

MFL (French and Spanish) Key Stage 4 (years 10 and 11)

The cultural content of the AQA specification offers students the opportunity to study a range of topics of personal and wider interest. Students will explore contemporary topics, often with personal application in their foreign language. Many of these topics have cross-curricular links as well as broadening their knowledge of life beyond the UK. Students expand their working and passive vocabularies, as well as deepening their command of grammar. Students will deepen their language competencies in the 4 skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking. KS4 study helps to build their cultural knowledge alongside their language skills. Students study the following themes on which the assessments are based.

Year 10 are studying the new GCSE specification

Theme 1: People and Lifestyle

Identity and relationships with others

Healthy living and lifestyle

Education and work

Theme 2: Popular culture

Free time activities

Customs, festivals and celebrations

Celebrity culture Review

Theme 3: Communication and the world around us

Travel, tourism and places of interest

Media and technology

The environment and where people live.

Year 11 are studying the legacy GCSE specification

Theme 1: Identity and Culture

Me, my family and friends

Technology in everyday life

Free-time activities

Customs and festivals

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

Home, town, neighbourhood and region

Social issues

Global issues

Travel and tourism

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

Life at school and college

Jobs, career choices and ambitions

Spanish/ French GCSE 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. Each paper (reading, listening, speaking and writing) is worth 25% of the GCSE