

Revision materials for year 8 Mid-term long formal exam February 2026

What will your exam look like?

Your exam will be based on information you have learned in RE since year 7 - your entire KS3 journey so far. This means that you will have to revise information from BOTH year 7 and year 8. Your exam will be based on the following skills:

1. Recall - what facts and key information do you remember = /15 marks
2. Literacy - you will have to identify key words AND define key words = /27 marks
3. Engagement and Response - a longer extended writing worth 8 marks where you will have to show a deeper awareness and explain a topic you have studied using the PEEI structure = /8 marks

The total paper will be out of /50 marks

What topics will be on the paper?

Year 8 topics	Year 7 topics
AT1: How do I know what to do?	AT1: What is Christianity?
AT2: What does it mean to be called by God?	AT2: How did everything get here?
SPT1: What does God's kingdom look like?	SPT1: Who was Jesus?
	SPT2: How are Catholics 'Easter People'?
	SUM2: What is the big deal about the Bible?

Use your booklets, knowledge organisers and exercise books to help you prepare for this exam. You will need to know the answers to the following questions and define the following key words:

Keywords:

Year 7 Keywords		
Topic	Keyword	Definition
What is Christianity?	Ecumenism	Promoting unity among the world's Christian Churches
	Denomination	A Branch of Christian Church
	Doctrine	A belief or set of beliefs held by the Catholic Church.
	Interfaith Dialogue	When people of different faiths work together to find common ground

How did everything get here?	Laudato Si'	A letter (encyclical) written by Pope Francis to the world about how we should care for our common home
	Imago dei	The belief that God made everyone in his image
	Catholic Social Teachings	A set of teachings based on the Bible and letters from different popes, that teach Catholics how to treat others and the environment
	Common good	Working for the benefit of all not the individual
Who was Jesus?	Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi	The law of prayer is the law of belief
	Revelation	The ways in which God makes himself known to us.
	Incarnation	God made flesh
How are Catholics 'Easter people'?	Jesus Passion / the paschal mystery	This is the story of Jesus Christ's arrest, trial and suffering, death, and resurrection
	Salvation	To be saved from sin through the suffering and death of Christ.
What's the big deal about the Bible?	Revelation	The way in which God is made known to humans, which Catholics believe is most perfectly done through Jesus.
	Inspired	'God breathed'; the belief that the Holy Spirit guides an individual to act or write what is good and true.
What is the role of the Holy Spirit?	Pentecost	A Christian festival celebrating when the Apostles received the Holy Spirit after Jesus ascended to heaven; the birthday of the Church.
	Confirmation	One of the three Sacraments of Initiation; when a Catholic receives the gifts of the Holy spirit to strengthen their faith.

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How do I know what to do?	Original sin	The state of sin in which all humans are born, meaning they inherit the consequences of Adam and Eve's first sin.
	Baptism	The Sacrament of Initiation that welcomes new members into the Catholic Church and washes a person clean of the original sin all humans inherit following the first sin of Adam and Eve.
	Covenant	An agreement between two or more people; God made covenants with humanity.
What does it mean to	Prophet	A person anointed by God and inspired by God through the Holy Spirit to share God's message.
	Priest	A person anointed by God to make thanksgiving offerings on behalf of the people; today, it refers to an ordained minister of

be called by God?		the Catholic Church, who celebrates the sacraments in which all Catholics participate.
	King	An anointed person who has authority, power and responsibility for people in their care; also a ruler of a country.
	Messiah	Means anointed one
	Messianic	Relating to the Messiah
What does the Kingdom of God look like?	Marginalized	Those groups of people who are on the outside of society e.g. the poor and disabled
	Parables	Simple stories used to illustrate a spiritual or moral lesson.
	Kingdom of God	The spiritual realm over which God reigns as King and a time when all people live as God wants.

Recall

Year 7

Year 7 AT1: What is Christianity?

- What is the Great Schism?
- How do Christians work together to create unity?
- What is a Church council and what is the purpose of them? Can you give examples of Church councils?

Year 7 AT2: How did everything get here?

- To know what Catholic Social Teachings are and be able to give examples.
- What does the Church mean by 'words fall short of the mystery of God' (CCC 42)
- What do Catholics believe about the origins of the universe? (Genesis 1 and 2 vs the Big Bang and evolution)

Year 7 SPT1: Who was Jesus?

- To know how Jesus was the incarnation
- What are the titles of Jesus and what do they mean? (Christ, Lord, Only Begotten Son, Son of God, Son of Man)
- To know ways that God reveals himself to us
- To know what the Trinity is and how the Trinity is reflected in Catholic prayers

Year 7 SPT2: How are Catholics 'Easter People'?

- What are the days of Holy Week called in the Catholic Church?
- To know why the Eucharist is considered the most important thing a Catholic can do (the Source and Summit)
- What are the stations of the cross?

Year 7 SUM1: What's the big deal about the Bible?

- What is sacred scripture and tradition?
- What is the magisterium?
- What are the different sections of the Bible?

Year 7 SUM2: What is the role of the Holy Spirit?

- What is Pentecost?
- What are the symbols of the Holy Spirit?
- How the Sacrament of Confirmation links to the Holy Spirit and why it is an important sacrament.

Year 8 AT1: How do I know what to do?

- What is the difference between original sin and personal sin?
- Why is Baptism important?
- What is the conscience? Why should it be followed and when should it not be followed?

Year 8 AT2: What does it mean to be called by God?

- Who was John the Baptist?
- What does it mean to be priest, prophet and king?
- Who was Isaiah and what did he say about Jesus?

Year 8: SPT1 What does God's kingdom look like?

- What is the Kingdom of God?
- How did Jesus treat people who were marginalised?
- What did Jesus teach about the Kingdom of God?
- Examples of Kingdom Parables

Extended writing preparation:

What did Jesus teach about the Kingdom of God?

- **What is the Kingdom of God?** The spiritual realm over which God reigns as King and a time when all people live as God wants.
- **How did Jesus treat people who were marginalised?** Jesus treated everyone equally. People who were marginalised at the time of Jesus were outcasts. They included sinners, the ritually impure, gentiles, women, the neglected (such as widows) and the sick. Through his ministry, Jesus reached out to the marginalised groups, treating them with compassion and as equals.
- **What did Jesus teach about the Kingdom of God?** Jesus' parables tell us how God wants us to live. Jesus gave this message in a way that the people of his time could understand. The Parable of the Sower tells us how we can help God's kingdom to grow on earth. The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats tells us how we can bring about the Kingdom of God on earth by helping those in need. When we help others we are helping Jesus.