www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/rs/>
- <http://www.rsrevision.com/GCSE/index.htm>
- <http://revisionworld.co.uk/gcse-revision/rs-religious-studies>
- [www.iamlearning.co.uk](http://www.iamlearning.co.uk)

There are also a number of well made videos on **YouTube** that may help, particularly with learning key words. Try typing in the titles of the topics and see what you get!

If you have any **further questions** please contact Mrs Day.