

LANGUAGE – FRENCH AND SPANISH*

COURSE DETAILS

Exam Board AQA

Website 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 Support' section.

We also suggest lots of languages websites to students during their study of languages. They may find [BBC Bitesize](#) and [SAM Learning](#) 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) exams in French and Spanish. The exams 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 exams in listening (25%), reading (25%), speaking (25%) and writing (25%). Students are tested regularly to ensure that they are working towards the level of exam most suited to their ability.

TIERS OF ENTRY

GCSE French and Spanish have 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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