

COURSE GUIDE - MFL (SPANISH)

WHAT IS MFL?

MFL (Modern Foreign Languages) gives the opportunity to study key terminology of Spanish.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will study three main themes:

- “Me, myself and family” where you will learn to understand and talk about relationships with family and friends and views on marriage and partnerships
- “Technology in everyday life” where you will learn to understand and talk about social media and mobile technology.
- “Free-time activities” where you will learn to understand and talk about music preferences, cinema and TV, sport and food and eating.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

You will be assessed by means of a terminal examination in year 11. You will have one exam per skill: listening, speaking, reading and writing. All skills have an equal weighing of 25% and are as follow:

- Listening: a written exam of either 35 or 45 minutes depending on tier of entry (foundation or higher) with a selection of question types such as multiple choice, true or false, pick correct statements from a list and open questions in either English or target language based on French/Spanish recordings that are played twice.
- Speaking: conducted and recorded by your subject teacher totalling from 7 to 12 minutes (plus preparation time) including a role play, a conversation triggered by a given photo card and a general conversation.
- Reading: a written exam of either 45 or 60 minutes of a similar profile than the listening element but based on a given variety of written prompts and texts. This exam also includes a French/Spanish to English translation element.
- Writing: a 60 to 75 minutes written exam where students write sentences in response to a photo, write from 40 to 150 words in response to directed bullet points from one of two tasks, and translate a short passage from English to the language of study.

HOW CAN I PROGRESS?

MFL includes understanding key terminology and grammar of a language. To progress in this subject you need a clear understanding of the meaning of words, clear explanations of grammar. You need to understand a range of vocabulary which you should practice regularly both in written form and verbally.

FURTHER INFORMATION

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/spanish-8698>

