



Discover Trinity:

Graded Examinations in Spoken English

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Discover Trinity: GESE

Today's session

1. About Trinity and our exams
2. GESE – structure and tasks
3. Running Trinity exams
4. Your questions

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Trinity in the landscape



Our qualifications

Trinity Stars

Young Performers in English Award

A **performance based** group award for young learners

Ages 3 - 12

GESE

Graded Examinations in Spoken English

A **speaking and listening** assessment for all ages

Ages 5+

ISE

Integrated Skills in English

A **four skills** exam for teenagers and adults

Ages 11+

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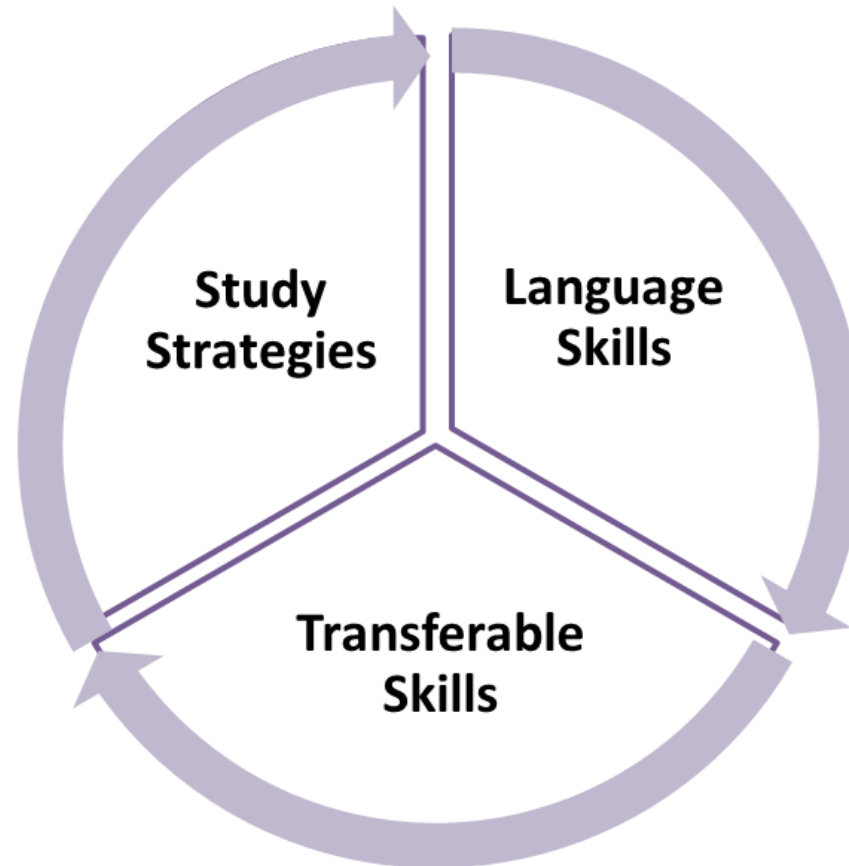
CertTESOL, CertPT, DipTESOL & TYLEC

