

Brookvale Groby Learning Campus – MFL Faculty

Languages GCSE – Revision Checklist

The MFL faculty would like to help you better understand what Languages revision looks like so you can plan your revision in the run up to the GCSE exams.

The subject is divided by skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. These will be assessed with a formal exam per skill and they are worth 25% of the grade each. Moreover, all of these skills are underpinned by the learning and revision of a) vocabulary and b) grammar.

Topics for GCSE:

- **Relationship and choices:** Description of people and relationships, plans for the future, etc.
- **Technology:** new technologies, opinions and uses, social media, etc.
- **Free Time activities:** Hobbies, sports, music, cinema, TV, etc.
- **Holidays:** Describing places, accommodation, activities, festivals of Spanish/French speaking countries, etc.
- **Home, Town and Local Area:** Describing their house and area, talking about their future house, etc.
- **Social Issues:** Charity work, poverty, homelessness, racial issues, etc.
- **Healthy Living:** Describing their eating habits and their routine, making resolutions for the future, etc.
- **Environment:** Study problems and their causes as well as coming up with solutions.
- **School:** Describing subjects and teachers, describing primary and secondary schools, problems like bullying, school rules, etc.
- **Careers:** Post 16 education, applying for jobs, qualities for different jobs, etc.

Revision materials:

As well as the exam practice videos on the school website revision section for MFL you must also:

- **Listening:** Listening practice available on the Google Classroom. AQA workbooks with online listening files - these if not already purchased are available in the school online shop priced £3.75 each. GCSE Bitesize, Seneca.com online listening activities, watching programs/films online, listening to music and comparing lyrics. GCSE German also has a listening booklet which covers all the topics for independent revision.
- **Speaking:** Practice in pairs, use past papers from AQA webpage, revise from role play and photo card booklets, revise answers in the speaking question booklet.
- **Reading:** Newspapers online, BBC Bitesize, past papers from your teacher, Reading activities on the Google Classroom, reading practice in the aforementioned AQA workbook.
- **Writing:** Produce a piece of writing per topic trying to include all the elements for the highest grades (negative structures, comparatives, adjectives, three tenses, etc). Teachers are happy to mark extra. Writing and translation practice in the Google Classroom. AQA Revision guide - also available from the online school shop - £3.75. Students have a list of UNIVERSAL structures to learn, which are tested through the course. If they have misplaced their copy - just ask their teacher for a new one. Continual revision of this will support the writing exam.
- **Vocabulary:** Quizlet - teachers will direct students to all the vocabulary lists available. Quizlet also has its own GCSE package for each language. Students also have access to MEMRISE - another online vocabulary learning tool. This year the vocabulary used in the exams will come from the syllabus vocab list alone. This can be found on the AQA website for the relevant language.
- **Grammar:** www.languagesonline.org.uk (French/German/Spanish)

Revision sessions are taking place each week at lunchtime (see MFL page on the school website for details)

We hope that this information is of use to you for your revision. Should you have any more questions, do not hesitate to contact any member of the MFL department.