

### Assessment

The following skills are assessed at the end of the course through examinations:

- Listening 25%
- Speaking 25% (conducted with the class teacher)
- Reading 25%
- Writing 25%

At least 3 skills are assessed in each of the five mock exams throughout Y10-11. Pupils can take either the Foundation tier exams (Grades 1-5) or the Higher tier exams (Grades 3-9). This is flexible and tier entries are not finalised until March – all pupils receive the opportunity to cover all content regardless of their final tier of entry.

### Course Content

At Swanmore, the AQA GCSE specification is followed. The skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing are taught through the following themes:

#### **Theme 1: Identity and Culture**

Relationships, Marriage, Technology, Free-time, Sport, Food, Special Occasions, Festivals

#### **Theme 2: The World**

Home, Region, Health, Charity, Environment, Global Issues, Holidays, Accommodation

#### **Theme 3: Study and Employment**

Studies, Languages, School Facilities, School Rules, Work Experience, Part-time Jobs, Jobs, Ambitions

## Knowledge Organisers

All pupils studying GCSE receive a Knowledge Organiser, which is central to the course. The Knowledge Organiser has many useful parts, including:

- Target Language Toolkit
- Universals
- Sentence Builder/Parallel Text page for each topic covered.

This should be brought to each lesson and used regularly at home to support independent learning.

## Independent Learning

Pupils are set two pieces of independent learning each week:

- Vocabulary learning (usually set from the current topic's Sentence Builder (30 minutes per week, potentially spread over 2-3 days). Pupils can use either Quizlet or their Knowledge Organiser to complete this.
- Listening/reading/grammar practice (usually set from the purple revision workbook (30 minutes).

Completion of independent learning is crucial for progress in MFL.

## Useful Websites

- **Quizlet** – useful for vocabulary learning.  
Link to French class: <https://quizlet.com/join/xQJCFbczb>  
Link to Spanish class: <https://quizlet.com/join/RRPqq9m4n>
- **Seneca** – free revision website – AQA specific and it repeats content in a different format if a question is answered wrong.
- **BBC Bitesize** – information displayed in an easy-to-use format and includes quizzes at the end of each topic.