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# Year 11 Raising Achievement

MFL French and Spanish

# AQA GCSE French/Spanish

## The Big picture



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GCSE French & Spanish has a **Foundation tier** (grades 1–5) and a **Higher tier** (grades 4–9). Students must take all four question papers at the same tier.

# What will I study?



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**Theme 1 – Identity and Culture**

**Theme 2 – Local, national, international and global areas of interest**

**Theme 3 – Current and future study and employment**

# Theme 1 – Identity and Culture



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## Me, my family and friends

- Relationships with family & friends
- Marriage/partnership

## Technology in everyday life

- Social media
- Mobile technology

## Free-time activities

- Music
- Cinema and TV
- Food and eating out
- Sport
- Customs and festivals in French speaking countries

Many of these topics are studied at KS3 so we build upon **previous knowledge** all the time!

# Theme 2 – Local, national, international and global areas of interest



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## Home, town, neighbourhood and region

### Social issues

- Charity/voluntary work
- Healthy/unhealthy living

### Global issues

- The environment
- Poverty/homelessness

### Travel and tourism



# Theme 3 – Current and future study and employment



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**My studies**

**Life at school/college**

**Education post-16**

**Jobs, career choices and ambitions**



# How will I be assessed?



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<b>Skill</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>% of GCSE</b>
<b>Listening</b>	Summer Listening Exam	25%
<b>Reading</b>	Summer Reading Exam (including translation French - English)	25%
<b>Writing</b>	Summer writing exam (including translation English - French)	25%
<b>Speaking</b>	Recorded Exam: Including Role Play, Photo Description and General Conversation.	25%

# Chosen theme for speaking exam



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For the general conversation part of the speaking exam you will start with your chosen theme (see previous slides). So students should be practicing this chosen theme regularly as you **know** it will come up.



# How can I revise my vocab ?



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Learning **key vocabulary** off by heart will significantly improve all of your language skills!

We use **Quizlet**, **GimKit**, **Blooket** and **Active Learn** to help you learn new vocab off by heart!

Make sure you complete **all** your tasks and meet your deadlines.

Imagine how many words you would know if you learned 5 new words a day?

**Full vocab lists can be found here:**



Click here - [AQA French vocab](#)



Click here - [AQA Spanish vocab](#)



# Independent revision



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Focus on topics that don't come to mind as easily as others.

Do a **knowledge audit** - what do you need to revise ?

Use the **BBC bitesize** to revise key vocab and grammar by topic

**FRENCH:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zr8bmfr>

**SPANISH:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z4yyjhw>

Use **languages online** to go over grammar rules and test your understanding!

**FRENCH:** <https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/frenchindex.html#Grammar>

**SPANISH:** <https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/spanishindex.html#Grammar>

# Secure three tenses



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Key to success in the writing and speaking exam is to know a range of verbs in **past, present** and **future** tense.



Know your irregular verbs too!

Higher candidates will be able to display the full range of tenses including imperfect and conditional too!

# Opinions and justifications



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Remember giving your **opinion** and **justifying** these opinions gains marks!

# Complex structure



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Aim high by attempting **complex structures** - these are wow phrases that examiners find impressive even attempting them can gain you marks!

Your teacher will have given you a complex structure hand out and will often draw your attention to complex structure in class. Always **highlight** these so that they stand out in your notes!

# Authentic materials to improve listening skills



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Top candidates will expose themselves to authentic French/Spanish material when preparing for the exam to tackle the 8+ reading and listening questions.

Podcasts are a great way to train your ear with the language:

## FRENCH:

<https://podcast.duolingo.com/french>

<https://coffeebreaklanguages.com/coffeebreakfrench/>

## SPANISH:

<https://podcast.duolingo.com/spanish>

<https://coffeebreaklanguages.com/coffeebreakspanish/>

Look in the podcast tab, I recommend CBF **travel diaries** !

# Use **Youtube** to enrich your learning



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Youtube has a plethora of videos where you can focus on knowledge gaps related to topics and/or grammar learning. Two online teachers we recommend are:

**French** with Alexa

<https://www.youtube.com/@learnfrenchwithalexa>

**Spanish** with The Language tutor

<https://www.youtube.com/@TheLanguageTutor>

You can also watch videos that talk you through **exam papers**, this is a great idea to improve exam technique !

Listen to **Nouman Sami** for GCSE **French** Listening Tips! How to get from 4-5 to 9! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qgdtAhctpA&t=524s>



## **Be independent!**

These are our suggestions but you can search for videos related to your specific needs. Perhaps you want to go over the **perfect past tense** in French or the **preterite tense** in Spanish... search it up and take notes as you watch and listen!