

French and Spanish

Language learning is an important life skill. Studying a Modern Foreign Language provides an insight into cultural diversity, helps foster social and communication skills and improves job prospects.

With languages featuring as part of the English Baccalaureate measure, we strongly recommend that William Brookes students continue with their language study. A large percentage of students therefore carry on studying a Modern Foreign Language in Years 10 and 11, aiming towards a GCSE qualification. The GCSE qualification offers a suitable progression route to further study at A Level and beyond and can also add to an individual's employability profile, particularly for UK organisations trading overseas, as well as with international companies based in the UK and globally. Students can progress to a wide range of careers in areas such as journalism and media, education, science, medicine, the civil service, sales, marketing, retail, and charities.

Course Description:

The Edexcel GCSE in French and Spanish allows students to develop their ability to communicate with French and Spanish native speakers in both speech and writing. They study across a variety of contexts relevant to their age and interests, as well as developing a greater awareness of the culture of French and Spanish speaking communities and countries. Students also develop and use their knowledge and understanding of French grammar progressively throughout their course of study, under the following five themes:

- Identity and culture
- Local area, holiday and travel
- School
- Future aspirations study and work
- International and global dimension

Students are assessed in the four skills of Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing, building on the work already covered in KS3. With the examination, there are no coursework assessments completed throughout Years 10 and 11. Instead, all students are assessed through a terminal examination in the summer of Year 11 with each skill being worth 25% of the final grade awarded.

Assessment:

There are two tiers of entry:

- Foundation level (grades 5-1)
- Higher level (grades 9-4)

Terminal examination (100%)

Examining Board: Edexcel

Certification: GCSE

