Home Language Exams

(Additional qualifications that can be sat at Cardinal Wiseman)

GCSE & A LEVEL



Mrs Kaur – Exams Officer

Arabic
Bengali
Chinese (Mandarin)
Chinese (Mandarin/spoken Cantonese)
French
German
Greek
Gujarati
Italian
Japanese
Panjabi
Persian
Polish
Portuguese
Russian
Spanish
Turkish
Urdu

The Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School

Home Languages

2026-2027

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Reference: GCSE and A Level Home Language Exam Entry Summer 2027

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in completing a public examination this year in the home language that is regularly spoken at home and not taught in this school.

We are always keen to embrace other languages and to facilitate the exam process and so we offer this opportunity to students who are in Year 9 or above.

If you would like your son/daughter to be entered for a GCSE or A Level exam in their home language, please read and complete the form below.

The form must be returned to me by 2nd December 2026.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Kaur
Exams Officer
(Room B11)

Student Name: ---------- Tutor Group:----------

Language: ---------- GCSE or A Level?----------

- I would like my child to be entered for the home language examination detailed above.
- I confirm that my child can speak, read and write fluently in the language requested.
- I understand that my child will NOT be given any formal tuition in the language at Cardinal Wiseman, but will be told where to find information about the course content, and outline of the exam.
- I will ensure that my child will complete all controlled assessments on time and attend any meetings called.
- I will also ensure that my child will sit all the required exams.
- **I understand that failure to adhere to these requirements will result in me paying the cost of the examination.**
- **I understand that I will not be able to retake the GCSE or A Level at Cardinal Wiseman**

Parent's signature: ---------- Date: ----------

Parent's name: ---------- *(in block capitals)*

Parent's email address: ----------

Student's email address: ----------

If you speak a different language at home, you have the opportunity to take GCSE and A Level exams in this language at school.

Please note: All students who want to be entered for a Community Language exam **must** complete a letter.

Benefits of sitting GCSE or A Level in home language exams

- It is FREE to sit the exam at Cardinal Wiseman
- Possibly an excellent exam grade – if you can already speak and write fluently
- An extra recognised qualification
- Will contribute towards 6th Form or university education entry
- Can differentiate you in the job market

What do I need to do now?

If you are in **Yr9 or above**:

- Collect a **form** from the Exams Officer in B11

- Fill the form in, get your parents to sign it and return to the exams office **by 2nd December 2026**

- Commit to preparing yourself for the exams.

THANK YOU

Mrs Kaur – Exams Officer

