

The MFL GCSE is split into **three Themes**. This slide displays the topics and subtopics within each theme. All of these themes will be examined in the Spring 2023 MFL GCSE Mock Exams, just as they will be in the Summer Exams also.

## Theme 1

### Identity and Culture

#### Topic 1: Me, my family and friends.

- Relationships with family and friends.
- Marriage/partnership.

#### Topic 2: Technology in everyday life.

- Social media.
- Mobile technology.

#### Topic 3: Free-time activities.

- Music.
- Cinema and TV.
- Food and eating out.
- Sport.

#### Topic 4: Customs and festivals in French/Spanish-speaking countries/communities.

- Traditions.
- Celebrations.

## Theme 2

### Local, National, International and Global Areas of Interest

#### Topic 1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region.

- Amenities.
- Traditions.
- Locations.

#### Topic 2: Social issues.

- Charity/voluntary work.
- Healthy/unhealthy living.

#### Topic 3: Global issues.

- The environment.
- Poverty/homelessness.

#### Topic 4: Travel and tourism.

- Destinations.
- Sustainability.

## Theme 3

### Current and Future Study and Employment

#### Topic 1: My studies.

- Subjects.
- Opinions.

#### Topic 2: Life at school/college.

- Comparisons between education in the UK and French/ Spanish- speaking countries.
- School rules and routines.

#### Topic 3: Education post-16.

- Opportunities.
- Choices.

#### Topic 4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions.

- Career pathways.
- Justifying choices.

The MFL GCSE comprises **Four Exam Papers**.

There will be a **Writing, Reading, Speaking and Listening Exam**. Each exam will contain all of the topics displayed on the previous slide. This slide outlines the format of each exam.

## Speaking Exam

### How it's assessed:

7–9 minutes total speaking time (Foundation Tier) + preparation time.

10–12 minutes total speaking time (Higher Tier) + preparation time.

25% of GCSE.

### Questions

#### Foundation Tier and Higher Tier:

There are three parts of this exam. The format is the same at Foundation Tier and Higher Tier, but with different stimulus questions for the Photo card and different stimulus materials for the Role-play. The timings are different too:

**Role-play** – (2 minutes at Foundation Tier; 2 minutes at Higher Tier);

**Photo card** – (2 minutes at Foundation Tier; 3 minutes at Higher Tier);

**General conversation** – (3–5 minutes at Foundation Tier; 5–7 minutes at Higher Tier).

## Reading Exam

### How it's assessed:

Written exam: 45 minutes (Foundation Tier), 1 hour (Higher Tier).

25% of GCSE

### Questions

#### Foundation Tier and Higher Tier:

Section A – reading texts and responding to texts in English.

Section B – reading texts and responding to texts in French.

Section C – translation from French into English (a minimum of 35 words for Foundation Tier and 50 words for Higher Tier).

## Listening Exam

### How it's assessed:

Written exam: 35 minutes (Foundation Tier), 45 minutes (Higher Tier).

25% of GCSE.

### Questions

#### Foundation Tier and Higher Tier:

Section A – listening to French and responding to questions in English.

Section B – listening to French and responding to questions in French.

## Writing Exam

### How it's assessed:

Written exam: 1 hour (Foundation Tier), 1 hour 15 minutes (Higher Tier).

25% of GCSE.

### Questions

#### Foundation Tier:

Question 1 – message (student produces four sentences in response to a photo) – 8 marks

Question 2 – short passage (student writes a piece of continuous text in response to four brief bullet points, approximately 40 words in total) – 16 marks

Question 3 – translation from English into French (minimum 35 words) – 10 marks

Question 4 – structured writing task (student responds to four compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 90 words in total) – there is a choice from two questions – 16 marks

#### Higher Tier:

Question 1 – structured writing task (student responds to four compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 90 words in total) – there is a choice from two questions – 16 marks

Question 2 – open-ended writing task (student responds to two compulsory detailed bullet points, producing approximately 150 words in total) – there is a choice from two questions – 32 marks

Question 3 – translation from English into French (minimum 50 words) – 12 marks.

*Here are some examples of materials students have been given to excel in their MFL GCSE!*

## Other Revision Tools:

**Zut!** <https://zut.languageskills.co.uk/> - This site is available for free apart from weekdays from 10am – 4pm. Listening and Reading exercises divided into topic areas.

**BBC Bitesize** - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/french/> - GCSE-style Listening and Reading questions that you can mark online.. The site offers Foundation and Higher activities.

**Languages Online** <http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/> - A variety of exercises.

**Extra Revision Opportunities.**

### **Technology in Everyday Life.**

#### **French- Higher.**

##### **(Questions 1-7: Listening Questions.**

##### **Questions 8-20: Reading/ Writing/ Translation/ Speaking Questions).**

##### **Listening:**

##### **1. Les réseaux sociaux.**

A la radio, vous entendez un reportage sur Fatima, une star des réseaux sociaux au Maroc.

Complétez les phrases suivantes en français.

Répondez aux deux aspects de la question 1.

1 Fatima a créé un compte sur YouTube il y a ...

\_\_\_\_\_ (1)

Sur ce réseau social, elle donne des cours pour apprendre à ...

\_\_\_\_\_ (1)

Répondez aux deux aspects de la question 2.

2 Sur Instagram, elle représentera les produits de beauté d'une ...

\_\_\_\_\_ (1)





Elle voudrait faire carrière dans le secteur de ...

\_\_\_\_\_ (1)

(Total 4 marks)

## **Weekly Past Paper Revision Packs.**

### **MFL Memrise Leadership Board (KS4)**

 <b>KS4 French</b> 			 <b>KS4 Spanish</b> 		
1 <sup>st</sup>	.....	<b>180,208</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	.....	<b>189,130</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	.....	<b>73, 615</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	.....	<b>27, 399</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	.....	<b>61, 484</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	.....	<b>14, 118</b>

**Félicitations!**

**¡Felicidades!**

## **Memrise Competitions.**

- Students have been provided with a Revision Plan of what topics will be revised in class and when.
- Students have been provided with a list of extra revision sites to use for revision.
- Every lesson, students are given a booklet containing a plethora of past paper materials for the topic that will be revised that week (past paper questions cover all skills- listening/ reading/ writing/ translation/ speaking).
- A MFL Memrise Leadership Board has been established and we strongly encourage all students to be completing at least 20 minutes of Memrise per day to develop their vocabulary acquisition (all students have had an account set up for this amazing language learning tool).
- Students have also been provided with a range of material to prepare for the Speaking Exam.
- Extra Speaking Sessions will be offered to students during lunch/ after school. These will begin after the February Half Term- dates will be shared with students and on ClassCharts.

# Summary of Key Information

## Key Dates

## Modern Foreign Languages Make Future Leaders

- The MFL Speaking Exams will take place at the beginning of May 2023. Confirmed dates will be shared with students and home.
- The Listening/ Reading/ Writing papers will take place throughout May and June.

## Key Revision Strategies

- We strongly encourage all students to be completing at least 20 minutes of Memrise per day.
- We strongly encourage all students to attend the extra Speaking Sessions that will take place from after February Half Term.
- We strongly encourage all students to be completing all past paper revision packs to maximise success within the MFL GCSE.

## Key Message

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your child(ren) with their language learning journey and our MFL team is extremely excited to continue to develop your child(ren)'s language skills in the forthcoming months to prepare them for their GCSE Language Qualification, which will be a gateway to a plethora of exciting, international opportunities for your child(ren).