

Religious Studies

Y11 Revision Guide January – May 2026

Exam Specification and Exam Board	AQA GCSE Religious Studies 8062/13
Past Paper Questions	Paper 1, Option 3 and 7 Paper 2, Non-Textual Studies
Useful Revision Websites	<p>BBC Bitesize - Christianity</p> <p>BBC Bitesize - Sikhism</p> <p>The National Academy – make sure you are only watching and completing tasks that link to Christianity and Sikhism – numbers 3 – 8 only as these are the modules we will have/will have studied. Do not do any other religions.</p> <p>Seneca Learning: Religious Studies A: AQA GCSE Thematic Studies and Religions for Christianity and Themes only – disregard other religions</p>
Exam Info	<p>12 May 2026 Paper 1 Options 3 and 7 Christianity and Sikhism 20 May 2026 Paper 2A Thematic Studies - Remember you must learn these 4 units</p> <p>Theme A: Relationships and Families Theme B: Religion and Life Theme E: Religion, Crime and Punishment Theme F: Religion, Human Rights and Social Justice</p> <p>Your files</p> <p>Revision Guides</p>

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Week	Activity 1	Activity 2
1 05.01.25	<p>1.1 and 1.2 Christianity: Nature of God and God as omnipotent, loving and just.</p> <p>Revise the topics above. Suggested activity: Make flash cards for the definitions below, include the meaning and a quote that links God to that idea.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monotheism • Omnipotent • Omnibenevolent • Omniscient • Just <p>Problem of evil (quote not needed)</p>	<p>Thematic Studies – Theme E: Religion Crime and Punishment</p> <p>Read through your notes in your files and your revision guides, then complete the MCQ by clicking this link:</p>
2 12.01.25	<p>Christian Beliefs</p> <p>Read through your notes and make or use revision materials to help you revise this material. Divide Christian beliefs into the following sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the incarnation and Jesus as the Son of God • the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension • sin, including original sin • the means of salvation, including law, grace and Spirit <p>the role of Christ in salvation including the idea of atonement. Draw a revision tree, to explain the above aspects of Christ's role in salvation. Use this PowerPoint to help you. And if you need more help try these resources from the National Academy - Means of</p>	<p>Having completed last week's first activity, have a go at this quiz. It should take about 3 minutes!</p> <p>3.1 and 3.2 Sikhism: Nature of God and God as Creator</p> <p>Read through your notes and make or use revision materials to help you revise this material. Divide Sikh beliefs into the following sections:</p> <p>The nature of God as expressed in the Mool Mantra: the content and significance of the Mool Mantra, Guru Granth Sahib (GGS) 1a.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God as Creator, including different aspects of God's relationship with creation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God shown in and through the universe • God as separate from the universe • The nature of human life as an opportunity to unite

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	<p>Salvation and these The Role of Jesus in Salvation</p>	<p>with God, including the development of Sikh virtues such as wisdom, truthful living, justice, temperance, self-control, patience, courage, humility, contentment</p>
<p>3 19.01.25</p>	<p>Read through your notes and make or use revision materials to help you revise this material. Divide Sikh beliefs into the following sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beliefs in karma and rebirth, and the aim of mukti; the meaning of mukti, including the different aspects of mukti – positive and negative. • The five stages of liberation (five khandas) and barriers to mukti (illusion, self-centredness, lust, anger, greed, worldly attachment, pride). • The importance of being gurmukh (God-centred) rather than manmukh (man-centred) and the elimination of pride or ego (haumai). 	<p>Answer the following 1 mark, 2 mark, 4 mark and 5 mark questions by following this link.</p>
<p>4 26.01.25</p>	<p>A Christian and Sikh approach to reconciliation. Review notes and create your own multiple-choice questions. Set these aside.</p>	<p>Sikh Practices Read through notes and make or use revision materials to help you learn.</p> <p>Worship and service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious features of the gurdwara: design, furniture, and artefacts; the practices associated with these features

