

WHY STUDY A MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE AT GCSE?

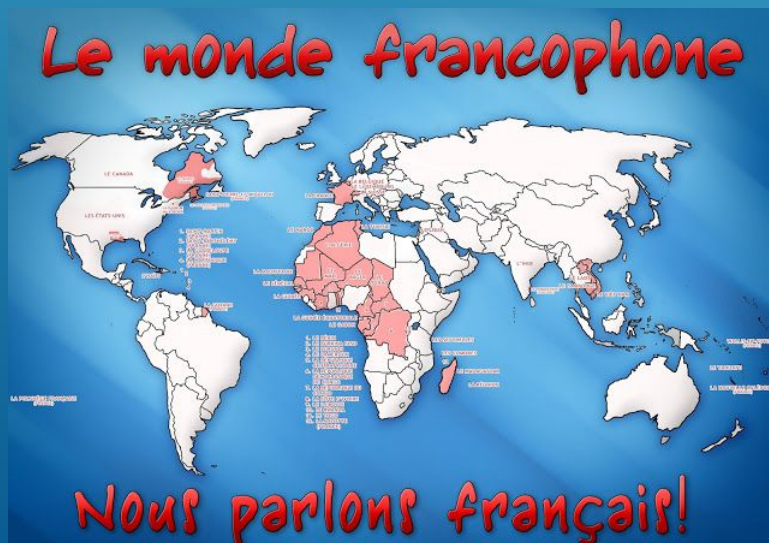


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French and Spanish - How widely spoken are they?

- ▶ Spanish is the second most widely spoken language in the world (after Mandarin Chinese), with 437 million native speakers, and official status in a staggering 21 countries, spanning South, Central and North America, as well as Africa and Europe.
- ▶ French is spoken by more than 76 million people as their first language and a further 100-200 million people around the world are estimated to speak it as a second language. It is the official language in 29 countries.



SPANISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD



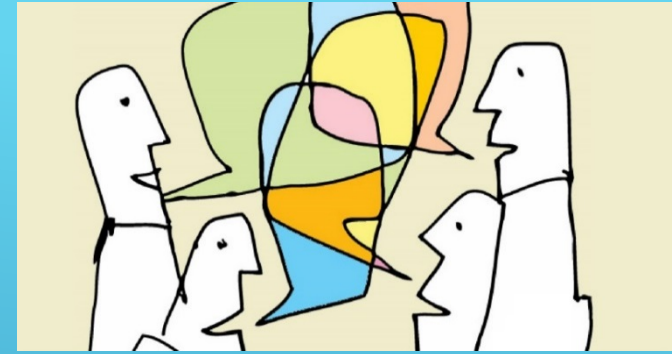
Top 10 reasons to study a Modern Foreign Language at GCSE

1. LANGUAGES ARE A LIFE SKILL

Knowledge of a foreign language is not just another GCSE grade – it is a concrete and demonstrable life skill, like being able to drive a car or touch-type, and it is a skill highly valued by employers.



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2. LANGUAGES TEACH YOU COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND ADAPTABILITY

Learning how to interact with speakers of other languages means you are less likely to be stuck in one mode of thinking. It can help you see things from a range of perspectives, develop your problem-solving skills, and make you more adaptable, resourceful and creative.



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3. LANGUAGES TEACH YOU CULTURAL AWARENESS

The ability to operate cross-culturally is becoming just as valued by employers as language skills.



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4. LANGUAGES GIVE YOU A SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Learning a language combines the intellectual with the practical as no other subject does. You need to be able to think on your feet, but when you can find exactly the right foreign word or phrase, you get a real sense of achievement.



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5. LANGUAGES ARE A SOCIAL SKILL

Languages are very sociable. If you enjoy being with people and communicating with them, the chances are you'll enjoy being able to do this in a foreign language too.



