



# FORMBY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

## GCSE Religious Studies Examinations

I am writing to confirm the final arrangements for your son/daughter's forthcoming Religious Studies examinations. I have included a copy of the JCQ regulations with this letter. These set out the expected conduct of candidates during external examinations. As this will be the first experience of sitting an external examination for our students, I would particularly like to highlight the following:

- Students must attend the examinations in full school uniform.
- Answers must be written in black pen.
- Watches or mobile devices cannot be brought into the examination room. If students choose to bring such items to school with them on the day, they must be turned off and stored safely in a locker or handed in before entering the examination room.
- Coats and bags are not allowed in the examination rooms.
- Students must not take revision materials into the examination room. This includes anything that may be in their blazer pocket.
- They may take a water bottle into the examination, but this must be transparent and have any labels removed. Similarly, any pencil cases must also be transparent.
- Students must remain in silence at all times whilst in the examination room and must not communicate with each other. They are expected to listen to and follow any instructions they are given by invigilators.
- Students have been provided with examination timetables which include their candidate number and seat number for each examination.

Arrangements for each examination are as follows:

### Paper 1: Monday 15 May (am)

There will be no morning registration in tutor groups and students should arrive at school in full uniform, in good time to store their bags and coats and be outside their examination room by 9:10 am, ready to be admitted promptly at 9:15 am. Students should bring a spare black pen. After the examination, students will remain in school for the rest of the day and must bring with them the books and equipment they will need for lessons 3, 4 and 5.

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## **Paper 2: Tuesday 23 May (pm)**

Students have been granted study leave on the morning of the examination. They should arrive at school in full uniform, in good time to store their bags and coats and be outside their examination room by 1:10 pm, ready to be admitted promptly at 1:15 pm. If your son/daughter is in receipt of free school meals, this will be available in the usual way in the dining rooms from 12:30 pm. Students will be dismissed from school at the end of the examination, which is likely to finish around 3:15 pm for most students and around 3:45 pm for those who are entitled to receive extra time.

**Should your son/daughter be unavoidably delayed on their way in for either examination, or should you think that they will not be able to attend, please contact the school on 01704 873100 no later than 9:00 am.**

The above information, together with some specific guidance for the examinations themselves, is being shared with students in Assembly this week and will also be available to them on Class Charts. Students also have a lesson with their Religious Studies teacher later this week when they can clarify anything they are not sure about.

It remains for me to congratulate our students who have shown maturity and commitment in their preparations for these examinations and to wish them the very best of luck.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs A Wake**  
**Curriculum Leader for Religious and Values Education**