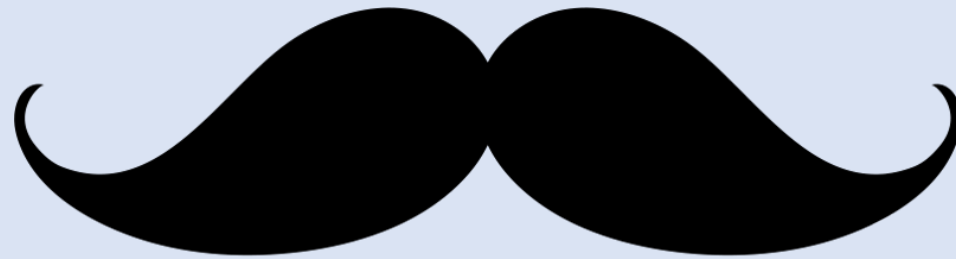


KEY STAGE 4 PARENTAL INFORMATION



Modern Foreign Languages



BONJOUR



Aims of this session

1. To give an overview of what students at Notre Dame study in French/Spanish in y9 and y10.
2. To underline the importance of completing homework (and revising/studying key areas independently).
3. For parents to be aware that that students have lots of resources available to them.
4. To continue to encourage students to aim high in languages, to believe in themselves and push for the best grade they can.

Don't worry about taking notes! (unless you want to!)

- This presentation will be made available via the school website.

S C H E M E O F W O R K



Classes: Sets 1 - 4 (Very small set 5 – non GCSE)

Exam board: Edexcel GCSE

Courses: French - Studio
 Spanish - Viva

THEMATIC CONTEXTS



My personal world:

family, friends, relationships and equality

Lifestyle and wellbeing:

physical and mental well-being, food and drink, sports

My neighbourhood:

places in town, shopping, the natural world and environmental issues

Media and technology:

music, TV, film, social media and gaming

Studying and my future:

school and future opportunities

Travel and tourism:

transport, accommodation and tourist attractions

SCHEME OF WORK



French

Year 9

Module 1 My free time

- Online activities
- Giving opinions and discussing pros and cons
- Sports and other activities
- Music
- TV and films
- Making plans to go out
- Activities last weekend

Module 2 My Personal World

- Family members
- Friendships and relationships
- Weekend routine
- Describing personality
- Describing appearance
- Family celebrations
- Identity and influencers

Module 3 My School Life

- The school day
- School subjects
- Expressing opinions, agreeing and disagreeing
- School life and school rules
- Memories of school when you were younger
- Past progress and future ambitions

Year 10

Module 4 Healthy Living

- Describing / giving opinion about dishes
- Meals and mealtimes
- Talking about good mental health
- Illness and accidents
- Saying what you will do to improve your life
- Talking about lifestyle changes

Module 5 Holidays

- Holidays and accommodation
- Your ideal holiday
- What you can see and do on holiday
- Talking about festivals
- Reviewing and booking accommodation
- Talking about staycation activities

Spanish

Year 9

Module 1 My free time

- Sports / Spanish-speaking sports stars
- Free time activities
- Life online
- Social media
- Making plans to go out
- Activities / experiences in the past

Module 2 Holidays

- Travel plans
- Past holiday experiences
- Festivals in the Spanish-speaking World
- Accommodation
- Eating out
- Memorable destinations in Spain and Latin America

Module 3 My Personal World

- Family structures, family members and relationships
- Role models / who you follow on social media
- Friendship / what makes a good friend
- Activities with friends in e time frames
- Issues online
- Personal identity

Year 10

Module 4 Healthy Living

- Typical foods in Spanish-speaking countries
- Healthy daily routines
- Mealtimes and food trends
- Comparing old and new habits
- Illnesses and injury
- Future plans to improve health and well-being

Module 5 My School Life

- Schools in Spain
- A typical day at school
- Talking about your studies
- How you would change your school
- Talking about students and teachers at school
- Describing a past school trip

EXAM STRUCTURE



2 Tier course, Foundation (grades 1-5) or Higher (grades 4-9)

4 skills are assessed: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing - 25% each

Regular practice of exam skills:

- Translation of sentences & short passages (Eng - Fr/Sp, Fr/Sp - Eng)
- Speaking in extended sentences and paragraphs (including reading aloud)
- Reading & Listening Comprehension (including dictation)
- Essay writing built up from sentences to 40-50 words, then to 80-90 words (130-150 in Y11)

Use of time frames and opinions is key in Speaking and Writing!

