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To: Heads of Language Departments

For circulation to: All teachers of Languages

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## GCSE and GCE Languages

### GCSE Languages

Prior to the submission of speaking controlled assessment tasks in May of 2011, CCEA will be running Agreement trials for all four languages in the autumn term of 2010. CCEA's moderation department will be sending "Nomination forms for Agreement trials" to all schools in early September. To guarantee attendance at the Agreement trials teachers must put their names down on these forms.

### GCE Languages

In response to requests from schools, CCEA has agreed with the regulators to increase the duration of the AS / A2 listening tests from the summer of 2011.

The AS listening test will increase from 30 – 40 minutes. The reading and writing paper will be reduced by the same amount – from 2 hours 15 minutes to 2 hours 5 minutes.

The A2 listening test will increase from 35 – 40 minutes. The reading and writing paper will be reduced by the same amount – from 2 hours 25 minutes to 2 hours 20 minutes.

**The first exam papers that will have these new timings will be the AS and A2 exams in the summer of 2011.**

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