

# Course Title: GCSE French/Spanish

Awarding Body: AQA

Further information available from: Mrs Kehoe ([GKehoe@ramseyacademy.com](mailto:GKehoe@ramseyacademy.com))

## Why study Foreign Languages?

Studying a foreign language will undoubtedly be challenging but it is also a hugely rewarding and enjoyable experience. Language learning is proven to help communication, reading and memory in your own language and some students find that they begin to understand their own language better through foreign language study. The grammar concepts you will study involve using problem solving and logical thinking skills which can be applied to other areas of life. As well as the language, you will also learn a great deal about the culture of the target language countries and communities which can be fascinating and vastly different to your own.

## Course Outline

The GCSE courses in French and Spanish cover the following topics which are separated into 3 main themes:

### Theme 1: Identity and culture

**Topic 1: Me, my family and friends:** Relationships with family and friends, Marriage/partnership

**Topic 2: Technology in everyday life:** Social media, Mobile technology

**Topic 3: Free-time activities:** Music, Cinema and TV, Food and eating out, Sport

**Topic 4: Customs and festivals in French/Spanish speaking countries/communities**

### Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest

**Topic 1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region**

**Topic 2: Social issues:** Charity/voluntary work, Healthy/unhealthy living

**Topic 3: Global issues:** The environment, Poverty/homelessness **Topic**

**4: Travel and tourism**

### Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

**Topic 1: My studies**

**Topic 2: Life at school/college**

**Topic 3: Education post-16**

**Topic 4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions**

## Assessment Format

You will be entered for either foundation or higher tier and the table below indicated the grades accessible to you:



<b>Foundation</b>	1	2	3	4	5				
<b>Higher</b>				4	5	6	7	8	9

The exam board used is AQA and the course assesses the following skill areas through final exams:

- Listening (Paper 1) - 25%
- Speaking (Paper 2) - 25% (an exam completed with your teacher which is marked externally)
- Reading (Paper 3) - 25%
- Writing (Paper 4) - 25%

## What skills will I need to be successful in this subject?

To be successful at learning a foreign language you must:

- Be willing to make mistakes both in written and spoken language to improve
- Be a resilient learner who embraces challenge
- Be prepared to work independently on grammar and vocabulary
- Have a keen interest in the language and culture you are studying

## FURTHER INFORMATION

- An educational overseas trip will take place in Year 10.
- If you speak another language and would be interested in sitting a GCSE if it is available, please contact Mrs Kehoe

## Possible Careers and Future Education

You can continue language learning to A level and even at university where you will further develop your linguistic and cultural knowledge and possibly get the opportunity to study abroad. There are also many careers in which language skills could be useful to you, some of which might not immediately be obvious, including:

- Foreign Civil Service
- Airline Service
- Advertising
- Editing and Publishing
- Event Management
- Fashion
- Import/Export Specialist

