

Policy on early internal examination entries **in GCSE Modern Foreign Languages**



Camden School for Girls pupils for whom French or Spanish is their home language may be offered the opportunity to sit GCSE in that language in Y10 if deemed appropriate. The school will provide an oral examiner within the French or Spanish departments. Please note that in the unlikely event that exams are cancelled, the school will not be able to provide a Teacher Assessed Grade for any student sitting for an early GCSE in a home language.

Entry decisions will be taken based on each candidate's individual circumstances, taking into account the professional judgement of the staff and the availability of resources.

Administration and invigilation fees will be payable, in addition to the exam board fees.

If candidates wish to sit the examination at our centre, provided they fulfil the requirements listed below, they must notify the Examinations Officer as well as the Head of MFL in writing by the end of December in the academic year in which they wish to sit the examination. This ensures that entries are made to the examination boards and staffing arrangements are organised.

Requirements for native speakers of French and Spanish:

- The candidate must not already be studying the language as part of their school timetable
- The student must prepare independently as the school will not be able to offer lessons
- The student must take an initial written assessment in the Autumn term of Year 10, sit the mock examinations in December of Year 10 AND receive a minimum of a grade 6 in the writing element at Higher Tier for the school to validate their entry
- The candidate must attend all information meetings at the request of the teacher-examiner to ensure they understand the procedure and arrangements
- The parent/guardian must complete the registration form and pay the fee by the end of December of the academic year in which the candidate wishes to sit the examination

The school will provide:

- An initial assessment of the student's ability in the language they wish to be examined in
- Information about the format of the different components of the examination
- Some resources to prepare for the examinations including access to the GCSE eTextbook
- Feedback on the initial assessment and on one set of mock examinations
- A teacher-examiner to conduct the speaking examination