

# Religious Studies

**Exam Format:** 2 papers (1 hour and 45 mins each)

**Paper 1** – Christian Beliefs, Christian Practices, Marriage and The Family, Matters of Life and Death  
(Christian perspective)

**Paper 2** – Islamic Beliefs, Islamic Practices, Peace and Conflict, Crime and Punishment  
(Muslim perspective)

**Awarding Body:** Edexcel

**Revision Resource:** Edexcel Religious Studies Revision Guide & Edexcel Religious Studies Workbook

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