

FRENCH AND SPANISH

GCSE
qualification

**EBACC
SUBJECT**



Each GCSE counts towards the EBacc. Students have been studying French since Year 7 and have taken up Spanish alongside this in Year 8. We would strongly encourage students to continue with at least one language to GCSE level. A language is a challenge...but a great skill to have!

A language is a very important skill for life. Knowledge of a foreign language can be an essential requirement for entry to the UK's leading universities and may also be used to help discriminate between candidates offering similar grades. Proven language ability could also be seen as a good asset for many careers, and an essential for some.

- Research has shown that using language skills in business opens the door to a wide range of economic, social and personal benefits.
- 74% of employers are looking to employ people with conversational language skills.
- Customers addressed in their mother tongue are much more likely to do business with you.
- Studying a foreign language improves your oral and written skills in English too, and also helps develop key communication skills that are crucial in the workplace.

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Both French and Spanish are taught using the AQA syllabus with emphasis at the Higher level on developing accuracy and quality in students' language skills, while at the Foundation level the emphasis is on effective communication.

Students are currently examined in the four skills of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Each component and its assessment are outlined below:

	WRITING	SPEAKING	READING	LISTENING
% of final mark	25%	25%	25%	25%
ASSESSMENT	Written Exam including translation	Speaking Exam	Reading Exam including translation	Listening Exam
EXAM TIME	Summer (Year 11)	April / May (Year 11)	Summer (Year 11)	Summer (Year 11)

Each language is taught following a course book - 'Studio' (French) and 'iViva!' (Spanish) plus a wide variety of other resources. Language learning activities include ICT, a range of speaking tasks and a range of authentic materials. All students will be actively involved in the learning process and should be ready to enjoy acquiring and developing the skills necessary to become proficient and confident users of another language.

Grades will be awarded 9-1.