



GCSE French, German and Spanish revision

Upcoming key dates for additional mocks

We feel it is important to give students a final chance to do a full mock assessment in exam conditions. We will therefore be running the following assessments later this term (Attendance is expected and this will be very useful. Last year, we managed 100% attendance):

Reading and Listening	French and German: Monday 26 Feb. 3:30-5:15. Venue TBC. Spanish: Wednesday 28 Feb. 3:30-5:15. Venue TBC.
Speaking	W/C 11 March. During the school day. Exact dates and timings TBC.
Writing	Done in lesson. Dates TBC.

Ongoing study support

It is vital that students engage with this programme as much as possible. These sessions will focus on revision of key content and exam skills and could make all the difference. In previous years, these sessions have been pivotal for students' improvement over the final few months:

French- Foundation Tier	Wednesday 3:20
French- Higher Tier	Wednesday 8:00
German- Foundation Tier	Tuesday 3:20
German- Higher Tier	Either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 3:20 (students will be aware of which session to attend from their teacher)
Spanish- Foundation Tier	Wednesday 3:20 – Week A
Spanish- Higher Tier	Wednesday 3:20- Week B

Useful tools to get the most out of revision

Students have many tools at their disposal that will be incredibly useful for their revision. Our message is to do little and often to ensure that students know as much **vocabulary** and **grammar** as possible. Students should also focus on knowing the 'Big Ideas' that are assessed separately and each make up 25% of the final exam: **Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking**. The resources outlined below will be particularly useful:

Firefly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students have access to the KS4 Firefly page for each language. This page contains fantastic revision material, including past paper questions. The page also contains links to ALL of the specification vocabulary. Students can also access all of our resources from Year 10 and 11 on this page.
Knowledge Organisers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These are also available on the Firefly page and contain fundamental vocabulary and grammar that students are expected to know to access at least a Grade 5.
Kerboodle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is an amazing interactive resource that we subscribe to at WHS. Students each have their individual login (the school code is mco8). Students can use this resource to access the online textbook and complete reading, listening and writing exercises. The 'resources' tab at the bottom of each page contains interactive, self-marking exercises that students can use to test themselves on vocabulary, grammar and the four 'Big Ideas': Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking from every GCSE unit of study.
Speaking Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Throughout the GCSE, all students have developed a bank of speaking question answers that should now be fully corrected and contain variety and complexity (students should speak to their teachers if they are missing any). These answers form the majority of speaking revision, as well as the bulk of revision for the writing exam (as the answers they learn can be used in their writing exam, too). Students therefore need to learn these incredibly well.
Memrise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students can create a free account, search for and revise all specification vocabulary.
BBC Bitesize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A great resource where students can recap and practise important grammar rules.
Languagesonline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An interactive website where students can practise important grammar rules.