Qualifications for **new and experienced** teachers



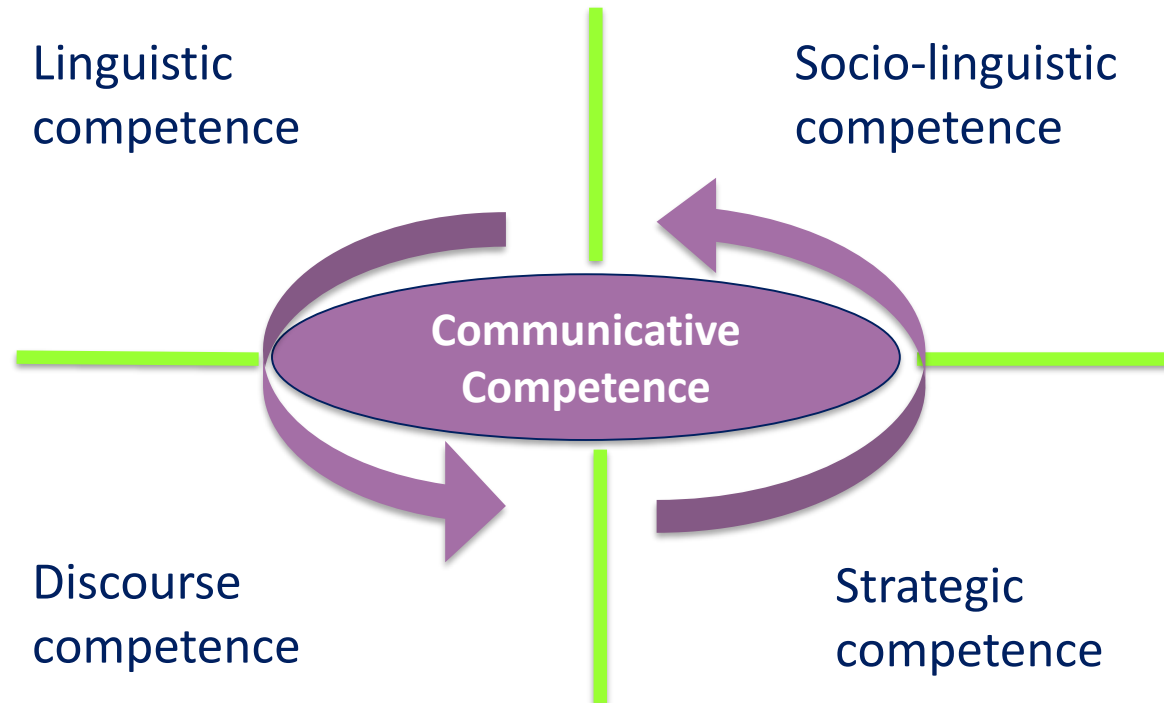
What students need to succeed:

What kind of test generates positive washback?



What students need to succeed:

Language skills = Communicative competence



Bachman & Palmer (2010): communicative competence model

What is GESE?

- **Speaking and Listening** exams that cover **12 Grades** from CEFR Pre-A1 - C2
- Feature a **1:1 dialogue** with a **professional examiner** and assesses the ability to have a real, spontaneous and **interactive conversation**
- Are **Learner-centred** and include student selected input
- Results are delivered rapidly

Stages, Grades & Levels of GESE

GESE Stage	GESE Grade	CEFR	Exam length
Advanced Stage	12	C2	25 minutes
	11	C1.2	
	10	C1.1	
Intermediate Stage	9	B2.3	15 minutes
	8	B2.2	
	7	B2.1	
Elementary Stage	6	B1.2	10 minutes
	5	B1.1	
	4	A2.2	
Initial Stage	3	A2.1	7 minutes
	2	A1	6 minutes
	1	A0	5 minutes

GESE Assessment Summary

ADVANCED GESE 10-12	Topic Presentation	Topic Discussion	Interactive Task	Listening Phase	Conversation Phase
INTERMEDIATE GESE 7-9	Topic Discussion	Interactive Task	Conversation Phase		
ELEMENTARY GESE 4-6	Topic Discussion	Conversation Phase			
INITIAL GESE 1-3	Conversation Phase				

GESE Intermediate Stage (B2)

Authentic dialogues reflecting real-life communication

Topic Task



The test taker prepares ANY topic of their choice for discussion with the examiner - **Personalised**

Interactive Task



The examiner reads a prompt which creates an information gap. This sets the scene for a test-taker led discussion - **Collaborative**

Conversation Task



The examiner selects topics from a list relevant to the level and initiates a conversation - **Topical**

