



Penryn
College

"Achieving through Challenge"

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Dear Parent/Carer(s)

Home/Heritage GCSE Language Qualifications

I know that many of our students have knowledge of a language in addition to English which is a fantastic asset and something we would like to capitalize on to help them succeed. Growing up with both Swedish and English I know first-hand how great, but also challenging, it can be to have this additional language skill.

Where possible, we support our students who have an additional language to gain GCSE accreditation in it and there are currently a number of different languages offered at GCSE by the exam boards.

Languages are assessed via 4 exams at GCSE with equal weighting in listening, reading, writing and speaking. From experience, we find that students perform best if they take the exams in Year 9 or 10 and many of our students have achieved top grades in a wide range of languages.

In order to gauge the level of language required I have emailed higher GCSE reading exams and mark schemes to a number of families and I am hoping that this letter will reach those I have unintentionally missed. If I haven't been in touch with you previously and you think this is something that would be of benefit to your child please get in touch via: dribenfors@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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