BOLINGBROKE ACADEMY

COMMUNITY LANGUAGES

at Bolingbroke Academy

2016

Bolingbroke Academy
Community Languages 2016

As part of our commitment to language learning at Bolingbroke Academy, we will provide facilities in order for pupils to gain qualifications in their mother tongue/community language.

It will be the responsibility of the candidate's parents / carers to ensure that:

1. A copy of the application form (page 5 of this pack) is completed fully for each pupil. Incomplete forms will not be processed.
2. The pupil is at an appropriate level to take the examination. We will be limiting applications to those in Year 9 upwards as they need a degree of maturity to be able to tackle the examinations.
3. Pupils will need to study independently for the exam. Parents can request past papers for pupils to practise and will pay the exam entry fees but we are unable to offer any tuition in the language. Pupils will need to make a commitment to studying independently for the exams.

Language	**GCSE Exam board**
Dutch Gujarati Persian (Farsi) Portuguese Turkish	OCR
Arabic Chinese* Italian* Japanese Modern Greek Russian Spanish* French* German*	EDEXCEL
Bengali Panjabi Modern Hebrew Polish	AQA

CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT

Writing: GCSE Chinese, Italian, Spanish, German and French are subjects which have a controlled assessment writing unit at GCSE level. This consists of two separate writing tasks, each of which is written in a one hour supervised session. Pupils are permitted **a total** of six hours preparatory work for these assignments (however we often find three is enough), again which is carried out under controlled supervised conditions.

Bolingbroke Academy will provide sessions to carry out the controlled assessment writing element. These will be:

Preparation 1: W/C 4-5pm Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th February
Exam 1: Wednesday 2nd March

Preparation 2: W/C 4-5pm Monday 7th March – Thursday 10th March
Exam 2: Wednesday 16th March

CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT

Speaking: All languages and levels where there is a speaking exam. Arabic has no speaking exam.

Where possible, the speaking examinations will be held in April, 2016 at Bolingbroke Academy.

However, due to examiner commitments, exams may be scheduled in the evenings on later days, plus on some weekends throughout April/May.

Candidates will be informed of their time along with those of the other elements of their exam after February half term.

It is essential that pupils come to their speaking exam, fully prepared. One aspect common to most languages is a 5 minute topic presentation. A list of the topics and all syllabus requirements can be obtained from the examination boards' websites:

www.ocr.org.uk
www.edexcel.com
www.aqa.org.uk

It is vital, in order to pass at a Grade C or above, that students use language in the past, present and future tenses, use opinions with reasons, use descriptive language and form longer sentences structured with connectives.

BOLINGBROKE ACADEMY CANNOT ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR A CHILD LOSING MARKS FOR BEING UNPREPARED. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW PUPILS WHO FAIL TO ATTEND THE PREPARATION AND EXAM SESSIONS. IT IS THEREFORE ULTIMATELY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENT/CARER TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILD IS FULLY PREPARED FOR THEIR EXAMINATIONS.

KEY DATES & INFORMATION

Thursday 4th February 2016: Deadline to return Application Forms

GCSE controlled assessment writing sessions: GCSE Chinese, Italian, Spanish, German, French & Welsh.

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April 2016 Majority of speaking examinations to be held at Bolingbroke Academy (some speaking exams scheduled after this date)

May/June Exam start times:
A.M. session on exam timetable: Candidates to be at Bolingbroke Academy at 08:45 for a 09:00 start
P.M. session on exam timetable: Candidates to be at Bolingbroke Academy at 12.45 for a 1:00pm start

Results:
We will inform you by phone / email or we can let you know in September, once back at school.

APPLICATION FORM FOR CANDIDATES OF COMMUNITY LANGUAGE EXAMINATIONS

Please complete pages 5 and return no later than **THURSDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2016** to:

Mr Bradu, Examinations Officer, Bolingbroke Academy, Wakehurst Road, London, SW11 6BF

Language: _____

(If Chinese, please specify Mandarin or Cantonese)

Part 1 – Candidate Details

Name(s) of candidate (as you wish it to appear on the certificate)

Surname: ……

First Name(s): …..……..….

School Year: 9, 10 (please circle)

Part 2 – Examination Details

EXAM BOARD	**LEVEL**	**SUBJECT**
	GCSE	

I certify that the entries on this form are correct:

Parent / Carer Signature	
Date	