Authentic dialogues reflecting real-life communication

Topic Task

Title of topic: My holiday in France

*The hotel,
better than a
villa*

Making comparisons

*Activities we did
on the beach*

Actions in the past

Main points
to discuss
about my topic

*The food and
drink liked*

Likes and dislikes

My next holiday

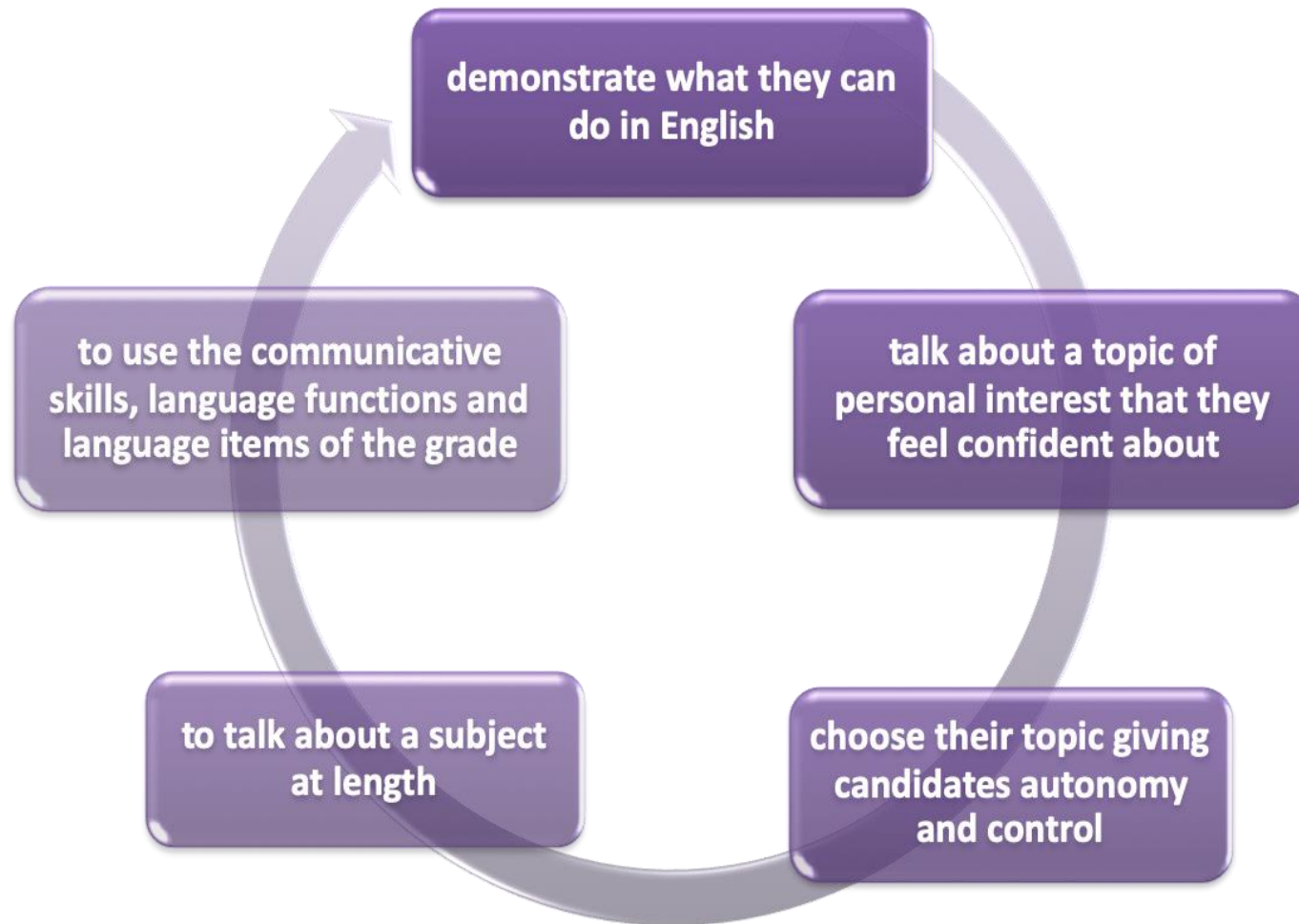
Future expression

Topic forms are given to the examiner for Grades 1-6

Example – Topic Form
Grade 4: High A2

Authentic dialogues reflecting real-life communication

Topic Task



Authentic dialogues reflecting real-life communication

Conversation Task

Here is a list possible
Subjects for Conversation.

