



EXAM INFORMATION

Core Content:

Students study all of the following themes on which the assessments are based.

Theme 1: Identity and culture.

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

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment.

GCSE Modern Languages have a Foundation Tier (grades 1 - 5) and a Higher Tier (grades 4 - 9). Students must take all four question papers at the same tier. All question papers must be taken in the same series.

Listening Paper:

What's assessed:

Understanding and responding to different types of spoken language.

How it's assessed

Written exam: 35 minutes (Foundation Tier), 45 minutes (Higher Tier).

40 marks (Foundation Tier), 50 marks (Higher Tier).

25% of GCSE.

(Each exam includes 5 minutes' reading time of the question paper before the listening stimulus is played.)

Questions - Foundation Tier and Higher Tier:

Section A - questions in English, to be answered in English or non-verbally.

Section B - questions in French, to be answered in French or non-verbally.

Speaking Test:

What's assessed:

Communicating and interacting effectively in speech for a variety of purposes.

How it's assessed:

Non-exam assessment

7 - 9 minutes (Foundation Tier) + preparation time.

10 - 12 minutes (Higher Tier) + preparation time.

60 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier).

25% of GCSE.

Questions - Foundation Tier and Higher Tier:

The format is the same at Foundation Tier and Higher Tier, but with different stimulus questions for the Photo card and different stimulus materials for the Role-play. The timings are different too:

Role-play - 15 marks (2 minutes at Foundation Tier; 2 minutes at Higher Tier).

Photo card - 15 marks (2 minutes at Foundation Tier; 3 minutes at Higher Tier).

General conversation - 30 marks (3 - 5 minutes at Foundation Tier; 5 - 7 minutes at Higher Tier).

Reading Paper:

What's assessed:

Understanding and responding to different types of written language.

How it's assessed:

Written exam: 45 minutes (Foundation Tier), 1 hour (Higher Tier).

60 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier).

25% of GCSE.

Questions - Foundation Tier and Higher Tier:

Section A - questions in English, to be answered in English or non-verbally.

Section B - questions in French, to be answered in French or non-verbally.

Section C - translation from French into English (a minimum of 35 words for Foundation Tier and 50 words for Higher Tier).

Writing Paper:

What's assessed:

Communicating effectively in writing for a variety of purposes.

How it's assessed:

Written exam: 1 hour (Foundation Tier), 1 hour 15 minutes (Higher Tier).

50 marks at Foundation Tier and 60 marks at Higher Tier.

25% of GCSE.

Questions - Foundation Tier:

Question 1 - message (student produces four sentences in response to a photo) - 8 marks.

Question 2 - short passage (student writes a piece of continuous text in response to four brief bullet points, approximately 40 words in total) - 16 marks.

Question 3 - translation from English into French (minimum 35 words) - 10 marks.

Question 4 - structured writing task (student responds to four compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 90 words in total) - there is a choice from two questions - 16 marks.

Higher Tier:

Question 1 - structured writing task (student responds to four compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 90 words in total) - there is a choice from two questions - 16 marks.

Question 2 - open-ended writing task (student responds to two compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 150 words in total) - there is a choice from two questions - 32 marks.

Question 3 - translation from English into French (minimum 50 words) - 12 marks.

USEFUL LINKS

GCSE PODs

www.revsionworld.com

REVISION INFORMATION

Ensure that your speaking question booklets are done and you have recorded them onto your smart phones with perfect pronunciation with your teacher.

Purchase a revision guide and work / grammar book. (See Mr. Smith for details).

Attend lunchtime exam question-focused 25 minute workshops. Ask class teacher for details of when they are running.

Attend subject revision sessions after school. See the revision timetable for information on dates and times.

Use Quizlet to revise all vocabulary for each module we have studied throughout years 9, 10 and 11. Download the app for your smartphone or you can access it in a web browser as long as you have set an account up.

Work through your PIXL Y11 MFL independence booklet which allows you to develop your grammar skills.

Work through your practice booklets for reading and writing. All pupils should have these for French, German and Spanish. They contain exam-style questions, photo cards and role-play tasks.

