

Why GCSE Languages?



GCSE Spanish
GCSE German

Poynton High School



GCSE Course Overview



Subject content



3.1.1 Theme 1: People and lifestyle

Theme 1 covers the following three topics:

- Topic 1: Identity and relationships with others
- Topic 2: Healthy living and lifestyle
- Topic 3: Education and work

3.1.2 Theme 2: Popular culture

Theme 2 covers the following three topics:

- Topic 1: Free-time activities
- Topic 2: Customs, festivals and celebrations
- Topic 3: Celebrity culture

3.1.3 Theme 3: Communication and the world around us

Theme 3 covers the following three topics:

- Topic 1: Travel and tourism, including places of interest
- Topic 2: Media and technology
- Topic 3: The environment and where people live

The core content is the same in each language – many of these topics will be familiar from KS3 and are further built on at GCSE level

Assessment



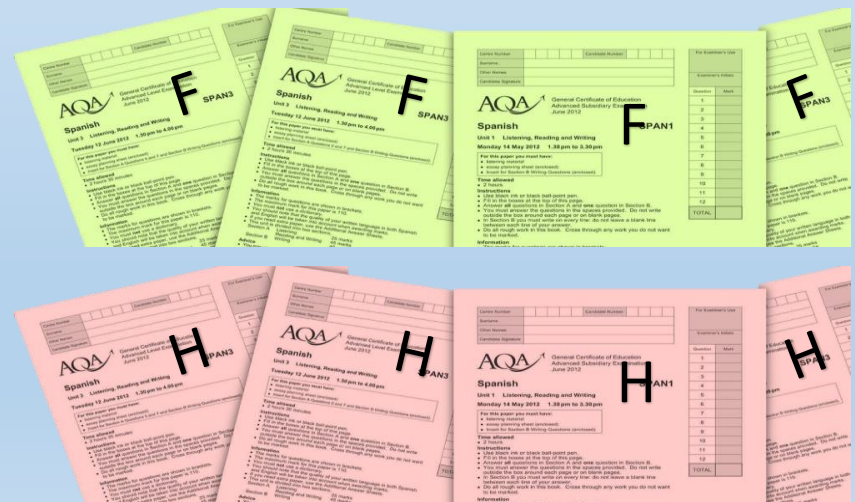
Assessments



GCSE languages have a Foundation Tier (grades 1 – 5) and a Higher Tier (grades 4 – 9).

Students must enter for all four skills at the same tier. All question papers must be taken in the same series. Grammar and vocabulary requirements are specific to the individual language.

Listening — 25% final exam
Reading — 25% final exam
Speaking — 25% final exam
Writing — 25% final exam



Why learn languages?



There are lots of benefits to studying a language that go far beyond “being able to speak German/Spanish”.

Top 4 foreign languages rated most useful by UK employers



Source: CBI, Education and Skills Survey 2016

72% of businesses value foreign language skills among their employees



Source: CBI, 2012 Education and Skills Survey

“Now more than ever, young people need to develop linguistic and intercultural skills that will help to develop them professionally and personally, and compete on the global stage”
(Professor Claire Garrara, MFL Project, 2016)



BETTER COMMUNICATION



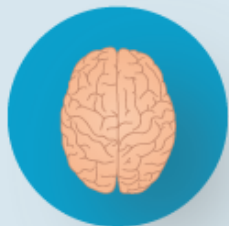
CULTURAL AWARENESS



BETTER MATHS SKILLS



EASIER TRAVEL



BETTER MEMORY



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS



HEIGHTENED LOGIC



BETTER CAREER PROSPECTS

Interpreters, translators and language teachers account for only **6%** of all jobs that need languages.
(Languages State of the Nation, 2013)



Departures

Where studying MFL
will take you

Terminal	Flight	Destination	Time	Gate	Remark
Terminal D	BA117	Study & live abroad	06:45	40	
Terminal B	CX1347	Diplomat	06:50	22	
Terminal A	BA165	Confidence	06:55	10	
Terminal D	BA9925	Memory skills	07:05	41	CHECK-IN
Terminal D	BA872	Lawyer	07:05	42	CHECK-IN
Terminal Z	AA6706	Diplomat	07:10	02	CHECK-IN
Terminal B	AY6554	Resilience	07:15	23	CHECK-IN
Terminal D	AF7651AY	Analytical skills	07:15	43	CHECK-IN
Terminal A	DL8611CO	Problem solving	07:25	11	CHECK-IN
Terminal A	AZ 30DAF	See the world	07:35	12	CHECK-IN
Terminal D	AF1007DL	Business person	07:35	45	CHECK-IN
Terminal C	AF1765KL	Make friends	07:40	31	ON TIME
Terminal Z	AZ9635	Cultural awareness	07:45	04	ON TIME
Terminal B	DL7793	Cabin crew	07:50	24	DELAYED
Terminal B	AL5561CO	Pilot	07:55	25	ON TIME
Terminal D	AZ1288	Footballer	08:00	46	ON TIME
Terminal D	LH 424	Sales representative	08:00	47	DELAYED
Terminal A	LH1072AY	Interpreter	08:00	14	ON TIME
Terminal A	EK 050	Scientist	08:10	15	ON TIME
Terminal C	IB9533LB	Engineer	08:20	33	ON TIME
Terminal D	IB9533	Listening skills	08:25	48	ON TIME
Terminal D	AA9120	Communication skills	08:30	49	ON TIME
Terminal C	NS 226	Tour guide	08:35	35	ON TIME
Terminal D	NY 120	Youtuber	08:40	40	ON TIME
Terminal D	CS4120	Retail	08:45	42	ON TIME
Terminal A	AY 098DE	Doctor	08:55	16	ON TIME
Terminal A	AC51297EE	Media	08:55	17	ON TIME
Terminal D	BE 669	Journalist	09:00	44	ON TIME
Terminal D	6A102Z	Designer	09:00	45	ON TIME
Terminal D	NN 98BA1	Hospitality	09:00	46	ON TIME
Terminal C	AA5671	Enjoyment	09:15	36	ON TIME
Terminal D	6E 561	Personal satisfaction	09:20	47	ON TIME