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		<p>and their importance, including the palki and takht.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of the gurdwara within the Sikh community. • The role of prayer in the home, GGS 305:4. • The role and importance of the akhand path. • The meaning and significance of langar as an expression of sewa. • The significance of meditating on the name of God (nam japna) in daily life and in the gurdwara. <p>Festivals and lifestyle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festivals and their importance for Sikhs in Great Britain today, including the origins and significance of the following: • Vaisakhi (Baisakhi) • Divali <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gurburbs, including Guru Nanak's birthday and differences in the way gurburbs are celebrated in India and Great Britain. • The importance of visiting Sikh historical gurdwaras, including the Golden Temple (Harimandir Sahib) in Amritsar. • Birth and naming ceremonies including their meaning and significance. • The initiation ceremony (Amrit Sanskar), including the meaning and importance of the Khalsa and the five Ks, and the different perspectives of sahajdhari and amritdhari Sikhs. • The significance and use of the names Singh and Kaur
<p>5 02.02.25</p>	<p>Answer this 12 mark question</p>	<p>Make notes from this page: then</p>

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		<p>Thematic Studies – Theme E: Religion Crime and Punishment</p> <p>Read through your notes in your files and your revision guides, then complete the MCQ by clicking this link.</p>
<p>6 09.02.25</p>	<p>Answer this 12 mark question:</p> <p>‘Religious people should always obey the law.’</p> <p>Evaluate this statement. In your answer you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • should give reasoned arguments in support of this statement • should give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view • should refer to religious arguments • may refer to non-religious arguments • should reach a justified conclusion. [12 marks] <p>Remember our structure: Some Christians would disagree with this statement because... This is a strong or weak argument because... Other Christians would agree with this statement because... This is a strong or weak argument because... Some Sikhs would disagree with this statement because... This is a strong or weak argument because... Other Sikhs would agree with this statement because... This is a strong or weak argument because...</p>	<p>Sikh Beliefs</p> <p>Read through your notes and make or use revision materials to help you revise this material. Divide Sikh beliefs into the following sections:</p> <p>Beliefs about the nature of human life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belief in the oneness of humanity and in the equality of all, including complete equality of women with men. • The expression of the equality of all in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the stories of the lives of Gurus, including Guru Nanak and Guru Gobind Singh ▪ the Guru Granth Sahib ▪ in Sikhism today. • Sewa: the importance and priority of service to others, including physical (tan), mental (man) and material (dhan). <p>The role and importance of the sangat (religious community).</p>

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	<p>An Atheist might argue... because... Therefore...</p> <p>Or stick to DREAREY</p>	
February Half Term	<p>Sikh beliefs</p> <p>And the following 1 mark, 2 mark, 4 mark and 5 mark questions by following this link.</p>	<p>Play the Kahoot – choose individual mode</p> <p>(if this link doesn't work, email me: swilson@sheldonschool.co.uk)</p>
7 23.02.25	<p>Christian Practices</p> <p>Read through your notes and make or use revision materials to help you revise this material. Divide Christian Practices into the following sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship and festivals • Different forms of worship and their significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • liturgical, non-liturgical and informal, including the use of the Bible • private worship. • Prayer and its significance, including the Lord's Prayer, set prayers and informal prayer. • The role and meaning of the sacraments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the meaning of sacrament • the sacrament of baptism and its significance for Christians; infant and believers' 	<p>Thematic Studies – Theme B: Religion and Life</p> <p>Read through your notes in your files and your revision guides, then watch the sections from this link that you feel you are least sure of.</p>

