**Knowledge organiser: AQA Religious Studies A – Islamic Beliefs**

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| **Key Words** | | | |
| 1. Tawhid | The fundamental belief to believe in and worship One God. | 7. Transcendent | God exists beyond the universe. |
| 1. Supremacy | Th believe that Gods will is above everything else. | 8. Immanent | God exists everywhere within the universe. |
| 1. Risalah | Belief in the prophets of Allah. | 9. Jibril | The angel that revealed the Qur’an to the Prophet Muhammad. |
| 1. Revelation | When new information is revealed to someone. | 10. Predestination | The idea that God knows or determines everything that will happen in the universe. |
| 1. Adalat | The belief that Allah will judge everyone. | 11. Akhirah | The belief in life after death. |
| 1. Imamate | The belief in the 12 Imams who lead Shi’a Islam after Muhammad’s death. | 12. Bazarkh | The state of waiting after death until the day of Judgement. |

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| **Key Ideas** | | | | |
| **Key Beliefs** | Sunni- 6 article of faith:   1. Belief in Tawhid 2. Belief in angels 3. Respect for the Holy Books 4. Belief in the Prophets 5. Belief in Judgement Day 6. The Supremacy of Gods will | | Shi’a- 5 Roots Usul ad-Din:   1. Belief in Tawhid 2. Belief in the Prophets 3. Adalat- belief in Allah as judge 4. The Imamate 5. Resurrection- belief in Akhirah | |
| **Nature of Allah**  Allah - Wikipedia | - Allah means ‘the God’ but there are 99 names of Allah to sum up the different qualities that Allah can have.  - **Omnipotent**: Allah is all-powerful, the creator of everything and the sustainer.  - **Beneficent:** Allah is loving, all-goof and is generous towards humanity.  - **Fair and Just**: Allah will judge everyone fairly on the day of judgement.  - **Immanent**: God exists within everything in the universe.  -**Transcendent**: God existed before the universe and created it; so Allah exists beyond and outside of the universe. | | | |
| **Tawhid**  Number One (black) Clip Art at Clker.com - vector clip art online ... | The belief in One God. This means that Muslims should: only worship Allah; never makes anything more important than Allah in their lives and not use images or pictures of Allah. | | | |
| **Angels** | **Nature and role of angels**   * Spiritual beings created from light by Allah. * Have no freewill, so can only do what Allah asks them. * Can take on human form to give messages * Constantly serve and praise Allah | | **Jibril**   * A messenger of Allah. Jibril revealed the Qur’an to the Prophet Muhammad. * Purified Muhammad’s heart when he was a child, so that he could become Allah’s messenger. | |
| **Mika’il**   * The angel of mercy and can reward people for doing good deeds. * Responsible for sending rain, thunder, and lightning to earth. | |
| **Predestination** | Some **Sunni** Muslims believe in the Supremacy of Gods will. This means that nothing happens without Allah wanting it to happen.  This teaches some Sunni Muslims that Allah has already decided everything that will happen and wrote it in the book of decrees. This means that humans do not have free will. | | Some **Shi’a** Muslims believe Allah *knows* but does *not decide* what will happen.  God is the creator and is not bound by time. This means that Allah can see past, present, and future. This means that humans do have freewill over their actions. | |
| **Life After Death** | - Muslims believe in Akhirah (everlasting life after death). After death, Muslims believe they will enter a state of waiting (Barzakh). While they wait for judgement day, they are questioned by two angels.  - On the day of judgement, everyone is resurrected and will be judged on their deeds by Allah. Those who are believers and do good deeds will enter Jannah (Heaven), others will enter Jahannam (Hell). | | | |
| **Prophets of Allah** | **Adam**  The first human created out of clay. He had knowledge of: planting, harvesting and cooking.  Adam disobeyed Allah but gained forgiveness when he asked. | **Ibrahim**  Ibrahim refused to worship idols, rebuilt the Kaaba with his son. He was willing to sacrifice Ishmael on the orders of Allah; showing his devotion to God. | | **Muhammad**  The seal of the prophets, who received the Qur’an and helped persecuted Muslims. Muhammad rebuilt the Kaaba and continued recite Allah’s messages for 22 years. |
| **Imamate** | * After the Prophet Muhammad died, Shi’a Muslims nominated the Imamate to lead them. The Imams were the descendants of the Prophet. The twelve Imams were all related to the Prophet Muhammed in some way. * They were appointed by Allah and could interpret the Qur’an without fault and gave divine guidance on how people should live. | | | |
| **Holy Books** | **The Qur’an**  This is the word of Allah, given to the Prophet Muhammad by the angel Jibril. The Qur’an is written in Arabic so that its meaning is not lost over time.  The Qur’an includes Muslim law, historical account and how to worship Allah. | | Other holy books:  **The Scrolls of Ibrahim**- written by Ibrahim but have been lost.  **The Torah**- revealed to Musa. It includes the Ten Commandments.  **The Gospel**- revealed to Isa. It has largely been lost due to translation. | |

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| **Key Teachings, Quotes and Stories** | | | | |
| **Nature of Allah**  Allah - Wikipedia | “God the eternal” (Qur’an)  **Imminent**- “He is with you wherever you are” (Qur’an)  **Omnipotence-** “…there is no God but Him, the Creator of all things…” (Qur’an) | | | |
| Number One (black) Clip Art at Clker.com - vector clip art online ...**Tawhid** | “He is God the One.” (Qur’an) | | | |
| **Angels** | **Nature and role of angels**   * “Each person has angels before him and behind, watching over him by Gods command.” (Qur’an) | | **Jibril**   * Jibril appeared to Muhammad on the Night of Power. He asked Muhammad to “Read” and Muhammad felt as if the message was written on his heart. | |
| **Predestination** | Sunni:  “Only what God has decreed will happen to us.” (Qur’an) | | Shi’a  “God does not change the condition of people… unless they change what is in themselves.” (Qur’an) | |
| **Prophets of Allah** | **Adam**   * Adam was created with the use of angels who gained 7 handfuls of earth. * The angels bowed to Adam, but Iblis refused. | **Ibrahim**   * Ibrahim was building the Kaaba with his son when a stone flew down from Paradise to sit in the corner of the Kaaba. | | **Muhammad**   * Night Journey: The Prophet Muhammad visited Heaven with the angel Jibril. He spoke to prophets and was told to pray 5 times per day by Allah. |
| **Holy Books** | “This is the scripture, of which there is no doubt containing guidance for those who are mindful.” (Qur’an) | | | |