



Subject Mandarin		
Title/Topic	Format	Length
Paper 1 – Listening	Written paper (multiple choice + written answers)	Higher = 45 minutes (+ 5 minutes reading time) Foundation = 35 minutes (+ 5 minutes reading time)
Paper 2 – Speaking	Individual speaking assessment with class teacher on the general conversation part of the exam	Higher & foundation = 5 minutes
Paper 3 – Reading	Written paper (multiple choice + written answers)	Higher = 60 minutes Foundation = 45 minutes
Paper 4 – Writing	Written paper (multiple choice + written answers)	Higher = 1 hour and 15 minutes Foundation = 60 minutes

In this Advent assessment I will be asked to show I can...

GCSE TOPICS:

Theme 1

Unit 1: Me, my family and friends

Unit 2: Technology in everyday life

Unit 3: Free time activities

Unit 4: Customs and festivals

Theme 2:

Unit 5: Home, town, neighbourhood and region

Unit 6: Social issues

Unit 7: Global issues

Unit 8: Travel and tourism

Theme 3:

Units 9 and 10: My studies/Life at school/college

Units 11 and 12: Education post-16/Jobs, careers and ambitions

Reading and listening – all units covered

- Understanding phrases and vocabulary when I **hear** them and responding to questions about what I have **heard**.
- Understanding phrases and vocabulary when I **see them written down** and responding to questions about what I have **read**.
- **Translating** a text from Mandarin to English.

Higher Writing – units 1-10

Higher



- **Writing a 75 character response** which addresses 4 bullet points, using 3 tenses.
- **Writing a 125 character response** which addresses 2 bullet points, using at least 2 tenses.
- **Translating a passage** from English to Mandarin.

Foundation

- **Writing 4 sentences** in response to a photograph.
- **Writing a 30 character response** which addresses 4 bullet points.
- **Translating 5 sentences** from English to Mandarin.
- **Writing a 75 character response** which addresses 4 bullet points, using 3 tenses.

Speaking – units 4 & 6

Respond to the speaking questions from units 4 (Festivals) and 6 (Social Issues).

What should I do to revise and prepare for this assessment?

- Revise the vocabulary in all of your knowledge organisers: use look, cover, write, check to ensure that you know what the characters mean in English as well as how they are pronounced. Then, test yourself to make sure you are able to write the characters in Chinese from memory.
- Read through the reading exercises in the chapters of your GCSE (9-1) textbook covered so far and make sure you understand them and can complete the activities that accompany them.
- Learn how to write all of the fantastic phrases you have been given from memory (connectives, time phrases & opinion phrases), so that you can use them in your writing.
- Read back over past papers you have done and make a note of mistakes you have made, so that you don't make them again. In particular, practise writing any characters that you know you regularly get wrong, e.g. 看, 音乐, 有意思, 和
- Make yourself a list of 'show off' characters/words that you plan to use in your writing, for example, 锻炼身体, 打太极拳, 健康. Also, list any other words linked to individual topics that we haven't covered in lessons, but that you would like to include in your writing, e.g. a particular holiday destination, a food you like or dislike eating, a hobby you want to be able to write about.
- Read back over the speaking question responses that you have prepared during the GCSE course. Practise writing out your response to each question from memory: remember that you will be asked similar types of questions in the writing paper to those that you have prepared for the speaking assessment so it is a useful revision task to try to write the characters for your speaking question answers, not just the pinyin.
- Listen to the recordings that Mrs Aird will send you of the speaking questions several times until you are very confident what each question means and are able to answer it in Chinese, from memory.

What useful websites/resources could I use to help me prepare?



- GCSE textbook: *Edexcel GCSE (9-1)*
- *GCSE Chinese Writing Revision Guide* (published by Sinolingua) available from the school shop via Arbor
- *GCSE Chinese Speaking and Listening Revision Guide* (published by Sinolingua) available from the school shop via Arbor
- *Mandarin Bean* website: useful for reading and listening ([Mandarin Bean: Learn and Practice Chinese | High Quality Resources](#))