



OPTIONS 2026 - MFL



GCSE French/GCSE Spanish

The exam board is Edexcel

This exam has four components:
Listening/Speaking/Reading/Writing

There are 5 themes:

- Identity and culture;
- Local area, holiday and travel;
- School;
- Future plans, study and work;
- International and global issues





Exam 1: Listening

(Foundation or Higher tier)

Worth 25% of GCSE grade

- **This exam takes place at the very end of Year 11.**
- **Students listen to a CD with short recordings from native speakers.**
- **Each recording is repeated three times, with time embedded on the CD to think and select an answer each time.**
- **The listening exam is made of multiple choice questions, filling in gaps with missing words and giving very short answers in English.**

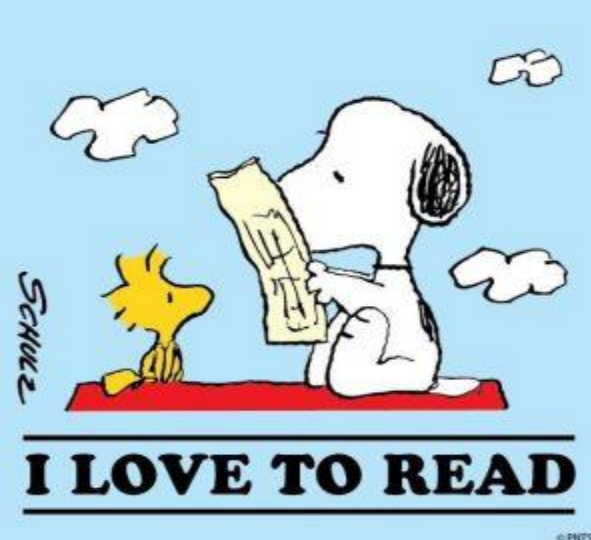


Exam 2: Speaking **(Foundation or Higher)** **Worth 25% of final grade** **This exam takes place end** **of April in Year 11**

This exam is entirely conducted in French or Spanish.

All students will be completing:

- **A short reading out loud task;**
- **A role play with the teacher;**
- **A picture-based task (describing what you see on a photo);**
- **This exam is audio recorded and the teacher but is marked by the exam board.**



Exam 3: Reading

(Foundation or Higher tier)

Worth 25% of final grade

- **This exam takes place at the end of Year 11**
- **The texts are all in French or Spanish. The instructions and questions are in English.**
- **Students will answer multiple choice questions, filling in gaps with missing words or giving short answers in English.**
- **Students will also translate a short text into English.**



Exam 4: Writing

(Foundation or Higher)

Worth 25% of final grade

- **This exam takes place at the very end of Year 11**
- **Describe a photo in French or Spanish (20 words);**
- **Write about a couple of topics covered at KS4 based on bullet points (short task + long task)**
- **Translate a short passage into French or Spanish.**

Students who are fluent in the following languages and can also write really well are allowed to be entered for an extra GCSE.

You can take this extra GCSE at the end of Year 10 or at the end of Year 11 (NOT in Year 9):

- **With Edexcel: German, Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Gujarati, Italian, Japanese, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Turkish and Urdu**
- **With AQA: Polish, Bengali, Panjabi**
- **With OCR: Latin, Classical Greek**
- **With WJEC: Welsh**

