



Subject	Mandarin	
Title/Topic	Format	Length
Foundation Paper 2 – Listening & Higher Reading Paper 3 (part 1)	Written papers (multiple choice + written answers), to be completed in English	Higher reading is 45 minutes; Foundation listening is 35 minutes
Higher Paper 2 – Listening & Foundation Reading Paper 3 (part 1)	Written papers (multiple choice + written answers), to be completed in English	Both exams are 45 minutes
Higher Paper 4 – Writing (part 1) & Foundation Paper 4 Writing (part 2)	Written paper (75 character response; higher students also complete translation into Chinese), to be completed in Chinese	Both exams are 30 minutes
Higher Paper 4 – Writing (part 2) & Foundation Paper 4 Writing (part 1)	Written paper (higher students complete 125 character response; foundation students complete photo task, sentence translations and 30 character task), to be completed in Chinese	Both exams are 30 minutes
Speaking assessment	Photo card and general conversation	8 minutes

My Advent assessment will test my knowledge on...

List of 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

Students will be assessed on all GCSE topics in each of three skill areas (reading, listening and writing).



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

To prepare for this assessment:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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
5. Make yourself a list of 'show off' characters/words that you are going to get into 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.
6. 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.

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 Parent Pay
- *GCSE Chinese Speaking and Listening Revision Guide* (published by Sinolingua) available from the school shop via Parent Pay
- *Mandarin Bean* website: useful for reading and listening