Very specific vocab content (not including cognates)

Increased emphasis on sound-spelling correlations (phonics)

OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR



GCSE Spanish Y10

Pupils study the Edexcel GCSE course. This is a tiered exam, so pupils are entered for either Foundation tier (Grades 1-5) or Higher tier (Grades 4-9). The exam is split into four papers. Each paper is worth 25% of the final exam.

<u>PAPER 1 – SPEAKING (50 marks)</u>	<u>PAPER 2 – LISTENING (50 marks)</u>	<u>PAPER 3 – READING (50 marks)</u>	<u>PAPER 4 – WRITING (50 marks)</u>
<p>F = 7-9 min (+ 15 mins supervised preparation time)</p> <p>H = 10-12 min (+ 15 mins supervised preparation time)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading aloud passage and short conversation /12 Role-play /10 Picture task /12 and conversation /16. 	<p>F = 45 mins including 5 mins reading time</p> <p>H = 60 mins including 5 mins reading time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A - Listening comprehension questions answered in English or non-verbally /40 Section B – Dictation /10 	<p>F = 45 mins</p> <p>H = 1 hour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section A - reading comprehension questions answered in English or non-verbally /40 Section B - Translation into English /10 	<p>F = 1 hour 15 mins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Picture based task /8 40-50 word essay - choice of 2 titles /14 80-90 word essay - choice of 2 titles /18 Translation of sentences into Spanish /10 <p>H = 1 hour 20 mins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80-90 word essay - choice of 2 titles /18 130-150 word essay - choice of 2 titles /22 Translation of paragraph into Spanish /10

In Y10 we follow the “Viva” GCSE course. The topics and assessments are:

Module	Vocab Tests	Mid-module Assessment	Formal Assessment
<p>Module 4 ¡Qué rico!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typical foods in Spanish-speaking countries Healthy daily routines Mealtimes and food trends Comparing old and new habits 	3 vocab tests per module	Writing (80-90 words)	Listening, reading and writing – Foundation papers (Whole school assessment week)
<p>Module 5 ¡A clase!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools in Spain A typical day at school Talking about your studies How you would change your school 		Speaking	Listening, Reading and Translation into TL

In Year 9 pupils are given a booklet containing the lists of vocabulary from the Edexcel specification, divided by theme and word type. Apart from a small number of unfamiliar words (which will be glossed in the exam or are cognates which can easily be understood), the vocab lists contain all the words that will be in the exams and therefore need to be learned. Regular revision of vocab is key throughout the course (“little and often”) and pupils will also have access to GCSE vocabulary sets via the Quizlet website (Memrise.com is also a great revision tool). In Year 10 your child will also be given a Speaking and Writing Booklet in which they will prepare possible responses for the Speaking and Writing exams.

Can be downloaded from the MFL pages of the school website along with timelines

H O M E W O R K



Set via Satchel One – approximately 40 minutes.

- Vocab and grammar learning (regular little tests in lessons)
- Assessment preparation and revision
- Translation
- Grammar exercises
- Written paragraphs based on previous class work
- Short essays based on current topic
- Comprehension exercises
- Preparing answers for the speaking exam
- Quizlet*

Quizlet – a great way to learn vocabulary!

- S:\ematerials\Languages\DEPARTMENTAL DOCUMENTS\2023 onwards NEW GCSE and amended KS3\text book vocab lists\Spanish
- ALL the useful vocab from the text books has been uploaded to these vocab sets
- The Word document with all the links to the French and Spanish Quizlet sets will be added to the school website.

COMPLETE VOCAB BOOKLET - THE BASIS OF THE EXAM



GCSE French



Vocabulary Booklet

2023 onwards

This booklet contains all of the key vocabulary that you need to know for the GCSE course / exam.

