

## **Why we want to change from Edexcel iGCSE to AQA GCSE in Languages**

From September 2024, the teaching and examining of Modern Foreign Languages changed. All exam boards offering the GCSE exam have changed their specifications, and the new GCSE French exam will be examined in June 2026 for the first time.

Our languages department here at LLP has carefully reviewed the differences between our current choice of exam (Edexcel iGCSE) and the new specifications offered by various boards. We have concluded that from 11<sup>th</sup> June this year **we will change to the AQA GCSE exam**, as we feel that this will give our students a better chance of success for the following reasons:

1. In the new AQA exam, all instructions will be in English. This is very significant, particularly in the writing exam, as it removes the possibility of students misunderstanding the bullet points in the 2 essay tasks and writing about the wrong thing! (in our current iGCSE exam, the essay instructions and bullet points are given in the foreign language).
2. There are new tasks including dictation and reading aloud. These are tasks which most students enjoy doing and are great for building up their confidence in listening and speaking.
3. Students will be assessed on a reduced, specified list of vocabulary.