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MFL – Year 11 Subject Information Evening



Exam information

Examboard: Edexcel

GCSE French and Spanish are assessed at Foundation Tier (grades 1-5) OR Higher Tier (grades 4-9). All question papers must be taken at the same tier.

Students are examined in **four skill areas**: speaking, writing, listening and reading. Each skill is worth **25%** of the overall mark.

The **Speaking Exam** is conducted by the class teacher and marked by an Edexcel examiner. It consists of a role play, a photo-card and a general conversation.

The **Writing Paper** (1 hour 15 minutes Foundation and 1 hour 20 minutes Higher) comprises structured writing tasks (including an element of choice) and a translation into French or Spanish.

The **Listening Paper** (35 minutes Foundation including 5 minutes reading time and 45 minutes Higher including 5 minutes reading time) assesses students on their understanding of spoken French or Spanish.

The **Reading Paper** (45 minutes Foundation and 1 hour Higher) comprises reading comprehension questions and there is also a translation into English.



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Revision tips – vocabulary

To achieve the best possible overall grade for their GCSE we strongly recommend that students get into the habit of regular revision from now onwards. The key to being a successful language learner is to practise little and often and regularly practising vocabulary is an essential element to success at GCSE.

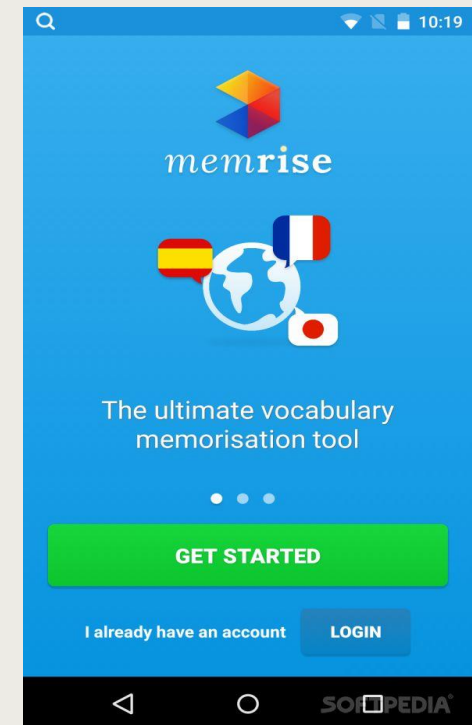
Students should be **regularly practising vocabulary and aiming to do 10 minutes of vocabulary at least 2 or 3 times a week.**

In order to practise vocabulary, students can use online apps such as Memrise, Quizlet or Duolingo. They could also use the vocabulary sheets in their exercise books, the vocabulary from the revision guide or could create flashcards to practise key vocabulary which you could then test them on.



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Revision tips – grammar

Students need to have a good grasp of grammar in order to be able to communicate effectively in the writing and speaking exams.

Students should practise their verb endings. They can use their revision guides to help them or go online at www.languagesonline.org.uk They could also make flashcards to help them revise different verb endings and you could then test them on these.



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Revision tips – the speaking exam

The speaking exam will take place in late April/ early May.

For the general conversation, students choose a theme from the course in advance and prepare a one minute presentation on that theme. They need to learn this presentation off by heart for the exam, so will need lots of practise saying their presentation aloud. You could listen to their presentation and time them to make sure it is no longer than one minute.

Students also need to practise their general conversation questions and answers by saying them out loud.



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Using languages at home

Students should be encouraged to use as much French or Spanish as possible at home. This could include watching French or Spanish films or TV programmes, reading online newspapers or blogs or listening to French or Spanish music. They could also talk to you or other family members in French or Spanish!



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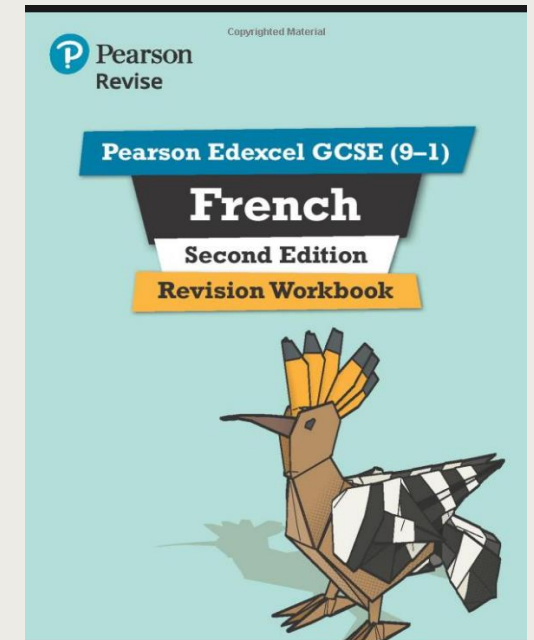
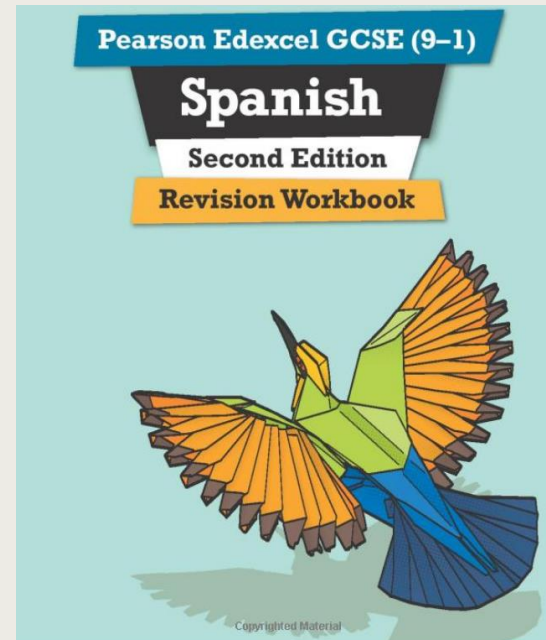
Revisions workbooks

Students are completing the Pearson revision workbooks as homework.

There is a schedule for completion of the workbooks and it is very important that students complete the relevant sections by the dates on the schedule.



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Revision resources

- Pearson Revision Workbook and Revision Guide
- CGP Revision Guide

- Edexcel Target 5 writing and reading workbooks
- Edexcel Target 9 writing and reading workbooks

- Viva Edexcel GCSE Spanish Vocab Book

- Memrise www.memrise.com
- Quizlet www.quizlet.com
- Duolingo www.duolingo.com
- Languages Online www.languagesonline.org.uk
- Active Teach



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