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| **GCSE Religious Studies Short Course**  **Exam Board: Eduqas (Specification A). Within the course there are 3 papers:**   1. Christianity: Beliefs and teachings – 30 min paper, 25% of final grade. 2. Islam: Beliefs and teachings– 30 min paper , 25% of final grade. 3. Religion, Philosophy & Ethics – 1hr Paper, 50% of final grade (Topics: Relationships, Life & Death)   **Key words** (also in bold below) – 1. Relationships: roles, responsibilities, commitment, cohabitation, contraception, adultery, divorce, gender equality. 2. Life and death issues: Evolution, environmental sustainability, sanctity of life, quality of life, abortion, euthanasia, afterlife, soul. 3. Christian beliefs: Trinity, omnibenevolence, omnipotence, incarnation, resurrection, atonement, salvation, judgement. 4. Islam beliefs: Tawhid, immanence, transcendence, prophethood, angels, akhirah, al -Qadr  **Objectives** – To **define**, **describe**, **explain** and **evaluate** the following issues: | | | |
| **RPE – Life & Death (Non-religious & Christianity)**   * Origins of the universe (different views on creation story/scientific theory - big bang, **evolution**) * **Environmental sustainability**: dominion, stewardship, global citizens, Humanists for a better world * Origin and **sanctity of life** and **quality of life** debate. * **Abortion** * **Euthanasia**, Dignity in Dying * **Afterlife** and the **soul** * Funerals | **Muslim Beliefs and Teachings**   * The nature of **Allah** (**tawhid, immanence, transcendence** etc) * Risalah (**prophethood**) * Sunni and Shi’a * Malaikah (**Angels**) * 6 Sunni articles of faith * 5 Shi’a roots of faith * Attitudes to books, scrolls, Torah, psalms & Gospels * **Akhirah** (Afterlife) * **Al Qadr** (Predestination) | **Christian Beliefs and Teachings**   * The nature of God (**Trinity**, **omnibenevolence** and **omnipotence**) * Jesus’ birth; the **incarnation** * Jesus’ crucifixion, **resurrection**, ascension * Law and sin * **Atonement** and **salvation** * The Holy Spirit * Afterlife and **Judgement** | **RPE – Relationships (Christianity & Islam)**   * Purpose of relationships and families (including **roles** and **responsibilities**) * Marriage, **commitment** and **cohabitation** * Sex and **contraception** * Same sex relationships * **Adultery**, **divorce** and remarriage * **Gender equality** and attitudes towards women in worship and authority |