

Modern Foreign Languages



Exam Board:

WJEC

Subjects offered:

**French
Spanish**

Course outline:

The WJEC GCSE French and Spanish courses are designed to develop learners' confidence in communicating in another language while increasing their understanding of other cultures and societies. Students develop their skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing through a wide range of engaging and relevant themes. The courses encourage students to use language for real purposes, expressing and justifying opinions, taking part in conversations and presenting information to different audiences.

Learners develop their knowledge of vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation, enabling them to communicate with increasing accuracy and independence. Throughout the course, students explore aspects of life in French- and Spanish-speaking communities and make connections between other cultures and their own experiences. The qualification builds valuable communication, literacy and problem-solving skills that can be applied across many subjects and future careers.

Course assessment:

1) Oracy (Speaking) 30%

Non-examination assessment

Students complete three speaking tasks:

- Read Aloud and Role Play
- Presentation and Discussion
- Conversation

2) Reading and Writing 15%

Non-examination assessment

Students complete a written response in the target language, demonstrating their ability to communicate ideas accurately and effectively.

3) Listening 20%

Students listen to a variety of spoken extracts and respond to questions which test their understanding of spoken French or Spanish.

4) Reading and Writing 35%

Students complete reading comprehension tasks, a translation from the target language into English, and extended writing tasks in the target language.

What qualities do I need to take this subject?

You do not need to be an expert linguist to be successful at GCSE. Curiosity, resilience and a willingness to practise are far more important. Students who enjoy communicating with others, learning about different cultures and challenging themselves academically are well suited to the course.

Successful language learners are prepared to build their vocabulary steadily, practise speaking regularly and apply grammatical patterns accurately. We use a wide variety of resources and activities to make language learning engaging, interactive and relevant to the wider world.

What can this course lead to?

A GCSE in French or Spanish opens the door to a wide range of opportunities. Language qualifications are valued by employers and universities because they demonstrate strong communication skills, cultural awareness, resilience and problem-solving ability.

Studying a language can support future careers in business, tourism, hospitality, teaching, law, journalism, marketing, the public services and international relations. It also provides an excellent foundation for further study at A Level and beyond.

Learning another language can help you stand out in an increasingly global workplace and gives you the confidence to study, work and travel abroad in the future.