

WHS GCSE URDU INFORMATION FOR Y11 PARENTS - FEBRUARY 2022

How will students be assessed:

Paper	How is it assessed	Questions
Listening 25%	Written exam: 35 minutes (Foundation Tier), 45 minutes (Higher Tier) 40 marks (Foundation Tier), 50 marks (Higher Tier)	Section A – questions in English, to be answered in English or non-verbally Section B – questions in Urdu, to be answered in Urdu or non-verbally
Speaking 25%	Non-exam assessment 7–9 minutes (Foundation Tier) + preparation time 10–12 minutes (Higher Tier) + preparation time 60 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier)	Role-play – 15 marks (2 minutes at Foundation Tier; 2 minutes at Higher Tier) Photo card – 15 marks (2 minutes at Foundation Tier; 3 minutes at Higher Tier) General conversation – 30 marks (3–5 minutes at Foundation Tier; 5–7 minutes at Higher Tier)
Reading paper 25%	Written exam: 45 minutes (Foundation Tier), 1 hour (Higher Tier) 60 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier)	Section A – questions in English, to be answered in English or non-verbally Section B – questions in Urdu, to be answered in Urdu or non-verbally Section C – translation from Urdu into English (a minimum of 35 words for Foundation Tier and 50 words for Higher Tier)
Writing paper 25%	Written exam: 1 hour (Foundation Tier), 1 hour 15 minutes (Higher Tier) 50 marks at Foundation Tier and 60 marks at Higher Tier	Foundation Tier: Question 1 four sentences in response to a photo Question 2 – short passage 40 words Question 3 – translation from English into Urdu Question 4 – structured writing task 90 words there is a choice from three questions Higher Tier Question 1 – structured writing task 90 words there is a choice from three questions Question 2 – open-ended writing task 150 words– there is a choice from three questions Question 3 – translation from English into Urdu

What are the Exam dates:

The date for the **mock Urdu Writing exam** is...

Friday 4th March

Afternoon

The papers will be marked and analysed after they are completed. There will be parents evening Wednesday 30th March when you can talk to subject teachers about how they have done, and about how they can improve further.

The final exam dates are...

- Speaking Exam Window 4th April – 20th May
- Reading Paper 17th May (Foundation 45 Minutes/ Higher 1hr)
- Listening Paper 17th May (Foundation 35 Minutes /45 minutes)
- Writing Paper 7th June (Foundation 1h5 / Higher 1h20)

How can parents help plan for success in the GCSE exams?

- Parents can encourage students to engage with self-study which is set on a weekly basis on teams.
- Create a revision timetable covering all four skill areas
- Encourage students to use revision guide for exam question revision.

Best websites for GCSE Urdu revision

- www.quizlet.com:
- www.Languagesonline.org.uk
- www.kahoot.it