

## GCSE RE

To help you revise you can use the following website and/or check out the reading and film list of TV shows, films, books and revision guides that are useful for GCSE RE.

### Websites =

- **Wyvern RE Revision website**

Use Wyvern's revision website for a summary of all topics, key terms, teachings and practice Q's. <https://wyvernrevisionre.wordpress.com/>



- **AQA GCSE Religious Studies A**

They have Christianity and Judaism beliefs and practices as well as Themes A that applies to this board but they are useful and fun quizzes.



- **BBC Bitesize has some great simple revision materials and tests.**

*But* remember not everything will be in your exam, so make sure you stick to the parts that are.

[GCSE Religious Studies - AQA - BBC Bitesize](#)



- **Quizlet**

Revise key terms and religious objects using our classes Quizlet page.



- **Youtube**

Watch MrWebbCam videos and make notes (but only the ones relating to the topics studied – most themes are included.). [mrwebbcam - YouTube](#)

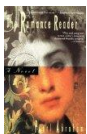
Watch Rabbi Sacks videos for Judaism revision. [The Rabbi Sacks Legacy - YouTube](#)

Watch WiseRevise – there are videos for the whole of Judaism and most of Christianity. [Wise Revise - YouTube](#)



### GCSE Full Course Suggested Reading/Film List

#### Judaism



- **The Romance Reader** by Pearl Abraham = A fictional story about a girl growing up within a strictly religious community who begins to question and rebel against the pull of family and faith.



- **Never Mind the Goldbergs** by Matthue Roth = A humorous work of fiction that follows the journey made by an Orthodox Jewish teenager to Hollywood, leading her to question issues of faith, G-d and orthodoxy.



- **White Rose** by Kip Wilson = This book tells the true story of Sophie Scholl who embarked upon a non-violent campaign against the Nazi regime.



- **Rabbi, I Have A Problem** ISBN: 9781870216159 = This book presents Reform and Orthodox responses to a variety of moral issues.



- **The Diary of Anne Frank** = A translation of the diary kept by Anne Frank while she was in hiding for two years with her family during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands.

## **Christianity**



- **The Shack** by William P. Young = A Fictional novel that explores issues of suffering and the nature of God/the Trinity.



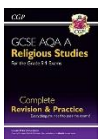
- **Run Baby Run** by Nicky Cruz = Tells of the author's desperate battle against drugs, alcoholism, and a violent environment, as he searched for a better way of life on the streets of New York City.

## **Revision Guides**



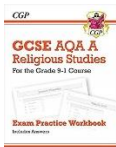
- **AQA GCSE Religious Studies A (9-1): Christianity and Judaism Revision Guide**

***This book is a must! It's never too early to get into the habit of regular revision. Little and often will make all the difference!!***



- **Grade 9-1 GCSE Religious Studies: AQA A Complete Revision & Practice**

*This revision guide covers Judaism and Christianity as well as Islam, which will be useful for the Thematic Studies.*

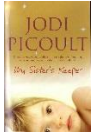


- **Grade 9-1 GCSE Religious Studies: AQA A Exam Practice Workbook (includes Answers) (CGP GCSE RS 9-1 Revision)**

## General Interest



- **Sophie's World by Jostein Gaarder** = A fictional story about a girl who turns to philosophy to solve the riddles in her life but the truth is far stranger than she could have imagined. An addictive blend of mystery, philosophy and fantasy.



- **My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult** = A book that will encourage you to question the value of human life and consider some of the dilemmas facing medical staff and families when someone is terminally ill.



- **Puzzle of God by Peter Vardy** = Whilst this book is usually used for A-Level studies, there's no harm in dipping into it now to broaden your understanding of the questions raised about the concept of God.



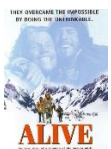
- **Puzzle of Evil by Peter Vardy** = Again, this is an A-Level text that will offer a deeper insight into questions surrounding evil and suffering in our world.



- **God of the Big Bang by Leslie Wickman** = This book explores the relationship between Judaeo-Christian beliefs about creation in light of scientific discoveries.

## Films/TV Shows

- **Famous and Fighting Crime** is a show available on All4 that gives an insight into the working lives of the police in Cambridgeshire.
- **Call the Midwife** is a BBC production that is really useful at documenting how social attitudes towards relationships, contraception and abortion have changed in the UK since the 1950s.



- **Alive** tells the true story of a group of people that had to question some of their core values in order to survive. How far would you go?



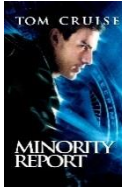
- **The Theory of Everything** explores how Stephen Hawking found meaning in life whilst rejecting the idea of God.



- The Matrix... what if what we think is real really isn't real at all?!



- Equilibrium = Would the world be better if we didn't have feelings? One man rises up against a regime that believes it is.



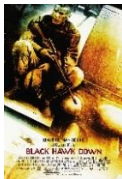
- Minority Report = This film will bring in to question your attitudes towards justice and crime prevention.



- The Secret Life of Bees = A moving exploration of race relations in 1960s America and the power of human determination.



- The Bucket List = Everybody approaches death differently and sometimes these differences can cause conflict.



- Black Hawk Down = Based on real events, this film raises questions about armed conflict and why people choose to fight.



- The Lorax = A fantastically light hearted look at the environmental impact of human actions.



- The Adjustment Bureau = A film exploring the idea of fate, free will and determinism.



- The Good Place – A TV show exploring the afterlife and what qualifies people’s entrance into it.



- The Vicar of Dibley – It’s a little old now but it’s a fab show that explores themes of weddings, funerals, love, services and women’s ordination in the Church of England.



- Lucifer – A TV show that explores the themes of good and evil, the afterlife and the concept of angels (loosely based on some Christian concepts but note not all ideas from the show are based on the Bible).