Think about your students.

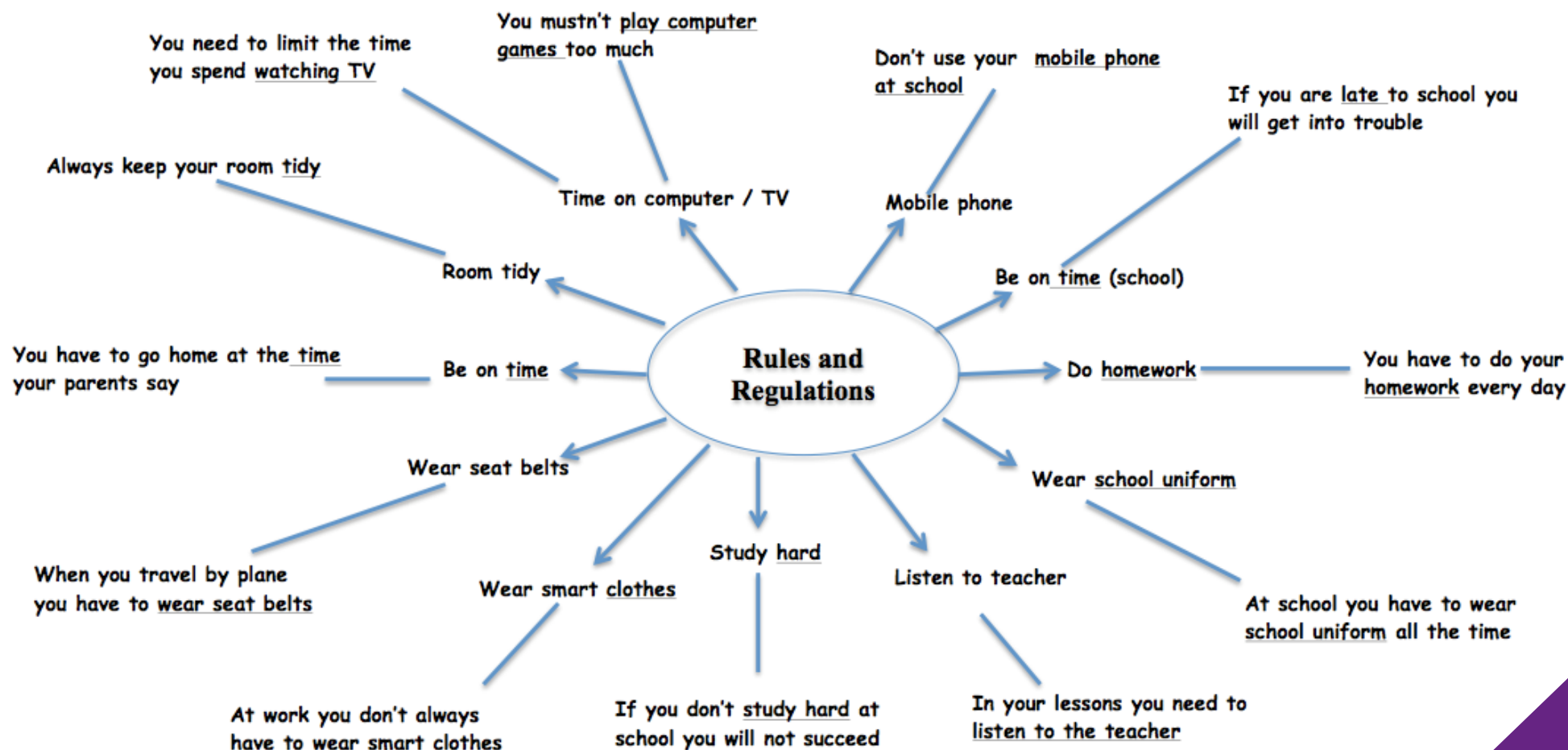
Could they talk about these
Subjects for Conversation?

