

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

COURSE DETAILS

FRENCH / SPANISH*

Exam Board Details: www.aqa.org.uk

On this website there are details of the examination in the 'Qualifications' section. There are lots of ideas, suggestions, help and guidance in the 'Students and Parents' section.

We also suggest lots of Languages websites to students during their study of Languages. They may find www.bbcbitessize and www.samlearning particularly useful at this level. There are also helpful exercises and links on the school Moodle site.

Students are prepared for the AQA GCSE (Full Course) examinations in French/Spanish. The examinations are designed to test the ability of students to understand the spoken and written language (Listening and Reading), to speak competently (Speaking) and to write in the foreign language (Writing).

Over the two years students study all of the following themes on which the assessments are based:

Theme 1: Identity and culture

Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

*Spanish is available to those who have studied the language in Year 8/9.

ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Final examination in Listening (25%), Reading (25%), Speaking (25%) and Writing (25%). Students are tested regularly to ensure that they are working towards the level of examination most suited to their ability.

TIERS OF ENTRY

GCSE French has a Foundation Tier (grades 1–5) and a Higher Tier (grades 4–9). Students must take all four question papers at the same tier. All question papers must be taken in the same series

HOMEWORK POLICY

Students are set homework as required. This can include:

- Consolidation of work done in class and reviewing work done previously
- Preparation and research for next lesson
- Reading, fact finding and learning

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