



30th January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to inform of your child's forthcoming GCSE Language Exams.

As you will be aware all our students will be completing a Speaking Exam which is 25% of their overall GCSE Language exam.

As part of this exam, students are required to choose a theme from one of the thematic contexts that they have been taught over the course of their GCSE. The theme that the student chooses is then assessed on a Read Aloud, Role-Play, Picture Task and a General Conversation led by their class teacher.

Students will be required to choose their theme on **Thursday 19th March** in their Language lessons as listed below. This is a date chosen by the Exam Board.

French - Period 1 Thursday 19th March

Spanish - Period 5 Thursday 19th March

All students will have a choice of two themes.

As the department is working towards tight exam timescales it is imperative that no student is absent on this day.

The department would like to invite students in on **Friday 20th March** which is a Planning Day for staff. This will allow the department to work with their students on their chosen theme to ensure that all students are confident in the theme they have chosen. **Students should attend between 10am-12pm and may wear their own clothes.**

Students will be able to bring in their mobile phones to allow teachers (if they so wish) to record general conversations model answers and allow students to revise alongside the correct pronunciation.

As a reminder for all parents/carers to ensure additional support at home can take place which as we know is so vital for the Language GCSE the speaking exam format is as follows:

Task 1 – Read Aloud

Task 2 – Role Play

Task 3 – Picture Task and General conversation based on the Chosen theme.



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The real GCSE Speaking Exams 2026 will take place between Monday 20th April to Friday 24th April. Your child will be given an individual time and confirmation of date after the Easter holidays.

The department would appreciate that you do not book any pre-planned absence during this period.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Rowley – CAL for Languages should you have any further queries.

We look forward to working with your child and wishing them every success in their Language Exams and GCSEs overall this summer.

Kind Regards

Mrs K Rowley

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