

COMMUNITY LANGUAGE EXAMINATION CENTRE

(CLEX) CENTRE NUMBER: 08558.

For supplementary schools/private
language teachers teaching
home/heritage languages to GCSE
and A level



We are keen to partner with other
consortia, please get in touch
with pascale@nrcse.org.uk

Aims

The NRCSE has established a Community Languages Examination Centre CLEx in partnership with the Turkish Language, Culture and Education Consortium, the British Council/QFI Arabic Language and Culture Programme and Pearson Edexcel.

CLEx will run for a trial period to enable young people who are learning Arabic, Turkish or other home/heritage languages out-of-school to receive a grade this summer even though exams have been cancelled. We are exploring the possibility of entering candidates for other languages examined by Pearson Edexcel if they are attending classes on a weekly basis by NRCSE member supplementary schools. Please get in touch to discuss.

We will evaluate the success of the centre after July 2021 and consider the future. It remains our firm belief that young people should be entered for their home/heritage languages by their mainstream schools. We can not accept, however, that so many young people were denied entry in 2020 and are again finding it difficult to enter this summer. For this reason we have established CLEx.

CLEx staff

- Head of Centre [Pascale Vassie OBE](#)
- Senior Leader with responsibility for examinations: [Nuriye Mertcan](#)
- Examinations Officer: [Emine Arzu Shevket](#)
- Centre administrator/Special Education Needs Coordinator: [Noura Salhani](#)
- Internal Quality Assessor for Turkish: [Nuriye Mertcan](#)
- Internal Quality Assessor for Arabic: [Sawsan Haffar](#)
- Internal Quality Assessor for

[we will engage IQAs for each language that we have students entered for]

Private candidates | Pearson qualifications

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/campaigns/pearson-covid-19/private-candidates.html>

- *Thank you for choosing Pearson Edexcel qualifications. The global pandemic continues to cause global disruption and uncertainty so to ensure your safety, and fairness for all students around the world, Pearson has confirmed that external exams will not take place as planned in May/June 2021. We will instead be using a robust, quality assured process that will include arrangements for private candidates.*
- *We know that you have been working incredibly hard to prepare for your exams and you will be feeling anxious about how you will receive your qualification grade for the May/June 2021 series. We are committed to supporting all students, including private candidates, and will share specific details soon.*
- *We are currently awaiting the outcome of the UK Ofqual consultation about how grades will be issued in for May/June 2021, which includes specific consideration for private candidates and is expected in the week commencing 22 February 2021. This will enable us to confirm the details of how this approach applies to you well in advance of the entry deadline.*

CLEEx requirements for Summer 2021 entry

Realistic evidence required in order to permit centre assessed grading:

- 90% attendance at weekly sessions with tutor
- Lessons set at a minimum of 1.5 hours a week
- Year 10 and above only for GCSE
- Year 12 and above only for A'Level
- Use of Autumn series 2020 as mocks - meeting to set questions week beginning 29th March 2021 - tbc.
- Mock moderation meeting tbc - week beginning 12th April 2021 - tbc
- Further three moderation meetings to ensure consistency
- Mock 2 paper to be prepared by working party for May 2021



RESULTS OF OFQUAL CONSULTATION

These have been published and shed some light on how private candidates will be receiving their grades.

Download full report here [Decisions on how GCSE, AS and A level grades will be determined in summer 2021 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/94222/decisions-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-will-be-determined-in-summer-2021.pdf)

Results of Ofqual public consultation on summer 2021 exams – private candidates

There will be a clear and accessible route for private candidates to work with a centre to receive a grade this year, at the same time as other candidates.

The head of every centre must submit a declaration, to confirm that QA has taken place. A number of other assurances will be included in that declaration, including confirmation that students had been studying for the course (to mitigate the risk of inappropriate entries) and to confirm sufficient content coverage.

The head of centre declaration will include at least the following points:

- *the centre considers the grades to be accurate*
- *any information given by the centre about the evidence relied on is accurate and takes into account evidence from other centres a student has attended*
- *the centre has completed QA as specified by the exam board and their own internal procedures*
- *students entered were those who were already studying the course and had intended to enter for the qualification*
- *students have completed sufficient content to enable them to progress to the next stage of their education*
- *the centre is satisfied that work completed by each student is their own*
- *where students required access arrangements or reasonable adjustments these were provided, with appropriate input from the SENCo and/or other specialists*
- *the centre has taken note of any guidance issued by the exam boards about how to minimise bias and discrimination and is confident that their judgements are fair*
- *the evidence and all relevant records are available for inspection*

Entry process

- Initial expression of interest to be completed by students

[Community Language GCSE & GCE A Level Preliminary Interest Form \(google.com\)](#)

- We will then check teacher and school details to confirm that they are willing to attend CLEx training and moderation sessions
- Once teacher has attended initial meeting and agreed to assessment terms the student will be asked to submit fee. Last date for completed entry and payment of fee 16th April

Exam	Students from NRCSE subscriber settings	Private students with tutors/settings that have not subscribed to NRCSE
GCSE	£90	£140
GCE A Level	£125	£175

Thank you


- to the Turkish Language, Culture and Education Consortium and the British Council Arabic Language and Culture Programme in partnership with the Qatar Foundation International for partnering with us to deliver the Community Language Examination Centre and for championing community language learning
- to all of you for participating and supporting young people to become proficient in mother-tongue and heritage languages;
- to our funders John Lyon's Charity and the Government Coronavirus Community Support Fund, distributed by The National Lottery Community Fund.
- NRCSE is a member-led organisation, the CLEx initiative is entirely self-funded, You can support us to extend our offer for a wider range of languages by subscribing and/or donating:
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