

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Syllabus: PEARSON EDEXCEL GCSE FRENCH 1FRO & GCSE SPANISH 1SPO

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What we aim to do

- Prepare for A Level and advanced studies.
- Have opportunities at university/college.
- Get a higher paid job (people with language skills get higher paid jobs).
- Look good on your CV.
- Open your horizons to another world (in the globalized world one cannot limit oneself to just speaking English).
- Be able to have a more enjoyable and safer travel experience.
- Have employment opportunities abroad.
- Understand people/to be understood.
- Develop the skills of learning a language.
- Open your mind to another culture and its language.

What we study

The GCSE course themes are: Identity and culture; Local area; Holidays & Travel; School; Future Aspirations & Studies; Work; International and Global Dimension.

Skills needed

An excellent attitude to the subject displayed through Years 7- 9 and a willingness to work hard in the classroom and on home learning. Students must be willing to develop interpersonal skills and be ready to develop their collaborative as well as independent learning skills. These are essential for the course. Students must be keen to experiment with the language, not be afraid to make mistakes and be interested in other cultures.

How your work will be assessed

The exam consists of four parts: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. In the Writing section you will need to write 2 extended pieces of writing with one translation of a paragraph or sentences into French/Spanish. The speaking exam will be assessed by the exam board but conducted and recorded by your teacher. This will consist of 1 role play, 1 picture-based discussion, a presentation (pre-prepared) and a follow-up conversation (chosen by the exam board). You will have 12 minutes to prepare for the role play and the picture-based discussion but the exam board will encourage spontaneous speech during the exam. The reading and listening exams will mirror the assessments that the students have already completed in class.

GCSE: - Listening (25%), Reading (25%), Writing (25%), Speaking (25%) - final exams take place in May of Year 11. Speaking assessments will take place in April of Year 11.

What this subject can lead to when you finish Year 11 at The Hollyfield School

French and Spanish are both taught at A Level with AQA.

Students must achieve a grade 6 at GCSE to enter the A Level course in French or Spanish.

Possible careers

Many jobs in the world of work today link with many countries across the world and the ability to communicate in another language, both for holiday travel and as a career, will be a great asset to every student. Jobs where languages are essential or an asset include the following;

Teacher of Languages, Doctor, Translator, Travel Agent, Interpreter, Tour guide, Travel writer, International Law, United Nations, Banking and Finance, Diplomatic Corps, Hotel Receptionist, Publishing, Public Relations, Journalism, Photographer, Actor/Actress, Chef, Pilot, Air steward.

Additional information/special requirements

n/a

Relevant website links for further information on the course/subject

Specification French: <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/french-2016.html>

Specification Spanish: <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/spanish-2016.html>

Careers: <http://www.languageswork.org.uk/home.aspx>

<http://www.kent.ac.uk/careers/modernlanguages.htm>

<http://www.career-descriptions.co.uk/translator-career-description/>

http://www.prospects.ac.uk/translator_job_description.htm