Contents:

Basic Vocabulary	Introductions, Numbers, Days of the Week, Months, Time, Colours, Cultural and Geographical
Multi-word Phrases	Multi-word Phrases
General Vocabulary	Nouns, Conjunctions, Adjectives, Adverbs, Prepositions
Grammar	Verbs, Determiners, Pronouns
My Personal World	Family, Friends, Relationships, Equality
Lifestyle and Wellbeing	Physical Wellbeing, Mental Wellbeing, Food and Drink, Sports
My Neighbourhood	Places in Town, Shopping, The Natural World, Environmental Issues
Media and Technology	Music, TV and Film, Social Media and Gaming
Studying and My Future	School, Future Opportunities
Travel and Tourism	Transport, Accommodation, Tourist Attractions

Accommodation



Nouns – Foundation / Higher

point	point (m)
country	pays (m)
room, space, square, place	place (f)
map, plan, project	plan (m)
matter, business; belongings, things	affaire (f); affaires (fpl)
view	vue (f)
service	service (m)
region	région (f)
office, desk	bureau (m)
house, home	maison (f)
rest, remainder; leftovers	reste (m); restes (mpl)
departure	départ (m)
bedroom	chambre (f)
countryside	campagne (f)
entrance, starter	entrée (f)
room	salle (f)
cost	coût (m)
province	province (f)
pitch (sports), ground	terrain (m)
space, room	espace (m)
card, map, credit card, menu	carte (f)
table	table (f)
key	clé (f)
boat	bateau (m)
village	village (m)
floor, ground	sol (m)
playground, court	court (f)
window	fenêtre (f)
equipment	équipement (m)
hotel	hôtel (m)
capital city	capitale (f)
bed	lit (m)
accommodation	logement (m)
building, block of flats	immeuble (m)
destruction	destruction (f)
address	adresse (f)
building	bâtiment (m)
garden	jardin (m)
apartment, flat	appartement (m)

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Speaking and writing booklet

GCSE French

Speaking and Writing Booklet



Speaking:

The speaking exam takes place at the very beginning of the summer term, usually in April.

- Usually used from y10 onwards.
- Important for developing writing skills and being prepared for the speaking exam.
- A good way to recap knowledge after each module of study.
- S:\ematerials\Languages\DEPARTMENTAL DOCUMENTS\2023 onwards NEW GCSE and amended KS3\French GCSE

ASSESSMENT



- Regular vocab and grammar mini-tests
- Mid-module assessment (includes speaking focus)
- End of Module assessment- Listening, Reading & Writing

Y9 : End of Year - Foundation papers in Listening & Reading

Y10: Whole-school week Assessment - Listening, Reading & Writing

End of Year – Listening, Reading and Translation – an opportunity for some students to try Higher level papers



HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

Encourage them to learn vocabulary on a regular basis.

Offer to test them on their vocabulary. Even if you do not know the language, they can spell out the words to you.

Ensure that they are aware of deadlines for assessments/coursework / module tests. Keep a note of these important dates and remind them.

If you have internet access encourage them to log onto language websites including www.linguascope.com, www.languagesonline.org.uk and a variety of other websites... see list attached

If your son / daughter is absent, impress on them the need to copy up any work missed - especially new vocabulary and grammar structures. **If students struggle with a particular point of grammar (e.g a verb tense) then they can also work independently to boost their learning, for example by using GCSE Bitesize [GCSE Spanish - Edexcel \(for exams from 2026\) - BBC Bitesize](#)**

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD



Encourage them to look at corrections to written work so that they learn from them and avoid making the same mistakes again.

Encourage them to listen to any French / Spanish available on the radio / television.

If you are going to a French / Spanish speaking country do encourage them to use their language.

Talk to them about the reasons they are learning a language; cultural awareness, improved knowledge and understanding of their own language, improved job prospects, development of valuable skills, ability to communicate and opening up of more possibilities.

Stay positive!

ONLINE RESOURCES



www.linguascope.com

www.languagesonline.org.uk

www.pearsonactivelearn.com

www.zut.org.uk

www.oye.languageskills.co.uk

www.alienlanguage.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/languages

www.bbc.com/bitesize

www.quizlet.com

www.duolingo.com

www.senecalearning.com

www.wordreference.com

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