

MFL- Exam Board: AQA GCSE Spanish & French

Subject Overview (coursework/exam split, timings, weightings etc.):

Paper 1: Listening- Understanding and responding to different types of spoken language (25%):

- Written exam: 35 minutes (Foundation Tier), 45 minutes (Higher Tier)
 - 40 marks (Foundation Tier), 50 marks (Higher Tier)
- (Each exam includes 5 minutes' reading time of the question paper before the listening stimulus is played.)

Questions (Foundation & Higher Tier)

Section A- questions in English, to be answered in English or non-verbally

Section B - questions in French /Spanish, to be answered in French/Spanish or non-verbally

Paper 2: Speaking- Communicating/ interacting effectively in speech for a variety of purposes (Non-exam assessment) – 25% of GCSE:

- 7–9 minutes (Foundation Tier) + preparation time
- 10–12 minutes (Higher Tier) + preparation time
- 60 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier)

Questions - Role-play – 15 marks (2 minutes), Photo card – 15 marks (2 minutes) and General conversation – 30 marks (3–5 minutes at Foundation Tier; 5–7 minutes at Higher Tier)

Paper 3: Reading- Understanding and responding to different types of written language (25%)

- Written exam: 45 minutes (Foundation Tier), 1 hour (Higher Tier)
- 60 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier)

Questions (Foundation Tier and Higher Tier)

Section A – questions in English, to be answered in English or non-verbally

Section B – questions in French /Spanish, to be answered in French /Spanish or non-verbally

Section C – translation from French /Spanish into English

Paper 4: Writing: Communicating effectively in writing for a variety of purposes (25%)

- Written exam: 1 hour (Foundation Tier), 1 hour 15 minutes (Higher Tier)
- 50 marks at Foundation Tier and 60 marks at Higher Tier

Foundation Tier

- Question 1 – message (student produces four sentences) – 8 marks
- Question 2 – short passage (student writes a piece of text in response to four bullet points, approximately 40 words in total) – 16 marks
- Question 3 – translation from English into French /Spanish (minimum 35 words) – 10 marks
- Question 4 – structured writing task (student responds to four compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 90 words in total) – there is a choice from two questions – 16 marks

Higher Tier

- Question 1 – structured writing task (student responds to four compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 90 words in total) – there is a choice from two questions – 16 marks
- Question 2 – open-ended writing task (student responds to two compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 150 words in total) – there is a choice from two questions – 32 marks
- Question 3 – translation from English into French /Spanish (minimum 50 words) – 12 marks

Examination Y10 Summer 2021 Key Topics:

Theme 1: Identity and culture

Topic 1: Me, my family and friends

Relationships with family and friends

Topic 2: New technology (French only)

Topic 3: Free-time activities

Music

Cinema and TV

Food and eating out

Topic 4: Customs and festivals in French/Spanish speaking communities

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

Topic 1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region

Topic 2: Social issues

Healthy/unhealthy living (Spanish only)

Topic 4: Travel and tourism

Holidays

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

Topic 1: My studies

Topic 2: Life at school/college

Useful websites:

Wordreference.com, Quizlet.com, Vocab Express.com, Memorizer.me, Lyrics training.com

Useful resources:

Kerboodle, CPG Revision guide, CPG Revision workbook , Netflix

Useful revision tips:

How do I revise single words?

Quizlet

- Search for RainfordMFL (remember to select 'Users' when searching!)
- Flashcards – click on the sound button to hear the word. Click the card to flip it over and check that your child's translation is correct!
- Create your own study sets to practise the words that you are struggling with. Add pictures!
- Use the games 'Match' and 'Gravity' to help you practise the vocabulary.

Seneca

- Complete 10% of the GCSE course vocabulary each half term.
- Encourage your child to do Seneca when they are on their computer/phone/tablet
- Check your child is using the programme properly - not looking at screenshots of the words!

Flashcards

- Look at the words you need to memorise. Filter out the words that are easy to remember.
- Make flashcards for the words you think you'll struggle remembering. Write the word in Spanish on one side and the word in English on the other side.
- Look at your flashcards a few times. Shuffle the cards and do it again a couple of times.
- Now, try to look at the English words and say or write the words in Spanish/French.



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- Shuffle the cards and do it again a couple of times. Put the cards that you know very well aside.
- Concentrate on the cards that you find harder. Repeat!

How do I revise useful phrases or chunks of text?

- Use a whiteboard to write out the sentence. Your child should read the sentence a few times, then you should cover some words in the text and see if they can still read it correctly.
- Write the first letter of the each word and see if you can fill in the sentence.
- Use [memorizer.me](https://www.memorizer.me) to practise this online.