



Wednesday, 30 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to update you on the status of your son/daughter's GCSE Religious Studies course. The original intention was that Year 10 would sit the full course qualification in summer 2021. However, in light of our commitment to support pupil wellbeing, the school has decided that it is in the best interest of students that they be entered for the GCSE Religious Studies short course option instead. This will mean they are awarded half a GCSE rather than a full GCSE, and study half the content, including Christian and Islamic Beliefs, Religion & Relationships and Religion, Peace and Conflict. The exam will still be sat in June 2021, giving them an invaluable insight in to the exam process.

No student will be disadvantaged by this should they wish to go on to study Philosophy at A level. However, if you as a parent/carers and the student wish to sit the full GCSE as originally planned, this can be done with support from myself. All necessary resources will be provided for students to work through independently. I will arrange seminars and meetings regularly, to check their progress and understanding. This will require significant additional work to be completed by your son/daughter. If you wish for your child to be entered for the full course option, please email s.madeley@coxgreen.com and inform her of your decision by Wednesday 14th October.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself as Learning Leader for Religious Studies at the school at g.pightling@coxgreen.com.

Yours faithfully,

Mr G Pightling
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