

Home, Heritage and Community Languages



What are Home, Heritage and Community Languages?

There are over **36 languages** spoken at home to different degrees of fluency at **Northampton School for Girls**

Keeping these languages alive means that **students' literacy skills** are strengthened in both languages, **students' sense of belonging** and **self esteem** are **developed** and there is an enhancement of their cognitive and language skills.

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Course Overview and structure.

Examinations are provided by **AQA** and **Pearson**

Languages available at GCSE:

- ARABIC
- BENGALI
- BIB.HEBREW
- CHINESE
- GERMAN
- GREEK
- GUJARATI
- ITALIAN
- JAPANESE
- MODERN HEBREW
- PANJABI
- PERSIAN
- POLISH
- PORTUGUESE
- RUSSIAN
- TAMIL
- TURKISH
- URDU

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Themes; Questions are set in common contexts. They are organised into **five** themes.

- Identity and culture
- Local area, holiday, travel
- School
- Future aspirations, study and work
- International and global dimension.



Assessment

Exams in all **four** skills areas at end of Year 10:

Paper 1 - Listening (25% of GCSE)

Paper 2 - Speaking (25% of GCSE)*

Paper 3 - Reading (25% of GCSE)

Paper 4 - Writing (25% of GCSE)

***Biblical Hebrew and Tamil** do not have a speaking component



Key Career Skills

- **Effective Communication**
- **Risk-taking**
- **Problem Solving**
- **Adaptability and Resilience**
- **Empathy and Cultural Agility**

Future study and career opportunities

Studying an extra **GCSE in your Home Language** can lead to a career in many different fields.

The **UK has a multilingual and diverse population; multiple languages** are used and are needed across **public** and **private sectors** and civil society as a whole.

Languages are valued by UK employers and are particularly sought after in fields such as **journalism and media, law, engineering, business, marketing and logistics, sport and leisure, travel and tourism, civil service, banking and teaching (UK and abroad).**

We can also offer the opportunity to sit an A Level exam in your home language.