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COMMUNITY LANGUAGE GCSE EXAMS 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

At Hammersmith Academy, we value the diverse nature of our community and are keen to highlight the importance of linguistics in multicultural London. As in previous years, this year, we will aim to offer bilingual students in Year 10 and 11 the opportunity to enter for a GCSE examination in the language that they are fluent in/native to, enabling them to gain an extra qualification and formal recognition of their linguistic abilities.

If you wish for your child to be entered for a GCSE examination in Summer 2026, you will need to complete the following form by Monday 17th November 2025: <https://forms.office.com/e/PFmmSDUqi4>

This year, the languages offered are: **Arabic, French, German, Greek, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, and Russian**. Please note that if your child's native language is not included on this list, they will not be able to sit an exam as these are the only offered courses.

Please note that you will need to pay for the exam in advance via ParentPay. The money will be returned to you once the student has taken and passed the exam. It will not be refundable if the student fails the test or decides not to go ahead with it.

Price	
All languages	£50

Please see key details below:

- Students must be fluent or native speakers of the language they enter for
- Students will not receive tuition for these languages within the Academy
- Students are expected to take full responsibility for researching the relevant exam board (linked below) and preparing for the examination independently
- From September 2026, this opportunity will only be available to Year 10 students
- Requests to enter students for community language examinations will not be accepted after Monday 17th November 2025

Please find below the exam board for each language, as well as the link for the course specifications.

Language	Exam Board	Link to information
Arabic	Edexcel	GCSE Arabic Edexcel Specification
French	AQA	GCSE French AQA Specification
German	AQA	GCSE German AQA Specification
Greek	Edexcel	GCSE Greek Edexcel Specification

Italian	AQA	GCSE Italian AQA Specification
Polish	AQA	GCSE Polish AQA Specification
Portuguese	Edexcel	GCSE Portuguese Edexcel Specification
Russian	Edexcel	GCSE Russian Edexcel Specification

Please ensure that you complete the form above no later than Monday 17th November 2025.

Should you have any questions, please contact me via the email address below. If your questions are related to payment of this test, please contact Ms Hrabankova via [lhrabankova@hammersmithacademy.org](mailto:hrabankova@hammersmithacademy.org).

Yours faithfully,



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