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6. LEARNING A LANGUAGE CAN IMPROVE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR OWN LANGUAGE AND MAKE IT EASIER TO LEARN OTHER LANGUAGES

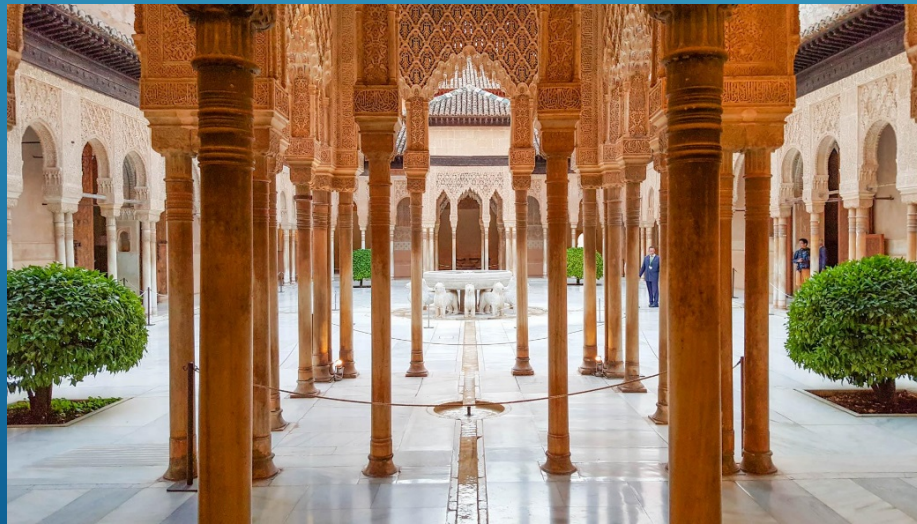
Language learning increases your brain capacity and improves your memory. It draws your focus to the mechanics of language: grammar, conjugations, and sentence structures, making you a more effective communicator and a sharper editor and writer.



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7. LANGUAGE LEARNING HAS WIDER COGNITIVE BENEFITS

Learning a language can teach you transferable skills which can be applied to other subjects and can improve overall academic performance. For example, language learning is a great way for training memory and good memory skills are essential for learning in other subjects.



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8. LANGUAGES COMBINE WELL WITH VIRTUALLY ANY SUBJECT FOR FURTHER STUDY

A language can enhance your understanding and learning in any subject. The range of combined degrees and further education courses involving a language is limitless – from Accountancy or Law with French to Theatre Studies with Spanish. Many universities even offer funding for students to continue or extend their language knowledge by travelling or working abroad during the holidays.

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9. LEARNING LANGUAGES GIVES YOU GREATER OPPORTUNITIES TO TRAVEL AND WORK ABROAD

There are many opportunities to travel or work with organisations abroad where some knowledge of a foreign language is a clear advantage.



Where could languages take you?



**Visit Machu
Picchu, a 15th
century
Incan
Citadel
in Peru**

Where could languages take you?

Madagascar

If you're into nature and biodiversity, head to Africa's largest island.

Madagascar's wildlife is especially unique thanks to its geographic isolation, and it's the only place in the world where you can see lemurs in their natural habitat. Malagasy and French are both official languages here.



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10. LANGUAGES GIVE YOU THE EDGE IN THE JOB MARKET

Today there is a global market for jobs. Having a language is highly regarded by universities and employers. It is not necessary to be completely fluent in a foreign language to be an asset to any potential employer. Knowing how to meet and greet people from other countries and cultures is a valued skill.



- ▶ “With only just over one in three Britons reporting that they are able to hold a conversation in another language, the UK's language capability remains a concern.” (British Council)



What languages does the UK need its people to speak?

- ▶ “The UK has an alarming shortage of people able to speak the ten most important foreign languages for the country’s future prosperity and global standing” (British Council)

Rank	Language
1	Spanish
2	Mandarin
3	French
4	Arabic
5	German
6	Italian
7	Dutch
8	Portuguese
9	Japanese
10	Russian

BREXIT

- ▶ We have left the European Union, a process which has fundamentally changed not only our relationship with the countries of the EU, but also with the rest of the world."
- ▶ "Among the skills and capabilities the UK needs, an understanding of other cultures and languages continues to be important for successful international relationships at all levels. Both within and beyond Europe, we need to reach out beyond English, not only to maintain and improve our economic position but to build trust, deepen international influence and cultural relationships, and to keep our country safe."

Leaving the EU will imply major changes in the UK's labour market. Our ability to succeed in a competitive global environment will be even more dependent on having a workforce which is fit for purpose.



“Only 6 per cent of the global population are native English speakers.”

“75 per cent of the world’s population speak no English at all.”

“Most employers do not require complete fluency.”

“80 per cent of English exporters are unable to conduct business in a foreign language .”

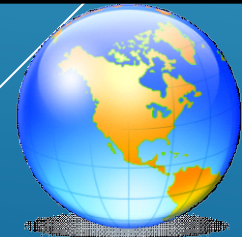
“Modern linguists earn more than graduates from any other discipline except medics, architects and pharmacologists.”

