



KS4 MFL: GCSE Languages

All EGA students take either French or Spanish GCSE at the end of Year 9.

Students have the option of taking Italian GCSE in Years 10 and 11. Language GCSEs have a Foundation Tier (grades 1–5) and a Higher Tier (grades 4–9). Students must take all four question papers at either Foundation or Higher tier.

Paper 1: Listening 25% of qualification	Paper 3: Reading 25% of qualification
What's assessed Understanding and responding to different types of spoken language.	What's assessed Understanding and responding to different types of written language.
Paper 2: Speaking 25% of qualification	Paper 4: Writing 25% of qualification
What's assessed Communicating and interacting effectively in speech for a variety of purposes.	What's assessed Communicating effectively in writing for a variety of purposes.

Themes

The language courses cover three distinct themes. These themes apply to all four question papers. Students are expected to understand and provide information and opinions about these themes relating to their own experiences and those of other people, including people in countries/communities where French, Spanish or Italian are spoken.

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 or Spanish-speaking countries/communities

Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest

Topic 1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region

Topic 2: Social issues

- Charity/voluntary work
- Healthy/unhealthy living

Topic 3: Global issues

- The environment
- Poverty/homelessness

Topic 4: Travel and tourism

Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

Topic 1: My studies

Topic 2: Life at school/college

Topic 3: Education post-16

Topic 4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions

