

Modern Foreign Languages: French or German

Award: GCSE

Board: Edexcel

Structure of the Examination

Paper 1

Listening Examination worth 25% of final GCSE.

The majority of the questions are in English, with two questions set in the target language.

Paper 2

Speaking Examination: You will be given a fixed examination date and time. All tasks will be recorded and marked externally by Edexcel. It is worth 25% of final GCSE. Students will be assessed through 3 tasks: a role-play, questions based on a picture stimulus, and a conversation on two topics.

Paper 3

Reading Examination worth 25% of final GCSE. There will be multiple response and short-answer open response questions, three of which will be in the target language. There will be a short translation to complete from the target language into English.

Paper 4

Writing Examination worth 25% of final GCSE. There will be a choice of questions to encourage spontaneity and creativity. Students will complete 3 open-response tasks and 1 translation from English into the target language (Foundation Tier). Students will complete 1 open-response task, 1 extended writing and 1 translation from English into the target (Higher Tier)

Assessment Methods

Students will take either Foundation level examinations for all skills or Higher level examinations for all skills. You are no longer permitted to take a combination of Higher and Foundation examinations. All examinations are at the end of Year 11.