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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: GCSE RE**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your family are well at this time.

Following the recent Year 11 GCSE Religious Education mock examinations, we have been reviewing pupil performance carefully to ensure that every student receives the support they need to make strong progress in the final months before the summer exams.

As part of this process, we will be making some adjustments to class groupings. These changes are designed to provide more targeted teaching, closer support, and a learning environment that best suits the needs of each student. Evidence from within school and nationally shows that focused grouping can help drive engagement, raise confidence, and accelerate progress, and we believe this step will benefit the students involved.

We would also like to highlight the importance of achieving at least a grade 4 in GCSE Religious Education. RE is not only a core component of our curriculum but has historically been a key contribution for many of our students towards one of the five qualifying passes required for many post-16 pathways, including Sixth Form, apprenticeships, and further education courses. Securing a strong grade will therefore support your child's next steps and keep future options open.

Beyond its academic value, GCSE Religious Education offers students a rich and meaningful curriculum. The course encourages them to think critically, understand diverse perspectives, engage with ethical and philosophical issues, and develop skills in reasoning, evaluation, and written communication. These are valuable life skills that support wider learning and personal development.

We appreciate that any change in class structure can raise questions, and we want to reassure you that these decisions have been made with great care and with each student's best interests in mind. Teachers will be discussing the changes with students, and we remain available should you wish to discuss your child's progress or placement further.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure the best possible outcomes for all of our Year 11 students.

Yours faithfully

**Miss Keane**  
**Head of Religious Education**



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