



Overview

You have already covered many of the themes studied at GCSE in Years 7-8. Both the French and the Spanish course have five themes, they are:

- **Identity and culture**
- **Local area and travel**
- **School and school life**
- **Future aspirations, study and work**
- **International and global dimension**

This course aims to make you become more confident in all aspects of the language and is a varied, interesting and enjoyable course leading to the Edexcel (9-1) grades at GCSE.

Assessment

This is a two year course, linear, exam at the end of Year 11. You will be assessed on each of the four key language skills. Exams will cover all of the five themes above.

GCSE French/Spanish each have a Foundation Tier (grades 1- 5) and a Higher Tier (grades 5- 9).

Paper 1

Listening Exam (25%) – 50 marks
(Higher and Foundation)

Paper 2

Speaking Exam (25%) - 70 marks
Role play, photo card and general conversation (Higher and Foundation)

Paper 3

Reading Exam (25%) – 50 marks
Reading and understanding, including translation from French/Spanish to English (Higher and Foundation)

Paper 4

Writing Exam (25%) – 60 marks
Higher: Two open response questions and one translation from English to French/Spanish.
Foundation: Three open response questions and one translation From English to French/Spanish.

Progression Pathways

After completing well your GCSE French / Spanish, you can continue to develop your skills mentioned above at A level.

Careers

Travel and Tourism, Law, Teaching, Translating, Sales and Marketing, Banking, Public Relations, Personal Assistant, Hotel Management. Knowledge of an additional language is an excellent life skill, it can be of use in a wide range of careers as well in your personal life.