

Modern Foreign Language – Italian or Spanish

Overview

A foreign language is not just another GCSE grade – it is a concrete and demonstrable life skill, like being able to type or to drive a car, and it is a skill that is highly valued by employers. A skill in languages can be vital for many career paths: there are some jobs where it is an integral part, some where it is a useful bonus and others where it is just an advantage because it indicates a general level of ability and an open outlook. One thing that you can be sure of – it is never a disadvantage to have studied a language.

Success in languages forms a vital part of the English Baccalaureate qualification.

The Modern Languages Department offers GCSE courses in Italian and Spanish. **Students can only choose the language they are currently studying.**

Topics

The GCSE course covers the following topic areas:

- Identity and culture
- Local, national, international, and global areas of interest
- Current and future study and employment

Course Structure

The four skill areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing are examined at the end of the course. Students will take all four exams at either Foundation Tier (grades 1-5) or Higher Tier (grades 4-9).

Unit	Weighting	Tier
1. Listening	25%	Foundation or Higher
2. Reading	25%	Foundation or Higher
3. Speaking	25%	Foundation or Higher
4. Writing	25%	Foundation or Higher

Additional Information & Who to Contact

- For more information, please follow the link to the course specification on the exam board website:
 - **Italian** - <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/italian-8633>
 - **Spanish** - <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/spanish-8698>
- There is also a very informative website you may wish to refer to:
<http://www.whystudylanguages.ac.uk/ks4/>

- If you require any further information or have any questions, then please contact Ms Rump Head of MFL via email - lesley.rump@consilium-at.com

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