

22 June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer and Student,

**Re: Year 10 End of Year Examinations in French and Spanish – Important Updates**

I am writing to inform you of important updates on the arrangements for the forthcoming Year 10 End of Year (EOY) examinations in French and Spanish.

These examinations are an important milestone for students as they prepare for their GCSE courses. The outcomes will enable staff to assess progress, identify strengths, and target support ahead of Year 11.

Unfortunately, the original examination schedule indicated that students would sit a receptive exam which would test students on their Listening and Reading exam skills all in one paper. We have been able to amend this to allow students to sit separate papers for Listening and Reading exams to truly reflect their GCSE Language exam next year.

Therefore, please could you ensure that your child is aware of the updates below:

Date	Time	Length	Paper
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	11.15	1hr 15mins 1hr 20mins	Spanish writing Foundation Spanish writing Higher
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	13.55	45 mins 60 mins	French Listening Foundation French Listening Higher
25 <sup>th</sup> June	13.55	45 mins 60 mins	Spanish Listening Foundation Spanish Listening Higher
1 <sup>st</sup> July	10:00	45 mins  60 mins	French Reading Foundation Spanish Reading Miss Taylor’s class 10ASP1 only  French Reading Higher Spanish Reading Higher Miss Taylor’s class 10ASP1 (All in teacher classrooms)
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	12:20	45 mins 60 mins	Spanish Reading Foundation Spanish Reading Higher  (In classrooms)

**Speaking Exams:**

These exams will take place between Tuesday 30 June and Thursday 2 July 2026 (individual times will be confirmed by teachers).

It is extremely unfortunate for the last-minute changes but the department wanted to ensure that all students complete a full set of exams ahead of starting Year 11 to ensure we can assess progress, identify strengths, and target support ahead of Year 11.

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Parents and carers can support students by encouraging revision, testing vocabulary, and supporting speaking practice. Useful links for revision for both languages can be found here:

French <https://padlet.com/qr-code/bdf0faz6ysvidxx?source=image>

Spanish <https://padlet.com/elenadiaz26/gcse-spanish-revision-guide-edexcel-z2sruu3uzmwphuhn>

Thank you for your understanding and we wish all our Year 10 linguists every success in their exams.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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