



LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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HOME LANGUAGE GCSE EXAMINATIONS

Year 9 and Year 10

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to tell you about the opportunity for your child to take a GCSE examination in their home language. Gaining a GCSE in a home language is an excellent way for students to celebrate their linguistic and cultural heritage while achieving an additional qualification that may support their future education and career prospects. Please note that the home language GCSE does not replace the GCSE in French or Spanish.

Students must be confident in **speaking and writing** in their chosen language to be considered for entry.

Languages currently available

Polish, Punjabi, Portuguese, Italian, French, Turkish, Arabic, Spanish, Bengali (excluding Sylheti), Urdu, Russian, Tamil, Mandarin, Japanese, Gujarati, Greek, Persian and German.

Examination information

Students will take examinations in speaking, listening, reading and writing towards the end of the academic year. Further information about the arrangements will be given to students closer to the examination period.

The speaking examination is expected to take place before the end of the Spring Term, depending on the examiner's availability.

To help ensure that students are suitably prepared, a pre-entry writing assessment will take place after the October half-term. Following this assessment, we will decide whether each student is ready to be entered for the GCSE examination.

What should you do next?

If you would like your child to be considered for a home language GCSE, please complete the reply slip below and return it to **Ms Master** in Room **C217** by **Thursday 22nd October**

We hope that as many eligible Year 9 and Year 10 students as possible will take advantage of this valuable opportunity. Achieving a GCSE in a home language can be a source of pride and an excellent addition to a student's qualifications.

If you have any questions about the home language GCSE examinations, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Master

MFL teacher and Community Language Coordinator

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I give permission for my child

(child's name) **Form**..... to undertake a
..... (Please specify home language) GCSE exam for 2026/2027 academic year.

Signed..... Date.....

Return the slip to **Ms Master (Room C217)**

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