



# Fulford School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 10 RE Short-Course GCSE Examination Arrangements 2018

I wrote to you in November to inform you that your son/daughter is in an RE group which will be sitting the short course GCSE at the end of Year 10 instead of the more traditional point at the end of Year 11. **This examination takes place on Wednesday 16th May from 1:30pm-3:15pm.**

On the morning of Wednesday 16 May, your son/daughter will be granted study leave, in order to prepare for the afternoon examination. **This means that s/he does not need to attend lessons during the morning of that day.**

**Registration for your son/daughter that afternoon will take place in the examination room itself. Please note that s/he should be waiting outside the examination room at least 10 minutes before it starts.** Additionally, please be aware that further roadworks on the A19, linked to Germany Beck, may take place during the exam period. Given this, additional time should be allowed for any journeys into school.

There will be study rooms available for students in school during the morning of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May. However, given that the whole of Year 11 is also on study leave that morning, these rooms are likely to be busy and we would encourage students to take advantage of the opportunity to study at home wherever possible.

If your son or daughter is not able to take the RE short-course GCSE examination because of illness, please contact either Mr Walker (Assistant Headteacher) or Mrs Alexander (Examinations Officer) as soon as possible. If there is no due cause for absence, any student failing to attend for an examination will be sent a bill for the cost of entry (£30 per subject).



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In line with exam regulations, any student, whose behaviour in the examination room is such that other candidates are distracted from their work, will be excluded from that examination and may not be allowed to take any other examinations. **Please note, mobile phones and other electronic devices (including smartwatches) in examinations are strictly forbidden by the regulations imposed by the Examination Board and any student found in possession of these in the exam room will risk disqualification from that exam and any others they are entered for. I would appreciate your support in stressing the importance of this to your son/daughter.**

**Please note that students must wear school uniform in all their examinations.**

RE short-course GCSE examination results will arrive in school on **Thursday 23 August**. Students may come to school to collect their results between 10:00am and 12:00pm on that day. After 12:00pm the results will be posted out (provided a stamped addressed envelope has been left). In the interests of data protection, results **CANNOT** be given over the telephone. If your son/daughter will be unavailable to collect their results and would like another person to collect them on their behalf a letter indicating this must be provided before their final exam. It is important to note that this letter must include the name of the person collecting the results. Anyone collecting results on another person's behalf will be required to provide photographic ID.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish your son/daughter every success in this examination this summer. As I said in my letter in November, with the increased allocation of time that we have given to RE teaching during Year 10, students are fully prepared for the examination. They have sat a mock examination last term which has helped RE teachers to identify and address areas for improvement before the summer examination takes place. This early entry approach also means that students will benefit from increased teaching time in English during Year 11.

Yours faithfully

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Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum and Achievement)