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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 10

I am writing to you as the new Head of RE Department to explain some changes with the RE GCSE for Year 10. The new specification for RE GCSE has significantly more theological content than previous specifications and we only have one hour a week to deliver this content heavy curriculum. The end of Year 10 RE examination will assess everything your child has studied this year, and the result will be a good indication for whether your child should continue with the full course RE GCSE. We will carefully consider the progress they are making in RE, together with the progress they are making elsewhere, to either recommend they continue with the full GCSE course in RE or move to the short course next year.

To give you an overview of the Short Course, students will study the following:

- Beliefs about Islam and Christianity
- Themes are War and Conflict and Relationships

There will be an examination on this.

In addition to the above topics, the Full Course includes:

- Practices in Islam and Christianity
- Themes are Crime and Social Justice

There will be a second examination with the Full Course.

The upcoming end of year examination is therefore very important in determining which course your child should follow next year. Please encourage your child to take the examination as seriously as possible. Revision materials will be given to all Year 10 students; these will be also available on Insight.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me via email rchoudhury@thomastallis.org.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rahima', written in a cursive style.

Rahima Choudhry
Head of RE