



Year 11 Languages GCSE

How to Help Your Child

What has happened since year 10?



What's next?

- Theme 3 covered by late December. Most of Theme 1 & 2 already covered.
- Next mock exams will be held week commencing 6th December.
- In late November students will be sitting a mock speaking exam.
- Students will finish the complete course by 1st April 2022.
- Revision of entire course including exam strategies and practise begins from April.
- French / Spanish: Their final exams in L, R & W will be mid May 2022 (dates to be confirmed by AQA)
- Their speaking exam (French and Spanish) takes place over a window of 5 weeks (April to May). Dates to be confirmed by AQA.



The 2 most important things students should be doing are revising vocabulary and practising for their speaking assessment.

Vocabulary learning



- Students have A LOT of vocabulary to learn!
- It is regularly set as part of their homework every week.
- Students who regularly learn vocabulary are more likely to gain at least a grade 5 in their listening and reading exam.
- Students have the AQA GCSE vocabulary in their booklets. This will be most useful for their listening and reading exams.



Preparing for the GCSE speaking

- The speaking assessment in April/May is of vital importance (25% of final mark).
- Students must revise at home every night in the run up to the GCSE assessment but should be practising now to achieve the top marks.
- The more they practise speaking, the more confidence they will have.
- Students have been practising the different components of the speaking exam once a fortnight at least.



Language Gym

- All pupils have a log in for <https://uk.language-gym.com/>
- Pupils will often have homework assignments to complete on this website
- Pupils will also be able to go to the 'games room' tab and practise any topic or skill
- Clear steps for access to language gym have been posted on your child's google classroom so they should not have issues with accessing this website.

Practical Help



- Don't just ask your child what they are doing – get in there and get involved!
- Test them in any way you can with their vocabulary and with their speaking.
- Get hold of the sentence builder booklet and speaking booklet and ask away!
- Aim to test them every day (they will love you for it in the end!)

Top 3 Tips



- Practise vocab/speaking every day.
- Get tested to gauge knowledge or identify gaps in knowledge.
- Be prepared – study!

Resources

- If your child is reluctant to “share” their resources with you, please do email us for help!

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AQA website links for French & Spanish :

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/french-8658>

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/gcse/spanish-8698>