Spanish



- **Native Speakers:** 470 Million (2017)
- **Non-native Speakers:** 100 Million (2017)
- **Official Language in:** Mexico, Colombia, Spain, Argentina, Peru, Venezuela, Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Cuba, Bolivia, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Paraguay, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Panama, Uruguay and Equatorial Guinea.
- **Un-officially Spoken in:** Andorra, Belize, Gibraltar and United States.

Spanish: The Most Widespread Language

Spanish is one of the most widespread languages with over 470 million native speakers, only second to Mandarin Chinese. According to the British Council, 34% of UK businesses said that Spanish was “useful to their organization.”

Why Spanish? Being able to communicate in Spanish is also highly transferable in learning other languages. It also opens up more opportunities for travel and immersion, from Central and South America to Europe.





Why learn a language?



German



- **Native Speakers:** 110 Million (Est.)
- **Non-native Speakers:** 52 Million
- **Official Language in:** Germany, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein.
- **Un-officially Spoken in:** Brazil, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Denmark, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Namibia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Ukraine.

German: The European Business Language

As of 2018, over 105 million are German native speakers, and about 80 million people around the globe use it as their second language. Not only does learning German help to communicate with those in Germany, but also in Central and Eastern Europe, as it is the most widely spoken language there.

Why German? Germany has the 3rd largest economy in the world and the largest in the EU. They are innovators of new technologies. As many international companies originate there, many companies look for fluent German speakers. German is very similar to English in structure so it is easy to learn.



What our students say



"I have met some of my best friends through languages and it opens up so many options!" - Cameron

"Languages have increased my confidence a lot" - Rachel

"Studying German gave me the opportunity to be challenged, learn about other cultures and go on the exchange" - Megan

"Speaking another language is such a useful skill that separates you from the rest" - Holly

"My language lessons are not like any other" - Louise

"I loved learning about different cultures and being able to communicate with people from different walks of life" - Jess

"A language is a great option to take at GCSE. It is enjoyable, useful and examined in a range of ways that are made very comfortable by the staff" - Joe

"Learning about different cultures and languages means you can learn abroad and take jobs abroad in the future. Languages are just very fun to learn!" - Ben

"Lessons are fun, engaging and allow you to learn in many different ways" - Alice

"Above all, languages are great fun to learn and the languages department are all friendly and supportive (plus the food from Germany and France is amazing!)" - Ewan

"Picking a GCSE language will help you further in life as it's a speciality that fewer people have so can set you apart from the rest" - Emrys

What our students say



"Learning languages has also helped with my other subjects (especially history and English) as it has improved my communication skills and arguments in my essays. The course is also very enjoyable" - Ben

"It allows you to connect with other people and understand other cultures in a way you can't by just reading about them" - Lizzie

"It is very interesting to learn about the culture in different Spanish-speaking countries. Also, being able to speak Spanish is a useful skill to have later in life" - Billy

"Learning a language for GCSE is one of the best decisions I have ever made. It is tricky at times, but totally worth it" - Poppy

"Improves memory, enhanced concentration and improves confidence" - Nathan

"If you like this subject – take it! It's really amazing to learn a new language and open up new opportunities" - Jenny

"The lessons are always very enjoyable, and you learn a lot more than just the language. You learn about culture, traditions, festivals and lots more!" - Amélie

"Learning a language opens up new opportunities that you may not have thought of before" - Daisy

"It's a lot more fun than I ever thought learning a language could be and very rewarding" - Tilly

"It has been enjoyable to learn about the culture and some of the activities that take place in Germany. I also really enjoyed doing the exchange and think it is a good confidence building opportunity" - Mia

"Learning a new language is amazing because you get to see the world through a different lens and communicate with different people" - Faeyza

"It improves memory and listening skills as well as being really fun" - Maisie

"Languages are really useful because the world is becoming more and more international" - Oliver

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Our Results 2024

	Grades 9-4	Grade 9-7
Spanish:	87%	44%
German:	90%	40%

Our Results 2023

	Grades 9-4	Grade 9-7
Spanish:	96%	44%
French:	71%	29%

Our Results 2022

	Grades 9-4	Grade 9-7
German:	96%	38%
French:	86%	28%

