



DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL L

YEAR 10 & 11 COURSES

Subject	French, German and Spanish
Course Level	GCSE
Examining Body	AQA

What will I be studying?

The course aims to develop students' ability to understand and communicate effectively in the foreign language and to encourage the development of their language learning skills.

We strongly believe in languages as a skill for life and something students should enjoy and find rewarding.

The course is topic based, and focuses on the four skill areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Students will have access to the following course books and may find useful the additional resources from the exam board.

French	AQA Studio
German	AQA Stimmt
Spanish	AQA Viva

What skills will I develop?

The course is centred around the four skill areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students will develop all four of these skills over the course of their MFL GCSE.

In addition, students will have the opportunity to think about how languages can help them to work more effectively with others and improve their ability to communicate effectively in their own language.

Through the course, students will gain further information about the French, Spanish and German-speaking worlds that will enable them to be more culturally aware and responsible global citizens.

How will the course be structured?

The course covers the three distinct topic themes listed below. Students are expected to understand and provide information and opinions about these themes relating to their own experiences and those of other people, including people in countries/communities where the language is spoken.

Theme 1: People and lifestyle

- Identity and relationships with others
- Healthy living and lifestyle
- Education and work

Theme 2: Popular culture

- Free time activities
- Customs, festivals and celebrations
- Celebrity culture

Theme 3: Communication and the world around us

- Travel and tourism
- Media and technology
- The environment and where people live

How will I be assessed?

100% examination at the end of the two-year course (all four skills are 25% each). There are two tiers of entry: Foundation (Grades 1-5) and Higher Tier (Grades 4-9)

Papers 1, 3 and 4 are set in the main exam season, and have different lengths for Foundation (F) and Higher (H):

Paper 1 (Listening): 35 mins (F) or 45 mins (H)

Paper 3 (Reading): 45 mins (F) or 60 mins (H)

Paper 4 (Writing): 70 mins (F) or 75 mins (H)

Paper 2 (Speaking) is assessed slightly before the main exam window in late March/early April.

Students will continue to be assessed every half term in all 4 skills throughout the course. Students will also have Mid-Year & End of Year exams in Year 10 as well as the GCSE Mock exam at the end of the Autumn term in Year 11 and a Spring Mock in Year 11.

If you have any further questions about taking this course, who should you speak to?

1. Your MFL Teacher
2. Deputy Head of MFL/Teacher i/c German – Mrs Hakkinen
3. Head of French – Ms Kosta
4. Head of MFL – Mr Foxall