GCSE Languages

French, German, Spanish

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| **Course Details** | **Examination board: AQA**  **Paper 1: Listening. Both tiers:**   * Section A – questions in English, to be answered in English or non-verbally * Section B – questions in TL, to be answered in TL or non-verbally   **Paper 2: Speaking. Both tiers**   * Speaking is conducted in school and recorded for the exam board * The exam consists of 3 parts:   role play, discussion of a photo, a general conversation on GCSE topics  **Paper 3: Reading. Both tiers:**   * Section A – questions in English, to be answered in English or non-verbally * Section B – questions in TL, to be answered in TL or non-verbally * Section C – translation from TL into English   **Paper 4: Writing.**  Foundation Tier   * Question 1 – message (student produces four sentences in response to a photo) * Question 2 – short passage * Question 3 – translation from English into TL * Question 4 – structured writing task   Higher Tier   * Question 1 – structured writing task * Question 2 – open-ended writing task * Question 3 – translation from English into TL |
| **Exam Details** | Listening, Reading, and Writing final exams will take place in May / June of Year 11. |
| **Subject support** | All staff in the department are available to speak to students before school, at break time, lunchtime and after school. |
| **Revision Guidance** | Revision sessions are held closer to the exams at lunchtimes and after school.  Students are encouraged to buy a revision guide to support their learning. |
| **Useful Websites** | Students are encouraged to use revision websites such as Linguascope, BBC Bitesize, SAM Learning and, particularly, Kerboodle, Quizlet. |
| **What can I do?** | Encourage your daughter to revise vocabulary and grammar structures regularly. Also, to complete extra listening/reading exercises from the Kerboodle website; your daughter should already know her username and password.  Encourage your daughter to prepare flashcards of her answers to GCSE Speaking questions and check that she is learning these answers regularly. |
| **What does your daughter need to do to succeed in this subject?** | Ensure that all assessed work meets their target grade.  Revise vocabulary and structures on a daily basis.  Complete past papers that can be found on the AQA website. |
| **What does your daughter need to do to excel in this subject?** | Practise grammar and translation regularly.  Read independently at home in the target language. |