

## GCSE Revision: Religious Studies (Years 9 to 11)

At KS4, students study two religions in depth (Christianity and Islam for Edexcel B) and apply teachings to ethical and philosophical issues such as *Life and Death*, *Marriage and Family*, *Peace and Conflict*, and *Crime and Punishment*. They learn to evaluate arguments, use sources of authority (e.g. Bible, Qur'an), and write extended exam answers.

### How to help at home:

- Test them on **key quotes** and ask how they link to a topic (e.g. *"How might this verse be used in a question on forgiveness?"*)
- Encourage discussion of real-world issues (e.g. euthanasia, war, social justice) using the phrase: *"Some people would argue... others would say... what do you think?"*
- Support them in timing practice essays - even 5 minutes a day on a short "c" or "d" style question is powerful revision
- Use "PEEL" (Point, Evidence, Explain, Link) as a family challenge when structuring arguments

### Useful Links:

- [Oak National Academy](#) – KS4 RS – free video lessons and revision activities.
- [Edexcel GCSE RS](#) (Specification & Past Papers) – official content list and real exam questions.