

# MFL Department – Year 10

## Key Information: Trial 2 Exams



Year 10 Trial 2 exams in French & Spanish will start the week beginning Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Students will have trial exams in 3 skills – listening, reading & writing – at either foundation or higher level. Please see the subsequent pages for more details on the specification & how to revise. The dates of the exam will be as follows;

### 10A/Spanish



Date & time	Exam
Thurs 31/1 – P3	Listening
Fri 1/2 – P3	Reading
Fri 8/2 – P3 & P4	Writing

### 10B/French



Date & time	Exam
Tues 29/1 – P2	Listening
Wed 30/1 – P2	Reading
Tues 5/2 – P1 & P2	Writing

### 10C/Spanish



Date & time	Exam
Mon 28/1 – P2 & P3	Writing
Thurs 31/1 – P4	Listening
Mon 4/2 – P2	Reading

#### What topics/grammar points should my child revise?

- School
- Holidays
- Self, family & friends
- House & home
- Numbers & time
- Free time, sport & hobbies
- Using 3 time frames
- Cinema & television
- Social media
- Future plans
- International festivals & events
- Opinions, likes & dislikes
- Healthy eating & lifestyles
- 25 adjectives you must know sheet

#### What topics should my child revise?

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Family relationships                  | Marriage             |
| Holidays                              | Weather              |
| Schools/teachers                      |                      |
| Education/Future careers/plans        |                      |
| Finding a job                         | Summer jobs          |
| Environment                           |                      |
| Shopping/Sales/Supermarkets           |                      |
| Going out/activities                  |                      |
| Healthy lifestyle                     | Mobile technology    |
| Social media/email/Facebook           |                      |
| Healthy lifestyle                     |                      |
| My town / Neighbourhood /Advantages / |                      |
| Disadvantages                         |                      |
| Going out/ Activities                 | Free-time activities |
| Cinema/films, TV and radio            | Different sports     |

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# AQA French/Spanish

## Overview of the AQA GCSE Course

### Paper 1: Listening

Foundation – 35 minutes / 40 marks  
Higher – 45 minutes / 50 marks

**25% GCSE**

### Paper 3: Reading

Foundation – 45 mins / 60 marks  
Higher – 60 mins / 60 marks

**25% GCSE**

### Paper 2: Speaking

Foundation – 7 - 9 mins / 60 marks  
Higher – 10 -12 mins / 60 marks

**25% GCSE**

### Paper 4: Writing

Foundation – 1 hour / 60 marks  
Higher – 1 hour 15 / 60 marks

**25% GCSE**

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### Writing Exam

#### Foundation

**Question 1: Photo Card**

Write four sentences in response to a photo  
**8 marks**

**Question 2: short passage**

Write approximately 40 words in response to four brief bullet points  
**16 marks**

**Question 3: Translation from English into Spanish**

Minimum 35 words to be translated  
**10 marks**

**Question 4 – Writing Task**

Write approximately 90 words in response to four compulsory detailed bullet points. There is a choice from two questions  
**16 marks**

#### Higher

**Question 1 – Writing Task**

Write approximately 90 words in response to four compulsory detailed bullet points. There is a choice from two questions.  
**16 marks**

**Question 2: Open Ended Writing Task**

Write approximately 150 words in response to two detailed bullet points. There is a choice from two questions  
**32 marks**

**Question 3: Translation from English into Spanish**

Minimum 50 words to be translated  
**12 marks**

**Theme 1: Identity & Culture**

- Family & Relationships
- Free time & Interests
- Technology
- Customs & Festivals

**Theme 2: Local, national & global areas of interest**

- Travel & Tourism
- Home & Local Area
- Social & Global Areas of Interest

**Theme 3: Current & future study & employment**

- Education & School
- World of Work
- Future Plans

The key to being a successful language learner is to practise the language little and often. Start doing these things today to ensure you get the grade you want at the end of your GCSE.

- **Practice vocabulary:** keep a vocabulary book, start making vocabulary flashcards or practise online using memrise or quizlet. It doesn't matter which method you decide to use, just start doing it now! It is impossible to cram for a language exam. Aim to do 10-15 minutes of vocabulary minimum 2 or 3 times a week to ensure you are confident for the exam.
- **Grammar:** learn your verb endings. Test yourself weekly. Again you could make flashcards or go online to practise. Grammar is key to being able to communicate in the writing & speaking exams.
- **Make revision notes:** when you finish a unit make a mind map of language/phrases you could use in your writing & speaking exams
- **Be organised:** Keep your books tidy & any hand outs organised. This will make your life much easier when it comes to revision time.
- **Use your Spanish:** Read newspapers/magazines online. Listen to Spanish music. Watch Spanish films/programmes (there are lots available on Netflix. Speak Spanish. You can only get better at a language by practising it!