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	<p>baptism; different beliefs about infant baptism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the sacrament of Holy Communion/Eucharist and its significance for Christians, including different ways in which it is celebrated and different interpretations of its meaning. The role and importance of pilgrimage and celebrations including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> two contrasting examples of Christian pilgrimage: Lourdes and Iona <p>the celebrations of Christmas and Easter, including their importance for Christians in Great Britain today.</p>	
<p>8 02.03.25</p>	<p>Practice answering these 4 mark questions on Sikh Beliefs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain two Sikh beliefs about God. Explain two ways the Mool Mantar expresses Sikh beliefs about God. Explain two Sikh beliefs about equality. Explain two Sikh beliefs about life after death. Explain two ways the Guru Granth Sahib is important to Sikhs. Explain two Sikh beliefs about the purpose of human life. 	<p>Practice answering these 6 mark questions on Sikh Beliefs – Remember to include quotes and references to religious teaching/sources of authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain two Sikh beliefs about the relationship between humans and God. Explain two Sikh beliefs about the importance of the Guru Granth Sahib in guiding moral behaviour. Explain two Sikh beliefs about the importance of living an honest life (kirat karni).
<p>9 09.03.25</p>	<p>Theme E: Crime and Punishment</p> <p>Make a list of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the causes of crime the aims of punishment types of punishment 	<p>Complete full paper on Thematic Studies:</p> <p>Remember to choose the 4 sections we are doing ie A, B, E and F.</p> <p>Do not do all the sections.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sikh views towards the causes of crime • Sikh views towards the different aims and forms of punishment • Christian views towards the causes of crime • Christian views towards the aims and forms of punishment <p>Remember, in 12 mark answers, even if one of the aims or types of punishment is mentioned in the quotation, you don't have to only talk about it. You can suggest other aims or types as alternatives. But, you must be able to define what they are.</p>	
10 16.03.25	Look back at the multiple-choice questions you made earlier in the week about Christian and Sikh approaches to reconciliation. See if you can answer them all without referring to your notes.	Watch this and then print a copy of this and answer the questions:
11 23.03.25	<p>Mission and Evangelism Go through your notes and find out about the Great Commission and link to Alpha Courses and CfaN (Christ for all Nations) – how do these support the Great Commission and Church Growth. Key terms eg convert</p>	<p>Make a list of all the Sikh festivals and why they are important and how they are celebrated.</p> <p>Make a list of Christian festivals – why they are important and how they are celebrated. Remember, you will need contrasting ideas for this. Remind yourself what the command word contrasting means:</p> <p>You must give and explain two beliefs/teachings/practices but they must be different. They don't</p>

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		have to be opposite, they can just be different, but must be explained.
Easter Break	<p>Remind yourself of the different marks for each question and list what needs to be done for each question.</p> <p>Eg Q1.1 – 1 mark, multiple choice Q1.2 – 1 mark, give one Q1.3 – 4 mark, explain two ways Q1.4 – 6 mark, explain two ways and refer to sacred writings eg Bible or Guru Granth Sahib or another source of religious teaching Q1.5 – 12 mark Statement to be evaluated</p>	<p>Choose a few questions of the type you feel least confident with and have a practice.</p> <p>Sikhism: Nature of Human Life and Karma, Rebirth and Mukti. Revise the topics above. Suggested activity: Create a set of flash cards for the 5 virtues and key words in reincarnation (reincarnation, rebirth, karma and mukti)</p>
12 13.04.25	<p>Make a list of Christian festivals – why they are important and how they are celebrated. Remember, you will need contrasting ideas for this. Remind yourself what the command word contrasting means:</p>	<p>Practice 12 mark questions on Sikh Practices – focus on Gurburbs and Naming and Birthing Ceremonies – remember each of these questions have the following after the statement:</p> <p>Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refer to Christian teaching • give reasoned arguments to support this statement • give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view • reach a justified conclusion. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “The naming ceremony (Naam Karan) is equally significant for boys and girls in the Sikh tradition.” 2. “A Sikh’s participation in gurburb celebrations is a more important sign of faith than private

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		<p>devotion.”</p> <p>3. “Birth and naming ceremonies are simply cultural traditions and not true religious practices in Sikhism.”</p> <p>4. “Gurpurbs help Sikhs to remember and reaffirm core teachings of the Gurus.” Evaluate this claim</p>
13 20.04.25	The Sacraments – click here and work through the resources	Sikh Practices – click here and answer the MCQs
14 27.04.25	<p>Christian Worship Suggested activity: Practice 12 mark question: ‘Private worship has more meaning for a Christian than public worship’ Evaluate this statement. In your answer you should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refer to Christian teaching • give reasoned arguments to support this statement • give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view <p>reach a justified conclusion.</p>	A mix of Christian Beliefs and Practices – click here and answer the MCQs
15 04.05.25	The work of the Church – revise your work on this topic and then have a go at this task .	<p>Relationships and Families. Create a mind map for each topic, you could use the suggested branches below.</p> <p>1. Marriage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose (Christian and Sikh) • Nature (Christian and Sikh)

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wedding (Christian and Sikh) • Cohabitation (Christian and Sikh) • Non-religious views <p>2. Divorce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasons for • Christian views • Sikh views • Remarriage (Christian and Sikh) <p>Response to marriage problems (Christian and Sikh)</p>
16 11.05.25	Paper 1 Exam – 12 May –Christian Beliefs and Practices AND Sikh Beliefs and Practices	Human Rights and Social Justice
17 18.05.25	Paper 2 Exam – 20 May: Thematic Studies	
May Half Term		