

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

INTRODUCTION

Every scholar at AGFS takes either French or Spanish at GCSE. It is a core subject and develops a range of skills such as communication, problem solving and critical thinking. Studying a foreign language will teach you about different cultures, attitudes and values. Language learners are flexible, take risks and have strong resilience to be able to overcome any obstacles.

THE COURSE

Both French and Spanish are divided into four main skills: Listening, Reading, Speaking, and Writing, each with an equal weighting of 25% in the final exam. The GCSE is divided into five main themes which are listed below:

- Identity and Culture
- Local area, Holiday and Travel
- School
- Future Aspirations, Study and Work
- International and Global Dimension

For more information about the course for Spanish, please click [here](#).

For more information about the course for French, please click [here](#).

NEEDED SKILLS

To be a successful linguist there are four essential learning habits you must develop. Learning a language requires time and dedication and therefore **independence** and **organisation** are vital for success. When learning a language it is normal to face tricky concepts that may at first seem difficult and thus **resilience** is vital to overcome this. Lastly a successful linguist is **ambitious** and makes the most of every opportunity given to them to work on their language skills.

What can you do to prepare:

You have already been working hard on your language skills in your time at AGFS and it's crucial you use this to provide a strong foundation for the GCSE course. You can use quizlet anytime to revise core vocabulary covered so far as well as ensuring you are confident in key vocabulary such as your 'golden nuggets'.

French: Click [here](#)

Spanish: Click [here](#)

You can also use <https://uk.language-gym.com/> to practise skills or vocabulary.

THE FUTURE

We live in a multilingual, multicultural world. Being able to communicate in more than one language will allow you to seize global opportunities and will put you on par with multilingual international peers. Your skills in problem solving, communication and overall increased brain capacity will open you to a wide range of careers. Traditional pathways include:

- Translation
- Journalism and Broadcasting
- Education
- Tourism
- Government and Politics
- Business

For further information on French or Spanish, please contact Mr MacPherson, Deputy Headteacher.