“60% of UK employers are dissatisfied with the foreign language skills of school leavers.”

“77% British exporters believe they lose business because they can’t speak other languages.”

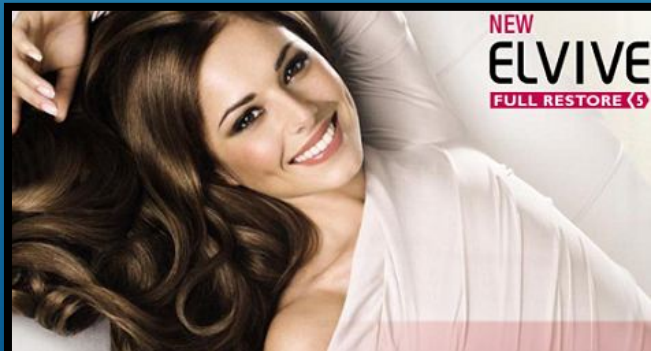
“ More than 30% UK businesses want people specifically for their language skills.”

“72% of UK international trade is with non-English-speaking countries.”



French and Spanish firms who have offices in Britain!

- ▶ Christian Dior (Perfume)
- ▶ L'Oréal
- ▶ Michelin (Tyres)
- ▶ Peugeot
- ▶ Renault
- ▶ EDF Energy (Electricity)
- ▶ Air France
- ▶ Bugatti (sports cars)
- ▶ BNP Paribas (banking)
- ▶ Santander (Bank)
- ▶ Telefónica (purchased O2)
- ▶ IAG (an Anglo-Spanish multinational airline holding company that owns British Airways, Iberia, Vueling)
- ▶ Aena owns 51% of Luton airport
- ▶ Inditex (the world's biggest fashion group) already has more than a 100 stores across the UK, including Zara, Massimo Dutti, Pull & Bear, Stradivarius and Bershka.
- ▶ Mango
- ▶ Repsol (oil and gas)



FRENCH, ALONG WITH ENGLISH, IS THE OFFICIAL WORKING LANGUAGE OF:-

- ▶ The United Nations
- ▶ The International Olympic Committee
- ▶ The International Red Cross
- ▶ The Council of Europe
- ▶ The European Court of Justice



People who can speak another
language earn on average
12-20%
more than people who do not



- ▶ **“But I don’t think that I will ever use a language in my future career”**

You may change your mind about what career you want to be involved in, so don’t close the doors on different careers too early.



**I WISH
LIFE HAD
A REWIND
BUTTON.**

A recent British Council survey highlighting that more than half of the UK population (58%) regret losing the language skills that they acquired during their school days, it seems that many of us would indeed like to brush up our lost language skills – in fact, 42% of those surveyed said that they would be keen to revisit a language that they studied at school

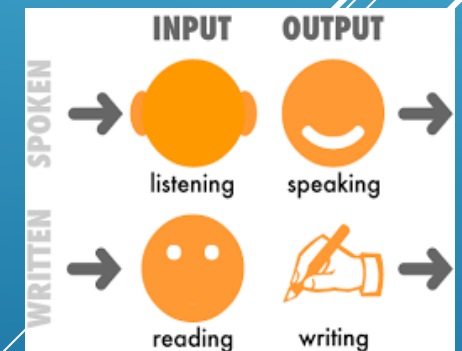


ASSESSMENT AND COURSE OUTLINE

Students will be assessed in all four skill areas at the end of the course.



UNIT 1:	LISTENING	EXAM	25%
UNIT 2:	SPEAKING	EXAM	25%
UNIT 3:	READING	EXAM	25%
UNIT 4:	WRITING	EXAM	25%



TOPICS STUDIED IN GCSE SPANISH/FRENCH

Theme 1: Identity and culture

Topic 1: *Me, my family and friends*

- ▶ Relationships with family and friends
- ▶ Marriage/partnership



Topic 2: Technology in everyday life

- ▶ Social media
- ▶ Mobile technology



Topic 3: Free-time activities

- ▶ Music
- ▶ Cinema and TV
- ▶ Food and eating out
- ▶ Sport



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

Topic 1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region



Topic 2: Social issues

- ▶ Charity/voluntary work
- ▶ Healthy/unhealthy living



Topic 3: Global issues

- ▶ The environment
- ▶ Poverty/homelessness



Topic 4: Travel and Tourism



GCSE Results 2021



9 - 7

9 - 5

9 - 4

Trinity

53%

93%

100%

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9 - 7

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Trinity 66%

94%

100%

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