

ARCHBISHOP SENTAMU ACADEMY

RE NEWSLETTER

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RESULTS

Summer 2019 results in RE were good, with 61% of the 123 students taking the Full Course GCSE achieving a grade 4 or above. 39% achieved a grade 5 or above, and 13% achieved a grade 7 or above (this is what used to be A and A*!).

A big congratulations to all of our students who achieved excellent results!



Also, a big congratulations to our two Pre 6th students who re-sat their Short Course GCSE this summer: one achieved a grade 6 and the other a grade 7. Well done!

REVISION

The main revision strategy we are asking students to try is the '6 box method' using the flashcards students will be asked to complete for homework. This is for KS4 and KS5 at the moment. Students should complete the flashcards they are given by their teacher in detail then bring them back in to be checked. They should write the content on the back - so the topic is on one side and the information is on the other. The teacher will then check them and allow students to take them home to use to revise. They should cut them out and use them to test themselves. To do this, they should read the side with the topic on and try to remember as much as they can. Then they can turn it over and check if they are right. They will need 6 boxes/plastic wallets. There should be labelled: 1 - every day, 2 - 3 times a week, 3 - once a week, 4 - once a fortnight, 5 - once a month, 6 - once every 6 weeks. The cards start in the first box/wallet. When they test themselves, when they get it right, it moves to the next box. If they get it wrong, it goes back to box 1. The scientific research behind this method is that testing yourself and allowing time in between to partially forget actually strengthens your memory. So even though you may feel as though you aren't remembering much, that's actually a good thing, because the more you do it the better your memory will become. This strategy is particularly effective for those people with poor memories. If your child is in Y9-13 please ensure they are completing this strategy in order to revise for RE (and preferably other subjects but they will need to create the flashcards themselves for these).

UPDATES

- This year we welcome a new RE teacher: Mr Hamid. Mr Hamid has taught at Holderness Academy and originally comes from Canada. We look forward to having Mr Hamid as part of Team RE at Archie!

- We have also launched an instagram account to help share effective strategies to help students revise. This is not RE specific but has been launched by Mrs Murphy so the methods explained on there are what RE students will be expected to do for homework at KS4 and KS5. We therefore recommend that all students and parents with Instagram sign up!

5-4-3-2-1 WITH MR HAMID

Each newsletter will feature a “5-4-3-2-1” to help you get to know the Archie RE staff. Our first one will be with the new team member, Mr Hamid.



5 best places to go: Cuba; Toronto; Hornsea; Hull and York.

4 favourite things to do: Listening to music; reading; travelling and playing chess.

3 favourite foods: Pizza; Chinese; fish and chips.

2 great things about RE: Learning about different beliefs and having discussions.

1 reason why you enjoy working at Archie: The people - students and staff!



STAY IN TOUCH

If you ever want to discuss your child's progress or involvement in RE, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

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