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Dear Year 10 and Year 11 Students and Parents/Carers,

'Home Language' GCSE entries for Year 10 and Year 11 – June 2027

At Rooks Heath we offer 'home language' GCSEs in a range of languages, allowing students who are fluent in another language to gain an extra GCSE by sitting exams at the end of Year 11. We are once again offering this opportunity to Year 10 students this year.

In the past, home languages have included Arabic, French, German, Gujarati, Italian, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Urdu, although other languages may be available. Unfortunately, there are no GCSE qualifications for some languages, for example Albanian, Dutch, Lithuanian, Romanian and Tamil.

Students entering a home language would not be 'taught' for the language in lessons. Therefore, students must be relatively fluent in all four exams in the language they are entering for:

- Listening
- Speaking
- Reading
- Writing

These exams would take place around the end of April or early May in the same exam season as all other exams.

Please can you complete the attached Home Language exam application form and ask your child to return a hard copy of the completed form to Ms.Chan in the Exams & Assessment Team in room AG9.

Each year the ability to run a home language GCSE exam for students depends on whether we can find examiners to run the Speaking Exams in that language, therefore we cannot guarantee that we will be able to find one for their Home Language. Students will be informed when they receive their GCSE entries in the Spring term whether it has been possible to enter for a home language GCSE. It is hoped that we will be able to maximise the opportunity for students to gain a GCSE in their home languages.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Subra
Deputy Headteacher – Curriculum and Assessment

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If you are unable to read this letter because English is not your first language, please ask someone who speaks English to contact us via email at contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk for a copy of this letter in your language.

Arabic: إذا لم تتمكن من قراءة هذه الرسالة لأن اللغة الإنجليزية ليست لغتك الأم، فيُرجى الطلب من شخص يتحدث الإنجليزية للحصول على نسخة من هذه الرسالة بلغتك.contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.ukالتواصل معنا عبر البريد الإلكتروني

Gujarati: જો અંગ્રેજી તમારી પ્રથમ ભાષા ન હોવાને કારણે તમે આ પત્ર વાંચી શકતા ન હોવ, તો કૃપા કરીને અંગ્રેજી જાણતી કોઈ વ્યક્તિને કહો કે તેઓ તમારી ભાષામાં આ પત્રની નકલ મેળવવા માટે contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk પર ઈમેલ દ્વારા અમારો સંપર્ક કરે.

Portuguese: Se você não conseguir ler esta carta porque o inglês não é a sua língua materna, por favor, peça a alguém que fale inglês para entrar em contato conosco pelo e-mail contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk e solicitar uma cópia desta carta no seu idioma.

Polish: Jeśli nie mogą Państwo przeczytać tego listu, ponieważ angielski nie jest Państwa językiem ojczystym, prosimy poprosić osobę mówiącą po angielsku o kontakt z nami pod adresem contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk w celu uzyskania kopii tego listu w Państwa języku.

Romanian: Dacă nu puteți citi această scrisoare deoarece engleza nu este limba dumneavoastră maternă, vă rugăm să rugați o persoană care vorbește engleza să ne contacteze prin e-mail la adresa contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk pentru a obține o copie a scrisorii în limba dumneavoastră.

Punjabi: ਜੇਕਰ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਸ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਪੜ੍ਹਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਸਮਰੱਥ ਹੋ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਅੰਗਰੇਜ਼ੀ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਅਜਿਹੇ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਕਹੋ ਜੋ ਅੰਗਰੇਜ਼ੀ ਬੋਲਦਾ ਹੈ, contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk 'ਤੇ ਈਮੇਲ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸਾਡੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਸ ਪੱਤਰ ਦੀ ਇੱਕ ਕਾਪੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਸਾਡੇ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰਨ।

Urdu: اگر آپ یہ خط پڑھنے سے قاصر ہیں کیونکہ انگریزی آپ کی مادری زبان نہیں ہے، تو براہِ کرم انگریزی بولنے والے کسی شخص سے کہیں کہ وہ اس خط کی آپ کی زبان میں کاپی حاصل کرنے کے لیے ہم سے contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk- پر ای میل کے ذریعے رابطہ کرے

Farsi : اگر به دلیل اینکه انگلیسی زبان اول شما نیست قادر به خواندن این نامه نمی‌باشید، لطفاً از فردی که به زبان انگلیسی صحبت می‌کند بخواهید برای دریافت نسخه‌ای از این نامه به زبان خودتان، از طریق ایمیل با ما تماس بگیرید.contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk