

Summary of changes

In response to feedback and suggestions from teachers, we've made some changes to the format of the FCSE assessments.

We're keeping all that is popular with teachers and students but ensuring that the assessments prepare for and mirror the requirements of the reformed GCSEs.

Changes to FCSE French, German, Spanish and Chinese (Mandarin)

Listening

No change to current format.

Reading

What's new	What's the same	What's changed
One task requiring translation from the target language into English on all three assessments submitted. The task will consist of one sentence.	Popular topics, such as relationships, family and friends, holidays and travel, food and drink etc remain.	Reading assignments amended to reflect the requirements of the new GCSE. Increased challenge through the levels.

Speaking

What's new	What's the same	What's changed
<p>All students must complete a compulsory role play as one of the three speaking tasks in their portfolio.</p> <p>One role play is provided for each unit covering each of the three levels.</p> <p>The role play should not be seen before it is completed under supervised conditions.</p> <p>The task is prescriptive and</p>	<p>Popular topics, such as relationships, family and friends, holidays and travel, food and drink etc remain.</p> <p>Students produce two internally-set speaking tasks as well as the role play task.</p>	<p>The assessments prepare students for and mirror the requirements of the reformed GCSEs.</p>

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Writing

What's new	What's the same	What's changed
<p>All students must complete one compulsory translation from English into the target language as one of the three writing tasks in their portfolio.</p> <p>One translation task is provided for each unit covering each of the three levels.</p> <p>The translation should not be seen before it is completed under supervised conditions.</p> <p>The task is prescriptive and must not be changed.</p>	<p>Popular topics, such as relationships, family and friends, holidays and travel, food and drink remain.</p> <p>Students produce two internally-set writing tasks as well as the translation task.</p>	<p>The assessments prepare students for and mirror the requirements of the reformed GCSEs.</p>