Travel	Money
Fashion	Rules and regulations
Health and fitness	Learning a foreign language
Festivals	Transport
Special occasions	Entertainment
Music	Recent events
Holidays	Shopping
School and work	Hobbies and sports
Food	Weekend activities

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Conversation Task

Example 1: Vocabulary Poster Example (Grade 6 – Rules and regulations)



Authentic dialogues reflecting real-life communication

Interactive
Phase

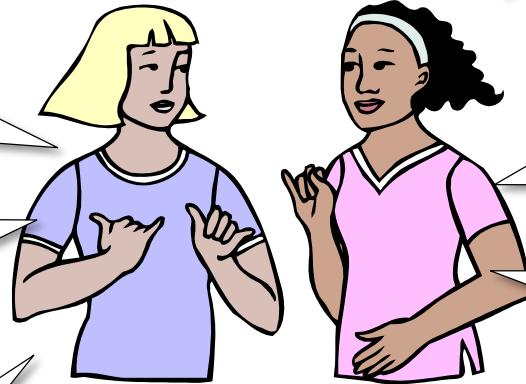
From Grade 7

1) My friend has a special occasion coming up and I want to do something to celebrate.

3) Well, after studying for many years, she's going to become a doctor.

5) Well, I think I'd like to do something with a group of friends.

7) Well, she's really interested in outdoors activities.



2) Ok. And what's the special occasion?

4) Fantastic! And do you want to buy her a gift or do an activity to celebrate?

6) And what types of things is she interested in?

8) Have you thought about organising a party in a park with all of your friends?

Why GESE?

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Things to remember

1. GESE works for learners at every age
2. GESE works extremely well with students from differing countries and backgrounds
3. GESE fits with any General English syllabus
4. GESE holds international recognition and carries the Alte Q mark
5. GESE adds value in a highly competitive landscape



GESE by Online Delivery

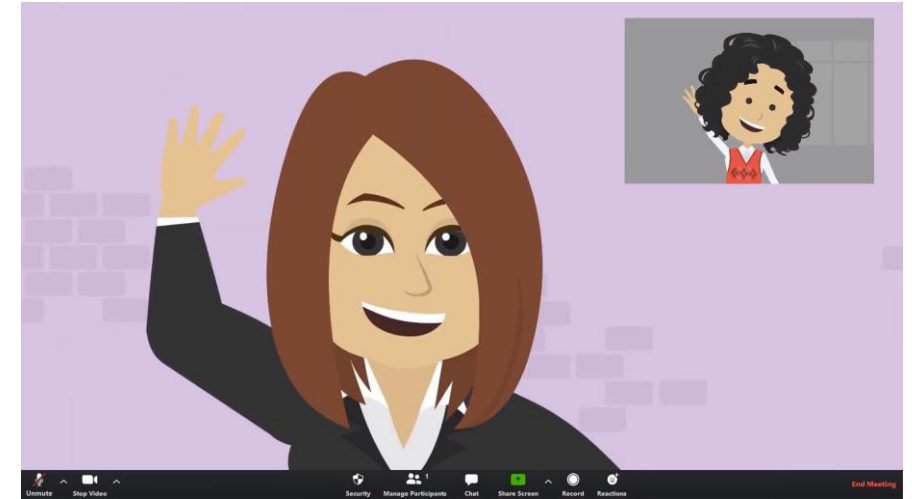
Same exam,
Different delivery

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GESE by Online Delivery

A 21st century solution under the current pandemic conditions



- Candidates take their exams online **in registered exam centres**
- The same Trinity one-to-one communicative exam
- The same Trinity exam content is assessed
- The same Trinity results and certification

