



FOREIGN LANGUAGES: FRENCH/SPANISH

At a glance	
Course title	GCSE
Level	1- 2
Assessment method	XXXX
EBacc	✓
Best 8	✓

This course aims to develop the ability to understand and use a foreign language effectively for purposes of practical communication and to develop an understanding of the grammar of a foreign language and an awareness of the nature of language. It offers an insight into the culture and civilisation of Hispanic-speaking and Francophone countries. It encourages positive attitudes to foreign language learning and a positive approach to other cultures and civilisations.

Students will study the following themes, on which all the assessments are based:

Theme 1 Identity and Culture, which includes family and friends, technology and social media, food and drink, free time activities and customs and festivals.

Theme 2 Local area, holiday and travel, which includes holiday, home and local area and travel and tourist transactions.*

Theme 3 School, which includes what school is like and school activities.

Theme 4 Future aspirations, study and work, which includes using languages beyond the classroom, jobs, careers and ambitions.

Theme 5 International and global dimension, which include sports and music events, environmental issues and good causes.

ASSESSMENT:

GCSE French and Spanish have a Foundation tier (grades 1-5) and a Higher tier (grades 4-9). All 4 papers must be taken in the same tier. Each paper makes up 25% of the overall GCSE.



Paper 1: Listening. This paper has 2 sections: multiple-response questions, and questions and answers in English

Paper 2: Speaking. This will include a role play, a photo card and a general conversation on two themes, one of which the student will have chosen and the other is provided by the Pearson/Edexcel examination board. *The role-play scenarios will be based on the topic of **Travel and tourist transactions**. There will be one speaking test conducted in April or May of Year 11.

Paper 3: Reading. This paper is made up of various components: multiple-response questions, questions and answers in English, questions and answers in the target language and translation from the target language to English.

Paper 4: Writing. The writing examination varies between Higher and Foundation tiers, but both papers will include 2 or 3 writing tasks and some translation from English into the target language, increasing in level of difficulty.



Students taking languages at GCSE level need to understand how important it is to learn vocabulary on a daily basis if they are to succeed in the subject. Students who are not prepared to put in this regular effort may well struggle.

Studying for a GCSE in a Language at Redborne has many benefits including the following:

- 1) Spanish is the third most widely spoken language in the world, after Chinese and English.**
- 2) You can participate in the Spanish immersion visit.**
- 3) Language qualifications are highly prized by employers and universities alike.**
- 4) Students who know a foreign language have better literacy skills and vocabulary in their own language.**
- 5) Students who learn a second language perform better in tests.**
- 6) Learning a foreign language improves your memory.**
- 7) 60% of business in the UK is done with non English-speaking countries.**
- 8) French is the language that is most in demand.**
- 9) Both French and English are official languages for:**
 - The United Nations**
 - The International Olympic Committee**
 - The International Red Cross**
 - The Council of Europe**
 - The European Court of Justice**

AND FINALLY...

- 10) People who learn a foreign language can earn between £3,000 and £9,000 more a year.**

For further information contact Miss Bennett for Spanish and Mr Flynn for French, who will be only too glad to help you.