

Languages and examinations at KS4

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The Linear GCSE

- ▶ First award 2014 – first teaching 2012
- ▶ Specification remains same except
- ▶ All units must be submitted at end of course
- ▶ No January examinations
- ▶ Controlled assessments are still done at any time throughout the course*
- ▶ Early entry is still possible – all units at once

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GCSE Exam Boards

▶ AQA

- ▶ 40 words, no conjugated verbs, no pictures
- ▶ 2 interactions

▶ Edexcel

- ▶ 30 words, conjugated verbs, small drawings
- ▶ 2 of presentation, interaction, picture based discussion

▶ WJEC

- ▶ Conversation, concept web, notes
- ▶ Presentation 30 words + visual prompt

▶ OCR

- ▶ ?
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Alternatives to GCSE

- ▶ iGCSE (all exams)
- ▶ Level 1/ Level 2 certificate in... (all exams / under review)
- ▶ Asset Languages
- ▶ NVQ
 - ▶ Portfolio approach
 - ▶ Can buy ready made scheme of work + resources
- ▶ ABC award
 - ▶ Portfolio approach
 - ▶ Hard work / achievable
- ▶ FCSE
 - ▶ Levels 4 - 6
- ▶ Entry level certificates
 - ▶ Levels 1 - 3



League tables

- ▶ 5 A* - C
- ▶ E-bacc
- ▶ Average points score

- ▶ Schools will remain free to offer any other qualification accredited and approved for study by 14- to 16-year-olds.
...But only those meeting the Department's rigorous requirements will count in Performance Tables.



5A* - C

The Performance Tables' measures for 2014 will be restricted to:

- ▶ Full course GCSEs (at Level 1 and 2)
- ▶ Established iGCSEs (at Level 1 and 2)
- ▶ AS levels (at Level 3)
- ▶ Level 3 Asset Language Ladder qualifications



School Points

- ▶ As for 5A* - C and...
- ▶ AQA Level I Certificate in
 - ▶ French (FCSE) Full Course
 - ▶ German (FCSE) Full Course
 - ▶ Spanish (FCSE) Full Course
- ▶ WJEC level I Certificate in
 - ▶ Latin Language
 - ▶ Latin Language and Roman Civilisation
 - ▶ Latin Literature



EBacc

- ▶ GCSE in a language
- ▶ iGCSE in a language (only new version which contains speaking element)
- ▶ AS taken early

- ▶ NOT Asset languages



Numbers

- ▶ 2011 23.7 % pupils were entered for EBacc
- ▶ 2010 22.0 per cent

- ▶ Durham figures are very similar

- ▶ National average for achieving the Ebacc is 1 in 6



What can we do about severe grading?

