

Year 8 Religious Studies: preparing for your year 8 exam.

Topics you need to learn:

- What gives life meaning?
- Why does God have so many names?

Resources available to you:

- Core knowledge list for each topic
- Keyword list for each topic

These lists are available to download from the school website, or you can ask your teacher for a paper copy.

- Your class workbook

Tips for how to learn the keywords and core knowledge:

Look, cover, write and check:

1. Read through each word and its definition, or question and answer, carefully.
2. Mark each one with a tick, question mark or cross.
 - The tick is for a word or question whose definition or answer you already know (it doesn't have to be word for word, you just need to know the meaning.)
 - The question mark is for words or questions you had an idea about but were not accurate enough to be correct.
 - The cross is for those words or questions you don't know yet.
3. Use "look, cover, write and check." To learn the keywords and questions you marked with a question mark or cross. Once you can do all four stages of the process for the word AND its definition or the question AND its answer, you can move on to the next word you do not know or were not sure about.
4. Once you think you have learnt them all then cover up all the definitions and answers with a piece of paper and see if you can write all the definitions with accurate meanings and all the answers (they don't have to be word for word – make sure you understand what you are writing).
5. Highlight any you still don't know well enough and repeat the "look, cover, write and check" process until you have learnt them.

Flash cards:

Repeat steps 1 and 2 above. Instead of continuing with step 3, create flashcards for the keywords and questions you marked with a question mark or cross. Write the keyword or question on one side, and the meaning or answer on the other. One keyword or question per card. Use them to test yourself, or ask someone else to test you and repeat until you can put them on a pile of the ones you know.

With both of these ideas, be sure to revisit the ones you marked with a tick.

More support:

If you need any more help, then please speak to your teacher. We will be discussing the type of questions that will be on the exam in lessons in the next few weeks. If you miss this due to absence, be sure to ask your teacher for guidance. **You will not be asked to give answers to the core knowledge questions word for word so it is important to understand what you learn, not just learn things by rote.**