

# Modern Foreign Languages (French, German and Spanish)

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## Course summary

The GCSE course for French, German and Spanish is made up of six themes, relevant to the world today. Within these themes, a range of topics are explored, a lot of which are based on vocabulary that has already been taught at KS3.



## How will I be assessed?

The course is exam based at the end of Year 11, with a separate exam taking place for each of the 4 skills that make up knowing a language. Each exam is worth 25% of the final Grade and you will be entered for the exams at either Foundation or Higher tier across all 4 skills.

### Paper 1 – Listening

This paper checks your understanding of different types of spoken language. Answers are a mix of multiple choice, true or false and some short written English answers. There is a short dictation section (basic sentences!) and students hear all recordings 3 times.  
(Foundation 45min / Higher 60min)

### Paper 2 – Reading

This paper checks your understanding of different types of written language. Answers are a mix of multiple choice, true or false and some short written English answers. As part of the Reading paper you also have to translate a short passage from the target language into English.  
(Foundation 45min / Higher 60min)

### Paper 3 – Speaking

This exam checks how well you can communicate and interact effectively in speech and is made up of three parts: A short passage to read out aloud, a role play and finally a picture task which is the starting point for a conversation.

## Themes

### My personal world

Family, friends, relationships & equality.

### Lifestyle and wellbeing

Physical & mental well-being, food & drink, sports.

### My neighbourhood

Places in town, shopping, the natural world & environmental issues.

### Media and technology

Music, TV, film, social media & gaming.

### Studying and my future

School & future opportunities.

### Travel and tourism

Transport, accommodation & tourist attractions.



Your teacher will conduct this exam with you 1:1 at a specified appointment time, and you are given 15 minutes preparation time on the day. During this time you can practice reading out the text and also prepare notes for the other parts that you can take into the exam with you. (Foundation 7-9min / Higher 10-12min)

### Paper 4 – Writing

This paper checks how well you can communicate in writing.

For the Foundation paper you have to write four short sentences about a photo and translate 5 sentences (about 35 words) from English into the Target language. You then have a choice of 2 different topics to write a 40-50 word essay on, followed by another choice of 2 different topics to write a 80-90 word essay on.

For the Higher paper you also complete a translation (about 50 words) and the same 80-90 word essay. Your final task is a second essay which should be about 130-150 words long. For this essay you are also given a choice of 2 different topics.

(Foundation 1 hour 15min / Higher 1 hour 20min)