

# Religious Studies KS4

## How do we assess in Religious Studies at KS4?

**Day-to-day lessons:** Teachers will give verbal feedback to students.

**Past exam questions:** Students will complete past GCSE questions to verify their understanding of a section of learning either in class or as homework. These will be marked and written feedback given identifying what the student has done well and what they need to do to improve. Follow up work to extend and enhance students' understanding will be set if necessary.

**Homework tasks:** These will be set every week, usually taking the form of short answer exam questions and will be marked as above. Revision should be completed as homework when examinations are imminent.

**Regular mock examinations:** Students will be tested after learning in every topic with summative feedback provided. Areas mastered will be highlighted in pink with areas students need to improve further in highlighted in green. Corrections and follow up work will be completed in time allocated in a subsequent lesson to help them to improve.

**Progress data:** Every half term teachers will award a grade that represents a student's current performance in Religious Studies and a forecast of what they believe the student will achieve.

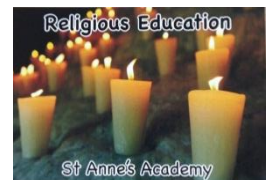
**Effort grades:** These are awarded every term for every student and are used to determine whether a student will receive the Principal's Award.

## How do we encourage students to engage with feedback?

We give time in lessons for regular red pen work to correct/improve class work, homework and examinations. Students complete the *follow up work* set by their teachers highlighted in green or a specific task written in purple pen. This work is completed in red pen.

## Rewarding effort and progress in Religious Studies

We all like hard work and effort to be acknowledged! Teachers use **stickers** in lessons for an instant reward. Teachers send postcards home to inform parents of a student's 'great effort' in Religious Studies lessons and in mock examinations. Religious Studies badges are awarded to students for continued effort and subsequent achievement in Religious Studies lessons.



## How is feedback monitored?

Performance management observations are completed twice a year and weekly learning walks focus on marking and feedback for two weeks of every half term. Department managers complete a formal work scrutiny every half term and department meetings are used to provide feedback, support improvement if necessary and share best practice.