

Dear Parent/Carers

This May your son will sit his GCSE Religious Studies (Short Course) examination. The date of this examination is **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May**, beginning at 9:00am.

### **Mock Examination**

To help students in the process of preparing for their GCSE, a mock examination has been scheduled for **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February**.

The mock examination will begin at **9:00am** on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February** in the Great Hall and will last for 1 hour 45 minutes. Students will register in their form rooms as usual and will then proceed promptly to the foyer by 08:45am. If the end of the exam runs into morning break, we will make arrangements to ensure students have a break before Period 3. Students will then attend their lessons as usual for Periods 3-6.

Students will be expected to follow all the regulations for external examinations. A copy of these regulations has been sent to you along with this letter. In particular, students are reminded not to bring their bags or mobile phones with them to the examination. Storage for these should be available in form rooms.

This mock examination is an excellent opportunity for students to gauge their standing in the subject as they work towards the summer examination. As such, it is important that students prepare themselves thoroughly. Students who prepare properly give themselves a good platform to build on for the summer examination and past experience suggests a strong correlation between mock performance and GCSE performance.

### **Revision Guides**

The school has purchased revision guides from OUP, which are available for £6 (rrp £9.99). Students have tended to find these useful and their purchase is recommended, though by no means essential. Payment should be made via our online system (sQuid). Should you experience any problems in connection with the online system, please contact the Finance Office [financeoffice@saintolaves.net](mailto:financeoffice@saintolaves.net) and they will assist with your query.

I have also made available a range of resources on Moodle. Students are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the available resources, and are welcome to ask if there is anything else they would like to see provided.

Yours sincerely

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