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
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| **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 child to revise vocabulary and grammar structures regularly. Also, to complete extra listening/reading exercises from the Kerboodle website; your child should already know their username and password.Encourage your child to prepare flashcards of their answers to GCSE Speaking questions and check that they are learning these answers regularly. |
| **What does your child 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 child need to do to excel in this subject?** | Practise grammar and translation regularly.Read independently at home in the target language. |