

Achieving Success – Subject Specific Tips

Subject	MFL (French/ German/ Spanish)	Exam Board	Edexcel
Class and Homework Expectations			
- Students should bring their exercise book to each lesson, including any support materials they have been given. - Students should complete weekly home learning set on Classcharts/ Sprachenut, which may include vocab learning, vocab testing, reading, listening, translation (from and to target language), grammar, speaking and writing tasks. - Students should use support materials given in lesson; Eg: Speaking booklet, GCSE vocab booklet.... - Students should practise speaking regularly to become more confident and clearer in communication.			
Scheme of work			
The GCSE covers the following six themes: - My personal world - Lifestyle and wellbeing - My neighbourhood - Media and technology - Studying and my future - Travel and tourism			
Assessment objectives			
AO1 Listening – 25% (50 marks)	AO2 Speaking – 25% (50 marks)	AO3 Reading – 25% (50 marks)	AO4 Writing – 25% (50 marks)
Assessment			
Paper 1 – Speaking: Communicating and interacting effectively in speaking <u>When: Year 11 April/May</u> - Teacher recorded and externally assessed. - Foundation 7–9 minutes + 15mn preparation time. - Higher 10–12 minutes + 15 mn preparation time - Both the Foundation and Higher speaking exams include a read aloud, role play, picture based task and follow up questions. Paper 2 – Listening: Different types of spoken language + a dictation task - Foundation paper – 45 minutes, Higher paper 60 minutes - Each exam includes 5 minutes' reading time of the question paper before the listening stimulus is played <u>When: Year 11 Summer term</u> Paper 3 – Reading: Understanding and responding to different types of written tasks + translation into English. <u>When: Year 11 Summer term</u> - Foundation paper – 45 minutes, - Higher paper 60 minutes Paper 4 – Writing: Communicating effectively in writing for a variety of purposes + translation into the Target Language. <u>When: Year 11 Summer term</u> - Foundation paper – 1hr 15 minutes, - Higher paper 1hr 20 minutes			
How to do well in the subject at GCSE			

- Weekly vocab learning using your vocab booklet and Languagenut platform, creating your own mind maps, revision cards etc
- Weekly grammar revision – create grammar cards/ posters etc Remember to build your confidence with past, present and future tenses
- Read and listen actively using podcasts, and language videos to expand vocabulary and hear grammar in real contexts.
- Respond actively to teacher written and verbal feedback
- Listen to the recording for PPE2 and PPE3 Speaking and identify strengths and areas for development
- Create “template answers”: Prepare key phrases and topic-specific responses, then practice adapting them for different exam questions.
- Improve your pronunciation by using various app EG: “Forvo”
- Proofread your work: Check for mistakes in agreements, tenses, opinions, and clarity. Learn to edit your own writing before handing it in
- Use BBC bitesize- GCSE French/ German/ Spanish for interactive revision tools, and exam-focused guidance.

Support Available

- Languagenut and Active hub platforms
- Support materials given to students as required
- Revision guides available to students
- Weekly interventions / revision classes in Year 11
- Speak to your teacher if you would like any further support

How parents could help support

- Encourage regular school attendance and punctuality so students don't miss important lessons or revision sessions.
- Encourage regular vocab learning and grammar practice – little and often works best!
- Check they are doing the home learning tasks regularly
- Support practicing speaking skills by asking your child to talk about topics they're studying and listening to recordings of their pronunciation for self-improvement.
- Help with exam technique awareness by understanding exam formats and encouraging your child to follow strategies discussed in class
- Encourage them to attend any revision sessions offered

Helpful websites or resources

www.edexcel.com

www.languagesonline.org.uk Range of tasks

www.activehub.co.uk* (logins provided by teacher) Reading, listening and grammar tasks

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize Select subject. Practice independently by topic area or grammar point. Exam style practice tasks. Audio helps with your listening skills.

www.lyricstraining.com Great for listening! Find songs in French/German/Spanish – listen/ sing along with the lyrics and do different activities to practice.

www.translator.net Paste in a text, select language and hear the correct pronunciation

<https://mobile-dictionary.reverso.net/en/> Very reliable online dictionary – gives you examples in sentences. Has a useful conjugation tab to check verb forms.

www.blooket.com Search 1000s of topics to play fun games to practise vocabulary

Recommended Apps:

Forvo – To improve pronunciation

Duolingo – Vocab and structures with games. Audio to help listening

Voice Record Pro – record yourself speaking and listen back