What does the **RGS standard** look like in RE?

Year group: 9

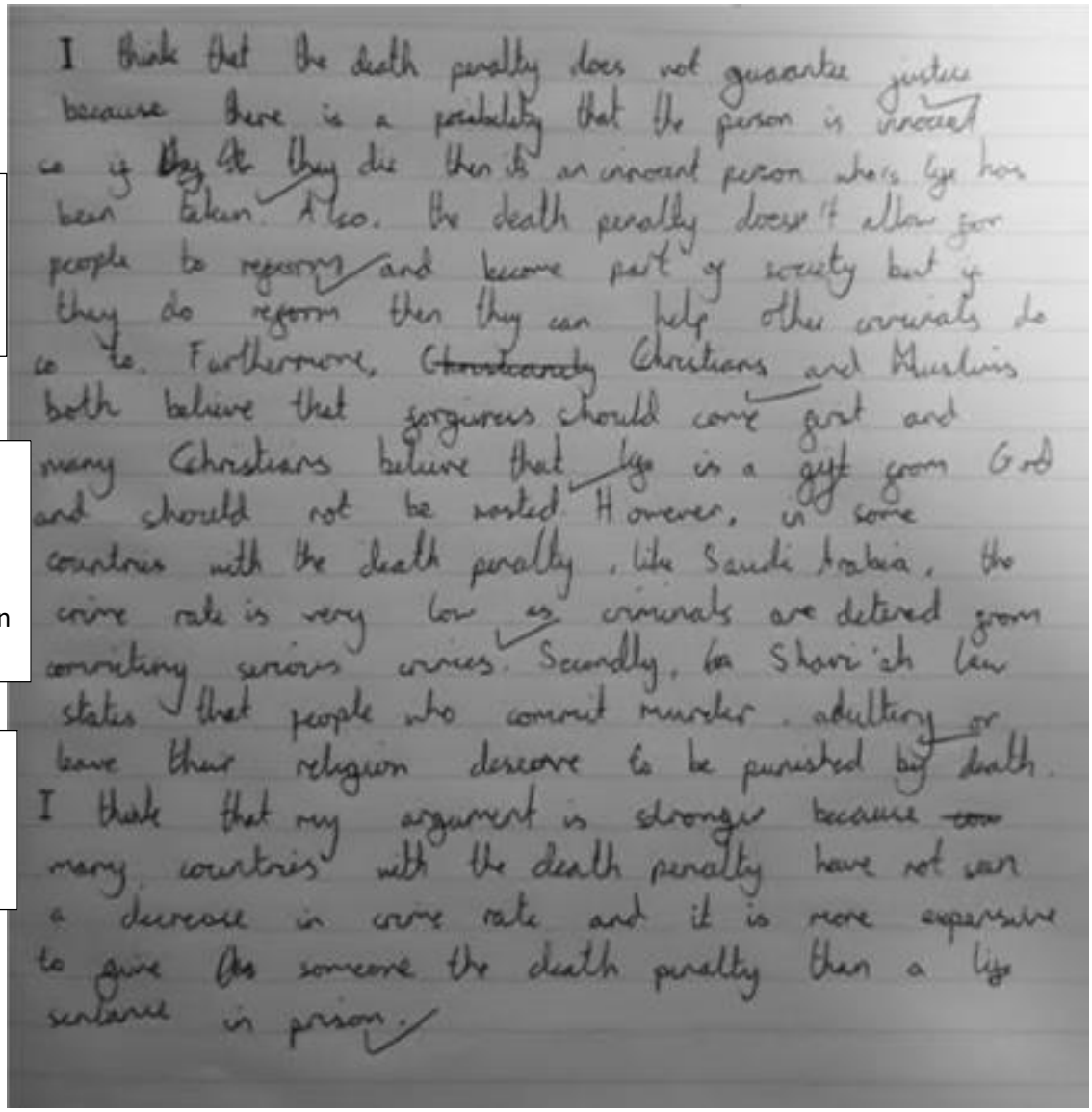
Task: ***Does the death penalty guarantee justice?***

Lovely discussion about justice and the purpose of punishment: should punishment be to encourage reform?

Great knowledge of Christian and Muslim views on forgiveness and the value of life.

Good knowledge of specific case studies and examples, such as Saudi Arabia and Shari'ah Law to bring in a counter-point.

Concludes argument with an evaluative statement confirming their stance.



I think that the death penalty does not guarantee justice because there is a possibility that the person is innocent so if they die then it's an innocent person who's life has been taken. Also, the death penalty doesn't allow for people to reform and become part of society but if they do reform then they can help other criminals do so too. Furthermore, ~~Christianity~~ Christians and Muslims both believe that forgiveness should come first and many Christians believe that life is a gift from God and should not be wasted. However, in some countries with the death penalty, like Saudi Arabia, the crime rate is very low as criminals are deterred from committing serious crimes. Secondly, in Shari'ah law states that people who commit murder, adultery or leave their religion deserve to be punished by death. I think that my argument is stronger because ~~too~~ many countries with the death penalty have not seen a decrease in crime rate and it is more expensive to give the someone the death penalty than a life sentence in prison.