

French or Spanish

Qualification Obtained: GCSE

Specification: AQA

What will I study?

The two year GCSE course will build perfectly on the skills you learnt in Year 7-9 and provide you with the opportunity to develop in to skilled linguists ready to use your language skills in real life situations. The topics you will study at GCSE French/Spanish have a much cooler, modern, current and up to date feel, which makes language learning more relevant than ever before. The topics you will study include:

Theme 1 – Identity and culture

Relationships with family and friends, marriage/partnership, social media, mobile technology, music, cinema and TV, food and eating out, sport, customs and festivals in French/Spanish speaking countries

Theme 2 –

Home, town, neighbourhood and region

Charity/voluntary work, healthy/unhealthy living, the environment, poverty/homelessness, travel and tourism, home and local area

Theme 3 –

Current and future study and employment

My studies, life at school/college, education post-16, jobs, career choices and ambitions

How will I be assessed?

Students will be entered for the higher paper or the foundation paper.

HIGHER:

- 25% - Speaking exam (10-12 minutes + 12 minutes preparation time)
- 25% - Writing exam (1 hour 15 minutes)
- 25% - Reading exam (1 hour)
- 25% - Listening exam (45 minutes)

FOUNDATION:

- 25% - Speaking exam (7-9 minutes + 12 minutes' preparation time)
- 25% - Writing exam (1 hour)
- 25% - Reading exam (45 minutes)
- 25% - Listening exam (35 minutes)

Remember – if you only studied one language in Year 9, this is the language you need to choose. If you studied both French AND Spanish in Year 9, why not study both languages at GCSE and become a dual linguist?

Why should I study this subject?

Skills –

Not only will you learn communication skills & adaptability, you will also develop cultural awareness, appreciation of other ways of life and increased confidence. You will overcome challenges and learn amazing techniques to boost your memory. Believe it or not, you will also learn skills which make you better at maths and English (boosting your grades in these two important GCSE subjects) On top of all that, you'll also learn how to be more outgoing, sociable and creative. What more could you want?

Knowledge / Understanding –

You will learn how to speak and write to a high level, translate confidently and accurately and develop the skills to read and listen to real life French and Spanish in a range of settings. If you have the right mind-set and attitude you really can develop into an outstanding French/Spanish speaker – as proven by lots of our recent GCSE students.

Progression / Careers –

In today's multicultural society the ability to use and understand a foreign language will continue to grow in importance and a good pass at GCSE will be impressive and useful in a range of careers, such as: travel and tourism, hotel catering, management, business, leisure, education and translation/interpreting. Many universities across the country request a GCSE language, meaning you could already be one step ahead of your peers by choosing a language, and the complex skills involved with learning languages will give you the edge in the job market. Languages combine well with virtually any other subject for further study and give you exciting opportunities to travel, work abroad and meet new people. Imagine taking a holiday to Spain and understanding everything everyone says or working in the beautiful south of France, spending your summer evenings on the beach. Imagine how impressed your friends and family will be when you speak confidently with your new French and Spanish friends. What could be better than learning a language?