CORE: GCSE RE



**COURSE CONTENT:**

Paper 1 – Catholic Christianity

•Beliefs and Teachings •Practices •Sources of wisdom and authority

•Expressions of the faith in art, music and culture

Paper 2 – Judaism

•Beliefs and Teachings •Practices

Paper 3 – Philosophy/Family

•Arguments for and against the existence of God

•Family and relationships in the 21 century

Exam Board

Specification

Pearson EdExcel

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**Assessment Details**

Each unit of all three papers is assessed using these 4 questions:

1. 3 marks – Make 3 points, so write at least 3 sentences
2. 4 marks – Make a point, explain it and link it to the question x2, so write two short paragraphs
3. 5 marks – Make a point and explain it and link it to the question x2, so write two short paragraphs + (Source of wisdom and authority)
4. 15 marks – Make points for/against, then critique the points made and then conclude backing up their arguments with sources of wisdom and authority (12 marks for the answer & 3 marks SPaG)

**Final Examinations**

Paper 1 – Catholic Christianity

Paper 2 – Judaism

Paper 3 – Philosophy/Family

**Skills/Aptitudes Required for Success**

You will need a high degree of religious and philosophical knowledge and literacy to do well. However, just as important is the ability to reason, create sophisticated convincing arguments, look at issues from different perspectives and reach a justified conclusion. These highly valuable transferable skills will take **time** and **effort** achieve, but they are worth it!

**Staff Contact for Further Information**

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