



Richard Lander School

Languages – Key Stage 4

Richard Lander School is a maintained school which follows the National Curriculum at both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.

In Year 9 students will be offered the chance to study GCSE French or GCSE Spanish as part of the options process.

Students who complete the course will have the skills and experience to progress onto A-level and beyond.

Learning a foreign language is a liberation from insularity and provides an opening to other cultures. A high-quality languages education should foster pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. The teaching should enable pupils to express their ideas and thoughts in another language and to understand and respond to its speakers, both in speech and in writing. It should also provide opportunities for them to communicate for practical purposes, learn new ways of thinking and read great literature in the original language. Language teaching should provide the foundation for learning further languages, equipping pupils to study and work in other countries.

Learning languages allows you to:

- Meet people from different countries and find out more about them
- Learn many skills which are useful in a wide range of careers, such as the ability to communicate clearly, be confident about speaking in public, use problem solving strategies and write coherently
- Add an international dimension to your choice of GCSE subjects, which is something many employers and higher education providers want
- Have greater opportunities to work and/or study abroad, or work for companies in the UK with international links
- Discuss your interests, ideas and opinions with other people who speak the language
- Learn more about countries where the language is spoken, and the people who speak it.

GCSE FRENCH

GCSE French helps you explore a wide range of topics, from celebrations and festivals, through getting by as a tourist in France to international campaigns and events. You will learn about French culture through a range of interesting topics which will add to your understanding of the language and country.

You will take four exams worth 25% each. You can take foundation or higher level, and you will be given a grade between 1 and 9, with 9 being the highest.

Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
This requires you to listen to recordings in French and answer questions on what you hear. Some of these questions will be multiple-choice and some will need you to	The reading section will give you passages to read and questions to answer. Some of these questions will be multiple-choice and some will need	In the foundation paper you will write about a photo, write a short passage and write a longer passage on one of a choice of two topics. In the higher paper	In this part of the exam you will do a short role play with the examiner and talk about a photo. You will also talk about two of the topics you have

write short answers in English and French.	you to write short answers in English and French. Passages will be from French sources such as emails, magazines and books. You will also need to translate sentences or a short passage from French into English.	you will write longer passages about two topics from a choice of four. At both levels there is also a translation exercise, from English into French.	studied.
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GCSE SPANISH

GCSE Spanish helps you explore a wide range of topics, from celebrations and festivals, through getting by as a tourist in Spain to international campaigns and events. You will learn about Spanish culture through a range of interesting topics which will add to your understanding of the language and country.

You will take four exams worth 25% each. You can take foundation or higher level, and you will be given a grade between 1 and 9, with 9 being the highest.

Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
This requires you to listen to recordings in Spanish and answer questions on what you hear. Some of these questions will be multiple-choice and some will need you to write short answers in English and Spanish	The reading section will give you passages to read and questions to answer. Some of these questions will be multiple-choice and some will need you to write short answers in English and Spanish. Passages will be from Spanish sources such as emails, magazines and books. You will also need to translate sentences or a short passage from Spanish into English.	In the foundation paper you will write about a photo, write a short passage and write a longer passage on one of a choice of two topics. In the higher paper you will write longer passages about two topics from a choice of four. At both levels there is also a translation exercise, from English into Spanish.	In this part of the exam you will do a short role play with the examiner and talk about a photo. You will also talk about two of the topics you have studied.

