



Dear parent/carer,

Re: Home Language Exams

We are pleased to hear that your child has shown an interest in taking a qualification in their home language. At Rushcliffe Spencer Academy we encourage students to embrace their skills and talents and we would like to accommodate this opportunity.

Please follow the steps below to ensure that your child is entered for the correct course and that they are thoroughly informed about the different requirements of the exam(s):

1. Choose the exam board which you feel best suits your child. Information on which exam boards offer which subjects is below.
Please consult the following websites for more information. Each qualification has its own specification which explains a range of questions, such as, topics to study, exam structure and linguistic content.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages> - AQA

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/subjects/languages.html> - Pearson

<https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/> - Eduqas

Exam Board	AQA	Pearson	Eduqas
Qualifications offered	French (GCSE and A Level) German (GCSE and A Level) Italian (GCSE) Spanish (GCSE and A Level) Polish (GCSE and A Level) Bengali (GCSE and A Level) Urdu (GCSE) Modern Hebrew (GCSE and A Level) Biblical Hebrew (A Level) Chinese -Spoken Mandarin (GCSE) Panjabi (GCSE and A Level)	Arabic (GCSE and A Level) Biblical Hebrew (GCSE) Chinese (GCSE and A Level) French (GCSE and A Level) German (GCSE and A Level) Greek (GCSE and A Level) Gujarati (GCSE and A Level) Italian (GCSE and A Level) Japanese (GCSE and A Level) Persian (GCSE and A Level) Portuguese (GCSE and A Level) Russian (GCSE and A Level) Spanish (GCSE and A Level) Turkish (GCSE and A Level) Urdu (GCSE and A Level)	French (GCSE and A Level) German (GCSE and A Level) Spanish (GCSE and A Level)

2. Inform the Exams Officer (Amy Wood) via email (exams@rushcliffespencer.com) of your decision for your child to take the exams. Please include the following information:
 - Exam Board
 - Level (GCSE or A Level)
 - Which tier (Foundation or Higher) for GCSE qualifications

The deadline for this is the end of January each year

3. A lot of the Home Language qualifications require students to sit a speaking exam. Speaking exams are to be conducted at Rushcliffe Spencer Academy. As our teachers don't speak most of the home languages, we are unable to provide your child with a speaking examiner in this case. It is therefore your responsibility to provide and pay for an appropriate examiner. More information as to what qualifies a person to be suitable is included in qualification specifications.
4. As we are unable to speak most of the languages which fall under the Home Language category, we are unfortunately not in a position to support students with the preparation for exams. We would suggest that parents arrange for a tutor or family member to support their child in preparing for the exams.
5. As a school, we are happy to support students by paying their entry fee for Home Language qualifications with the expectation that students will attend all of the necessary exams. Please note that if a student does not turn up for all of their exams we may charge you the full entry fee (approximately £50 for GCSE or £130 for A Level).

Yours sincerely

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Amy Wood
Exams Officer