



Year 9 Latin WJEC Level 1 Certificate

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to let you know that if your child decides not to opt for GCSE Latin, we encourage them to sit another public examination in May/June 2026 which will give them a qualification that can be included on a university application form. This is the WJEC Level 1 Latin Certificate qualification, more or less equivalent to a foundation level GCSE. Its syllabus is based on the Cambridge Latin Course Books 1 & 2. Since the students will be completing Book 2 this term, it is an exam which is well within the capabilities of all Year 9 Latin students.

In the summer of 2025, 67 Year 9 students sat this examination, with 94% achieving an A or higher and 77% gaining an A*. Taking this examination allows those students who have opted to leave Latin behind at the end of Year 9 to do so in the knowledge that they have achieved something tangible at the end of their three years of study, as well as developing linguistic confidence and familiarity with the process of preparing for and taking an external examination ahead of their GCSEs.

We are not able to offer this examination as part of the Year 9 language course, as there is no equivalent examination for the living languages. However, if your child would like to take this examination and is prepared to put in the necessary independent study over the next few months (there will be time available in Latin lessons for independent study), they can sit it privately at school this summer. The examination consists of two papers: a comprehension paper on Monday 18th May, and a translation paper on Monday 8th June. The cost of examination entry is £48.00.

If you wish your child to sit the examination, I would be grateful if you could pay £48.00 **by Friday 6th February 2026** via SCOPAY (www.scopay.com/beaconsfield).

If you feel you may be eligible for financial support please email pupilpremium@beaconsfieldhigh.school or if you are having difficulty meeting payment deadlines and wish to discuss a payment plan please contact trips@beaconsfieldhigh.school.

Please note that this is before the final options deadline for Year 9 students because exam entries need to be made.

If you have any further questions about this examination, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at millington-a@beaconsfieldhigh.school.

Yours faithfully,

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