

GCSE

Religious Studies



Qualification: GCSE (AQA)

Outline of the course: Students will be challenged with questions about belief, values, meaning, purpose and truth, enabling them to develop their own attitudes towards religious issues. Students will also gain an appreciation of how religion, philosophy and ethics form the basis of our culture. They will develop analytical and critical thinking skills, the ability to work with abstract ideas, leadership and research skills. All these skills will help prepare them for further study.

Components:

Paper 1: The study of religions: beliefs, teachings and practices

Paper 2: Thematic studies: religious, philosophical and ethical studies

For further info see [AQA | GCSE | Religious Studies A | Specification at a glance](#)

Course assessment:

Paper 1: Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes. 50% of the GCSE.

Paper 2: Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes. 50% of the GCSE.

Additional information: This subject requires competence in literacy and an interest in different beliefs and attitudes to religious and non-religious issues in contemporary British society. Please note, this is an academic study of religion and does not require learners to hold any religious beliefs.

Further study: Upon completion of this two-year course in Religious Studies, students will have the skills and experience to progress to A-level courses in a range of subjects including RS, Philosophy, Law and Sociology.

Careers: Religious Studies includes a range of skills that are highly valued by employers such as critical thinking, reflection, evaluation, empathy and interpretation. This can lead to career opportunities in any area that includes working face to face with other people such as charity worker, youth worker, journalist, lawyer, social worker, teacher.



Paper 1:
Key beliefs and
practices within
Buddhism

Paper 1:
Key beliefs and
practices within
Christianity

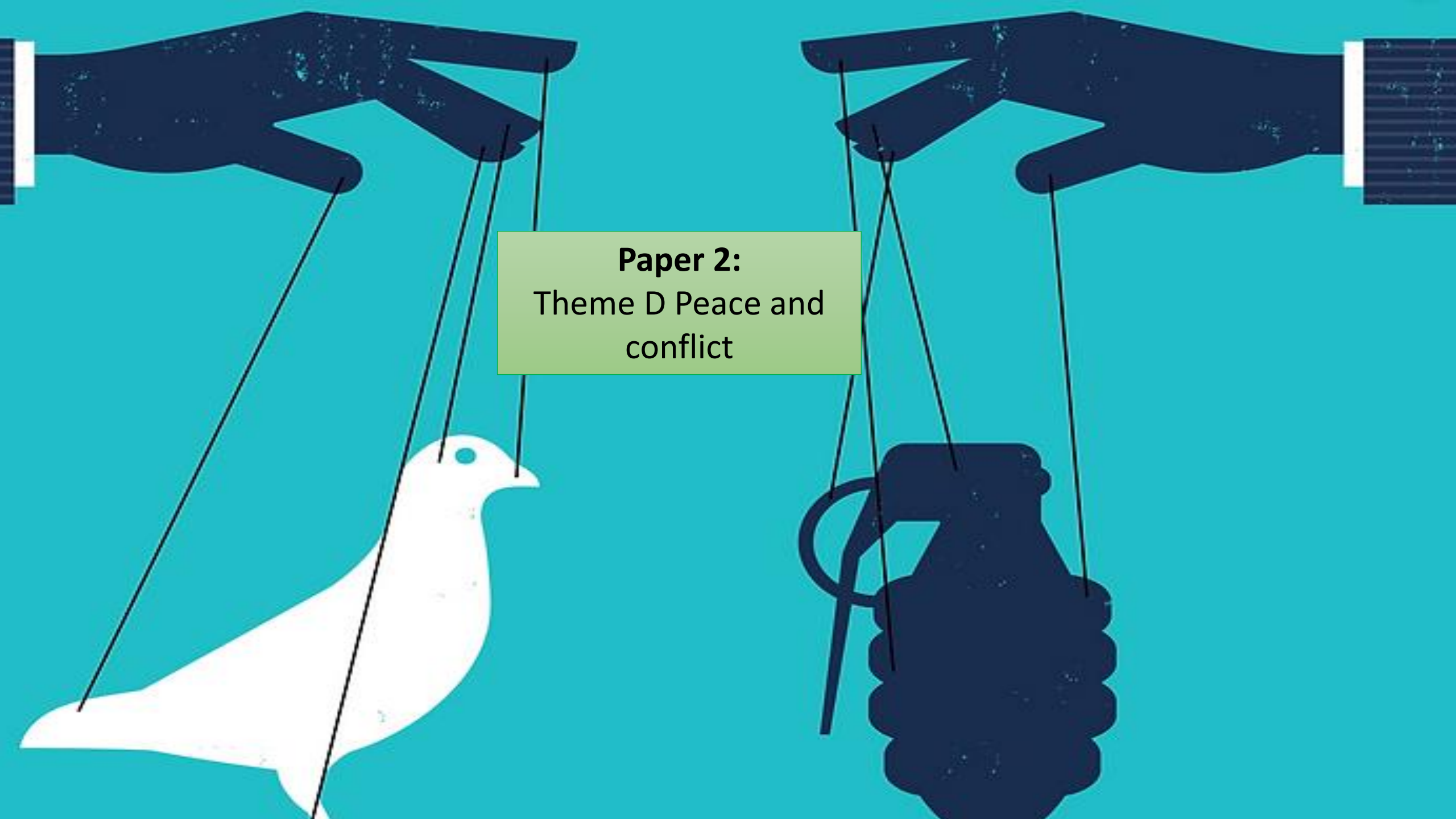




Paper 2:
Theme A Relationships
and families



Paper 2:
Theme B Religion and
life





Paper 2:
Theme E crime and
punishment