GESE by Online Delivery

Logistics and Support – staying safe

At the time of booking:

- You will be required to confirm your understanding of and compliance with current government guidelines around safety and precautions related to Covid-19
- You will be required to attend an online training session that will summarise procedures and give you the opportunity to ask any questions
- You will be required to provide photographic evidence of examining spaces and computer stations set up/configuration
- You will be required to ascertain signed permission from parents or guardians of learners taking a VC version of GESE or ISE that are under the age of 16
- You may be required to provide a video tour on the exam day to demonstrate that all required procedures are in place

GESE by Online Delivery

Booking procedures

- Bookings are still managed over the Trinity online portal
- Bookings must be made **14 days prior** to the examination day
- Candidate details - including grades, must be entered at the time of booking
- There are **no minimum fees or minimum candidate numbers** to run a GESE session with your students
- Centres will be responsible for checking and confirming candidate identity



GESE by Online Delivery

Reference <https://www.trinitycollege.com/page/GESE-ISE>

Digital alternative assessment arrangements for GESE and ISE speaking and listening exams

Available from June 2020

We know that candidates have been developing their English language skills to prepare for their exams. In response to the situation created by COVID-19, Trinity has developed a digital alternative method of offering GESE and ISE speaking and listening exams. Candidates are now able to take their one-to-one assessments online with an experienced Trinity examiner via video conference in registered exam centres.

Same exam, different delivery

The content and skills assessed for our GESE and ISE speaking and listening exams are the same as for the standard format exams.

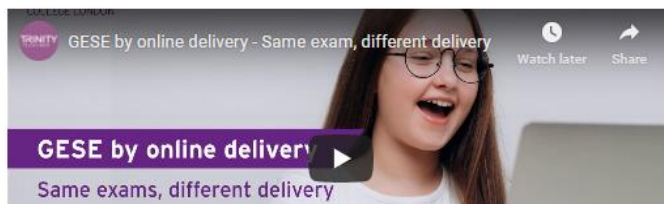
Results and certificates will continue to be issued in line with Trinity's existing processes for exams leading to fully regulated qualifications that adhere to rigorous standards.

To accommodate the use of the video conference platform, some aspects of delivery will differ from the usual in-person exams.

Read our summary of what is the same and what is different.

[Download the summary](#) →

Watch our videos - GESE and ISE: Same exam, different delivery.

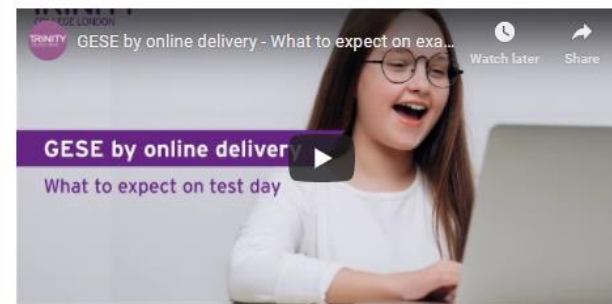


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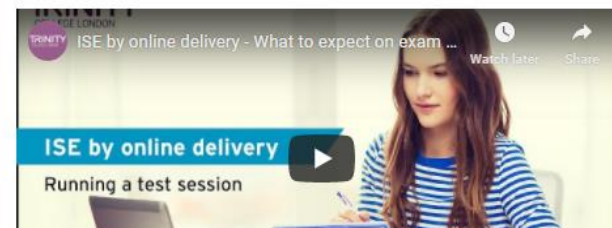
- Candidates take their exams online in centres
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Watch these 'What to expect' videos, featuring excerpts from trial sessions, that show the interactive nature of Trinity's GESE and ISE exams:

GESE: What to expect



ISE: What to expect



Questions?



Join us this week -

Preparing for GESE in
a Blended or Online
Environment

Weds 11 November - 4pm

<https://www.trinitycollege.com/qualifications/english-language/events-and-workshops>



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