

Modern Foreign Language

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CORE

Why should I study a Modern Foreign Language? If you enjoy communicating with other people, finding out how language works and learning about different countries and cultures, studying a language is an excellent choice for you! The international dimension to your GCSE subjects is something many future employers and higher education providers look for. You will learn many skills which are useful in a wide range of future careers, such as the ability to communicate clearly, being confident about speaking in public, using problem-solving strategies, etc. You will create greater opportunities for yourself to work abroad, or for companies in the UK with international links. Many employers look for people who speak a foreign language. All students will follow French as a core subject, with Spanish offered as a second language option.

GCSE French and GCSE Spanish

Awarding Body: AQA
Possible Grades: 9-1



Course Outline

The GCSE course is based on a range of relevant contemporary and cultural themes. Each theme is then broken down into topics and sub-topics, they are:

- Identity and culture
- Local area, holiday, travel
- School
- Future aspirations, study and work
- International and global dimension

Students will:

- Develop their ability to communicate confidently with native speakers in speech and writing
- Develop awareness and understanding of the culture and identity of the foreign country
- Develop language learning skills for immediate use and to prepare them for further language study

Assessment

Speaking	25%
Listening (written examination)	25%
Reading (written examination)	25%
Writing (written examination)	25%

The GCSE consists of four externally examined papers. Each paper is available at Foundation tier or Higher tier: Students must be entered for a single tier across all papers. All assessments will be completed at the end of year 11.

Language lessons require active participation and a willingness to spend quality time on homework and independent study. There may be the opportunity to take part in an overseas trip or to build email links with schools in France or Spain.



Specification link:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/french-8658>

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/spanish-8698>

Recommended textbook:

Studio AQA GCSE French 978-1446927199

Viva AQA GCSE Spanish 978-1446929926