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Dear Parent/Carers

GCSE Religious Studies

I am writing to make you aware of how you can support your child with their revision for EPR (GCSE Religious Studies). This GCSE is one of the earliest GCSEs to be sat and so time is of the essence in terms of revision.

The dates for the two Religious Studies exams are as follows:

15 May – Christianity and Judaism papers (1hr 45mins) 23 May – Themes (Relationships, Crime and Punishment, Peace and Conflict and Social Justice) (also 1hr 45mins)

Both these exams take place before May half term allowing students to focus on their main subjects.

You may be wondering how a Religious Studies GCSE will be useful.

Firstly, it is a GCSE that *may* be needed to contribute to the count of GCSEs when applying for college in August. Even if it is not necessarily a specific requirement, it is part of the offer from Looe Community Academy and will be a GCSE that is counted in the final total.

Secondly, it is useful for certain professions such as the caring professions, the forces, journalism and health.

Thirdly, it demonstrates to employers that students can evaluate different arguments, use reasoning to apply arguments or principles to various real -life situations and set out an argument fluidly.

As the only EPR teacher in Year 11 I am providing the following sessions that I would ask you to encourage your child to attend which are supplemented by the revision guides that he been issued:

Monday lunchtime revision Revision in the Easter holidays - Tuesday 11 April, 9.30-12.30 in room 203 An EPR Navigator that has regularly been set on Satchel 1 with revision activities Please could you ask your child to attend one of the revision sessions.

There is an extra incentive that each full session attended on a Monday counts towards a reduction in the cost of the Prom in June.

Thank you for your support with this and I will be pleased to help should you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Fowkes Teacher of EPR

