

**Course Tier Information (where appropriate):**

Higher tier: Grades 9 – 4 Foundation tier: Grades 4 to 1

**Course Assessment:** Each skill ( Listening, speaking, reading and writing) counts for 25%  
Each student must enter at the same tier for all four skills ( either Foundation or Higher)

**General Course Information:**

All skills are assessed at the end of year 11 in exam conditions.

Listening: Foundation Tier 40 marks; 35 minutes (including 5 minutes' reading time)- Higher Tier 50 marks; 45 minutes (including 5 minutes' reading time)

Reading: Foundation Tier 60 marks; 45 minutes- Higher Tier 60 marks; 1 hour

In Speaking, you will be expected to speak between 7-9 minutes at Foundation and 10 to 12 minutes in Higher. There are three parts of the exam;

Role play (15 marks) Photo card (15 marks) General conversation ( 30 marks)

In Writing, in Foundation you will complete a one hour paper and in Higher Tier, you will complete a one hour and 15 minutes paper. All instructions are in English. All questions are in French. Students are required to write in French.

**Overview of the course**

AQA GCSE Languages is all about making languages work for you, and making it fun and relevant at the same time. You will be given all the tools you need to develop your French or Spanish (grammar, skills and vocabulary) and plenty of interesting topics so that you can talk about the things that really matter to you.

**What will I learn?**

You will be developing your skills of communicating in another language through four skill areas: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Topics covered are: Leisure, Lifestyle, Work and Education, Home and Environment.

**Useful resources/ways to improve:**

French (Expo AQA GCSE Higher) **ISBN 978-0435720605**

Spanish (Mira AQA GCSE Higher) **ISBN 978-0435395933**

We also advise that students purchase a quality revision guide for AQA. (*GCSE AQA Complete revision & Practice CGP, includes audio CD available in the LRC*) ( New revision guides to be decided yet)

Revise AQA GCSE Spanish Revision Workbook **ISBN 9781447941224**

Revise AQA GCSE Spanish Revision Guide **ISBN 9781447941187**

Revise AQA GCSE French Revision Workbook **ISBN 9781447941064**

Revise AQA GCSE French Revision Guide **ISBN 9781447941026**

## COURSE OVERVIEW — FRENCH

The French GCSE courses begins in Year 9 allowing students the time o cover all of the course requirements.

### YEAR 10

SEPT 2019 - JULY 2020 *Topics to be studied during the first year of the course.*

<b>Core themes\topics:</b>	<b>Social issues:</b>	
Life at school/ college	Healthy/ unhealthy living	Social media
Travel and tourism	Identity and culture ( Marriage and partnership)	Mobile technology
Education Post -16	Identity and culture ( technology in everyday life )	

### YEAR 11

SEPT 2020 - JUNE 2021 *Topics to be studied during the second year of the course.*

<b>Local, national, international and global areas of interest</b>	<b>Local, national, international and global areas of interest</b>	
The environment	Global issues	Revision and preparation for assessment End of course examination focus Assessment
Local, national, international and global areas of interest	Homelessness/ poverty	
<b>Social issues:</b> Charity/ voluntary work	Career choices and ambitions	
Mock examination/assessment		



## COURSE OVERVIEW — SPANISH

The Spanish GCSE courses begins in Year 9 allowing students the time to cover all of the course requirements.

### YEAR 10

SEPT 2019 - JULY 2020 *Topics to be studied during the first year of the course.*

Current and future study and employment	Mock 1	Identity and culture
Life at school/ college	Current and future study and employment	Marriage/ partnership
Local, national, international and global areas of interest	Education Post-16	Identity and culture
Travel and Tourism	Local, national, international and global areas of interest	Technology in every day life
	Social issues	Social media
	Healthy/ unhealthy living	Mobile technology

### YEAR 11

SEPT 2020 - JUNE 2021 *Topics to be studied during the second year of the course.*

Local, national, international and global areas of interest– Global issues ( the environment)	Local, national, international and global areas of interest	End of course examination focus
Local, national, international and global areas of interest	Global issues	Examination
Social issues	Homelessness/ poverty	
Charity/ voluntary work	Current and future study and employment	
	Career choices and ambitions	



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As well as providing courses in French and Spanish the MFL department also supports students with proficiency in other languages to gain relevant GCSE qualifications.

Examinations in a wide variety of languages have been taken by students at the school. Currently we offer:

Without controlled assessment	Guajarati	Polish
Japanese	Persian	Italian
Russian	Portuguese	Chinese ( Mandarin)
Arabic	Turkish	French
Modern Greek	Bengali	Spanish
Classical Greek	Modern Hebrew	German
Dutch	Panjabi	

Students must be fluent ( in speaking, writing and reading) in their chosen language and make arrangements with the MFL Department well in advance

There are no lessons taught in these languages, though general advice will be given if requested. and Students will not have to pay entry fees for language exams that they are entered for by Highgate Wood School.

- Exams start from year 10
- Prospective candidates will have to pay a deposit, which will be reimbursed if all exams have been attended
- Students must let Ms Short or Mx Lacroix know from November in year 10.



“By failing to prepare you are preparing to fail.” Benjamin Franklin