

Assessment Summary GCSE MFL Summer 2021 (AQA)**Paper 1: Listening 33.3% of GCSE**

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

40 marks (Foundation Tier), 50 marks (Higher Tier)

(Each exam includes 5 minutes' reading time of the question paper before the listening stimulus is played.)

Questions**Foundation Tier and Higher Tier**

Section A: questions in English, to be answered in English or non-verbally

Section B: questions in Target Language, to be answered in Target Language or non-verbally

Paper 3: Reading 33.3% of GCSE

45 minutes (Foundation Tier) 1 hour (Higher Tier)

60 marks (for each of Foundation Tier and Higher Tier)

Questions**Foundation Tier and Higher Tier**

Section A: questions in English, to be answered in English or non-verbally

Section B: questions in Target Language, to be answered in Target Language or non-verbally

Section C: translation from Target Language into English (a minimum of 35 words at Foundation Tier and 50 words at Higher Tier)

Paper 4: Writing 33.3% of GCSE

1 hour 5 minutes (Foundation Tier), 1 hour 20 minutes (Higher Tier)

50 marks at Foundation Tier and 60 marks at Higher Tier

Questions**Foundation Tier**

Question 1: 4 short sentences to describe a photo – 8 marks

Question 2: 40 word written task in response to 4 bullet points in the Target Language – 16 marks

Question 3: 5 sentences to translate from English into Target Language - 10 marks

Question 4: 90 word written task in response to 4 bullet points in the Target Language (there is a choice of three questions) – 16 marks

Higher Tier

Question 1: 90 word written task in response to 4 bullet points in the Target Language – (there is a choice of three questions) – 16 marks

Question 2: 150 word open-ended written task in response to two bullet points in the Target Language (there is a choice of three questions) – 32 marks

Translation from English into Target Language – 12 marks

For summer 2021, there will be no externally marked speaking exam and therefore the 9-1 GCSE grade will be based on paper 1 Listening, paper 3 Reading and Paper 4 Writing, equally weighted across all 3 papers.

The speaking will, however, be reported alongside the 9-1 grade in the form of an endorsement with students gaining pass, merit or distinction, but it is important to note that the speaking will not count towards the final 9-1 GCSE grade.

Students have been supplied with a Student Guide which contains all the vocab prescribed by AQA. They are required to know this predominantly for the Listening and Reading papers.

In preparation for the Writing paper, students will need to have written their answers to banks of questions on all the sub-topics. Once drafted, their answers will then be corrected by their teacher. Students should then have neat and accurate versions to revise from.

Distinguishing between and being able to produce the past, present and future time frames accurately is also essential – revision for this can be done from exercise books.

Vocabulary learning

In order to score high marks on the Listening and Reading papers, it is necessary that the vocabulary is known. We encourage learning it in short bursts, but at regular intervals and to keep revising previously learnt words.

Different methods suit the different learning styles of the individual. Here are some ideas you could trial:

1. Read the words out loud
2. Record yourself saying the words
3. Read the words silently several times over
4. Cover the words, test yourself and check that they are correct
5. Get someone older than you to test you
6. Make flashcards with the English word on one side and the foreign language on the other
7. Separate the words into levels of difficulty and concentrate on the harder ones
8. Repeat the words rhythmically in a chant or rap
9. Learn the words in groups eg. opposites / synonyms E.g. patient - impatient / terrible - awful
10. Where appropriate, highlight and underline the key parts of words
11. Create a Wordle! (<http://www.wordle.net/create>)
12. Doodle or bubble write words on post it notes. Make a graffiti wall in your room!

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bishop, Head of MFL, or your child's language teacher for further information.

Where to find extra support for MFL GCSE**Useful websites**

www.quizlet.com

Good for testing topic vocabulary using games and flashcards

www.memrise.com

Courses have been set up especially for students from Southam College to practise vocabulary

www.bbc.co.uk/languages

This contains various courses to follow

www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects

Vocabulary revision on a variety of topics

www.senecalearning.com

Online revision and HL platform

Revision guide

We recommend buying the Pearson revision workbook