GETTING 7 – 9 IN LANGUAGES

¡Vamos / On y va!

Stats

FRENCH

7 - 9	**21%**	**39%**	**60%**
Nat.	30%		
9	**6%**	**3%**	**24%**
Nat.	9%		

SPANISH

7 - 9	**36%**	**48%**	**24%**
Nat.	27%		
9	**8%**	**4%**	**8%**
Nat.	7%		

We regularly beat national averages in getting top grades, obviously.
And with the new GCSEs, all remains well! French 7-9: 45%, 9: 8%. Spanish 7-9: 35%, 9: 8%



THE TRUST / TEAM FACTOR

- **Trust** your teacher/trust the team – the GCSE may have changed slightly but we know how to help you be the best linguist we can. Year 1 of the new GCSE approach was very successful.
- Use your teacher / the team – we are available! Just ask for extra support / practice.
- As a class, you are a team. Some are doing Foundation, some Higher all in the same class. Listen carefully for direction for Higher, support your Foundation colleagues, be a team.

The skills

- SPEAKING –
- READING –
- LISTENING –
- WRITING –

The order below is the order the exams come in. The big scorers tend to be speaking and writing because you have more control over what you say/write, etc. There was a slight difference in overall marks for speaking between French and Spanish. For French pupils, it's really important that you practise answering spontaneoulsy in lessons, not just reading out what you have written and to really focus in on phonics and read aloud practice to make sure you are scoring as highly as possible. The writing is the last exam and here the French outperformed the Spanish. Perhaps this was because the exam came so late in the exam period; we did our best to keep motivation high until the end, but this will be on you to keep some adrenaline in the bank to make sure you perform well to the bitter end!

- Listening and Reading are really where the high grades are decided. If you can score similar marks for your L and R, you will get these top grades.

<u>How to improve / practise.</u>

100% focus in lesson is a given. But you MUST now do some work at home.

- For L and R, do your learning homework, review old Quizlets from last year, do a listening and reading task each week – Bitesize or a revision book ideally.
- Accuracy is key for S and W. How to improve in accuracy? Write at home, ask your teacher. Use AI – tell it you are a GCSE French/Spanish student in Y11 in the UK and you want to practise an answer to 'X' question and you want it to correct any mistakes in the French/Spanish (writing or speaking) – see next slide for ideas of prompts.

10 – 5 – 5

- This was a technique that we developed after the mocks last year.
- You will put together, learn and practise using 10 great adjectives, 5 lovely connectives and 5 magic phrases.
- These are the first things you write in your speaking prep time and when you begin your writing exam. You can then refer to them during the exam to help you keep up a high standard of variety and complexity of language.
- Choose well! Check how they work with your mocks and refine them ready for the real exams.

Can I upload a sound file where I am speaking Spanish? I would like to you correct any mistakes in my Spanish.

Copilot

Yes, absolutely! You can upload a sound file of yourself speaking Spanish, and I'll listen to it, transcribe what you say, and then provide corrections and suggestions to improve your pronunciation, grammar, or vocabulary use.

Please go ahead and upload the audio file whenever you're ready. Once I have it, I'll get started!

This is experimental! We've not tried it before – do let us know what corrections it's giving your / bring in a screenshot and we'll double check...





Out of class interest helps! Independent practise using music, films, books, cartoons, clips – literally anything that is parent approved. If you can enjoy French / Spanish in its true real-world context, your grades will thank you!



