



6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## GCSE Language Speaking Exams – Updated Arrangements

Dear Parent/Carer,

We wrote to you on Friday 30th January regarding the arrangements for the forthcoming GCSE Language Speaking Exams.

In order to ensure students are best prepared for their final exams, and to take into account the Mam Tor trip and Eid celebrations, we have decided to amend our plan for examinations so that students are able to fully enjoy both occasions, as well as be well prepared ahead of their final exam.

To ensure that all students are able to participate fully in both occasions, we have made the following adjustments:

1. All students are warmly encouraged to join us for the Mam Tor climb on Thursday 19th March.
2. There will no longer be an additional preparation session on Friday 20th March.

To allow additional lessons of practice time with their specialist class teachers ahead of their final Speaking Exam during **Monday 27th April – Friday 1st May**.

We will confirm specific exam dates with students after the Easter holidays, to ensure assign students the best time possible to help their performance in the exam.

**Please note that it is essential students attend their allocated exam slot, as this revised schedule leaves very limited flexibility for absences.**

All students will continue to prepare for one of two themes. For clarity, and so that families can support at home, which is invaluable for exam success, the speaking exam will follow the structure below:

Task 1 – Read Aloud

Task 2 – Role Play

Task 3 – Picture Task and General Conversation based on the chosen theme.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Rowley, Curriculum Area Leader for Languages or myself.

We look forward to supporting your child and wish them every success in in the run up to their final GCSE speaking examination.

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Kind regards,

**Oli Walker**

Vice Principal



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