

Religious Studies: Top Tips for Success at A Level

Teachers' Top Ten Tips:

- ✓ Keep updated with current news on Islam and Ethical issues to help inform your knowledge. Practise your knowledge through applying ethical theories to issues in current news in your written work and in conversations with peers.
- ✓ Ensure you attend every lesson possible. If there is a valid reason for missing a lesson, be proactive in ensuring that you copy up notes and find out what was expected from you in terms of home learning.
- ✓ Complete wider reading on your reading lists. All wider reading is available from Bay House Learning, the Sixth Form Library and throughout lessons.
- ✓ Become familiar with the assessment criteria and mark scheme ensure you know what makes a Level 4 response utilising both AO1 and AO2 skills.
- ✓ Keep detailed and well-presented notes. Organise these carefully under clear headings to ensure that you have a solid book to revise from.
- ✓ Take note of all feedback you receive and work out what you could do to improve. Use your peers to support you in self and peer assessment to develop your response further.
- ✓ Start revision early.
- ✓ Use homework tasks as an essential tool for refining your written skills.
- ✓ Continue to update your glossary of key terms regular, with definitions and examples of how to use them in sentences.

Students' Top Tips on how to succeed in Religious Studies A Level;

- ✓ *"Do extra reading early on in the year. The more you work, the easier the exam period will be." Francesca*
- ✓ *"Revise and learn scholars and their quotes as early as possible to strengthen your essays." Thomas*
- ✓ *"At the start of the year, use past paper questions to make essay plans to help you include everything you need to." Alfie*
- ✓ *"Do all your homework as soon as you get it so that you are not under deadline stress." Chloe*
- ✓ *"Spend time just going over work to fully understand it all, as there can be a lot of information." Lauren*