

MODERN LANGUAGES



IGCSE FRENCH (CIE 0520)

Alongside English, French is one of the languages most widely taught in the world and can be used in a large number of countries. It is the principal language of France and its overseas territories in the Caribbean and Indian Ocean; it is spoken in Belgium, Switzerland and Luxemburg and is essential for those students who will be moving to Canada. French is also widely used in both North and West Africa. In Hong Kong the Alliance Française organises a wide range of cultural and educational activities, promotes French films and offers language classes for all levels of proficiency. Students in Years 10 and 11 are encouraged to make links with French-speaking students where possible.



IGCSE SPANISH (CIE 0530)

Spanish is the third most widely spoken language in the world. It is the principal language of Spain, of virtually all countries in South and Central America and is prolific in parts of Africa and Asia. In the United States it has become the fastest growing native language other than English on the continent particularly in the West, in California and New Mexico, and on the eastern seaboard in metropolitan areas such as New York. The popularity of Spanish and Latin-American culture in Hong Kong has increased considerably over the years with an increased selection of restaurants, tapa cafes, salsa, music, national promotions and film festivals. The school has developed links with a Peruvian School in Lima where we have hosted their students and introduced them to life at Sha Tin College and the wider community.



LEARNING AIMS AND COURSES CONTENT

In French and Spanish you will develop your understanding of the spoken language in both social and “survival” situations - conversations, announcements and material taken from radio and television. You will learn to hold conversations for social and practical purposes; this will involve a variety of teacher-directed, small group and pair work activities. In order to develop your reading skills in the foreign language, you will be using posters, advertisements, letters, newspaper and magazine articles, timetables and other written material that you might encounter whilst abroad. The written skills developed at IGCSE include writing letters, accounts, messages, postcards and completing forms. In addition to the development of communicative skills, the course also introduces you to the people and way of life in French and Spanish speaking countries.



WHO THIS COURSE IS SUITABLE FOR?

This course is suitable for students that have received one to three years learning of the language, however exceptions are offered to those with no knowledge of French or Spanish on a case by case basis.

ASSESSMENT IN FRENCH AND SPANISH

Syllabus Name: Foreign Language French
 Qualification: IGCSE
 Exam Board: CIE
 Syllabus Code: 0520

Syllabus Name: Foreign Language Spanish
 Qualification: IGCSE
 Exam Board: CIE
 Syllabus Code: 0530



There are two tiers of examination: Core (grades C to G) and Extended (grades A* to G). Most Sha Tin College students will be entered for the Extended tier.

Core Curriculum Grades C to G	Extended Curriculum Grades A* to G
Paper 1 (33%): Listening (45 minutes) Sections 1, 2 and 3	Paper 1 (25%): Listening (45 minutes) Sections 1, 2 and 3
Paper 2 (33%): Reading and directed writing (1½ hours) Sections 1, 2 and 3	Paper 2 (25%): Reading and directed writing (1½ hours) Sections 1, 2 and 3
Paper 3 (33%): Speaking (15 minutes)	Paper 3 (25%): Speaking (15 minutes)
	Paper 4 (25%): Continuous writing (1¼ hours)