

Modern Foreign Languages

Year 11 Mock Exam Information

Exam specification and exam board	Edexcel GCSE
Past papers available at	There are no past papers available, as this is a new specification. Papers from the old specs are not suitable as many of the questions are in French/German/Spanish, unlike the new spec where the questions are all in English. Teachers will be able to provide appropriate practice questions in lessons.
Useful revision websites	All these apply for all three languages: • BBC Bitesize explains key grammar and exam skills • Quizlet and Memrise are great for vocab practice – search for Edexcel though • Seneca has practice of exam skills • Languages Online has vocab and grammar practice
<u>MOCK EXAM INFORMATION</u>	Writing: 1hr 15 (F), 1hr 20 (H) Listening: 45 mins (F), 60 mins (H) Reading: 45 mins (F), 60 mins (H) – reading paper will be done during lesson time
Topics covered in mock	My personal world Travel and Tourism Lifestyle and Wellbeing Studying and my Future My neighbourhood Media and technology
Recommended revision strategies	• Learn vocabulary actively – cover the English/French/German/Spanish and test yourself rather than just reading it. • Use flashcards – practise vocabulary, phrases and key grammar regularly. • Write from memory – recreate sentences and key phrases without looking at your notes. • Practise verbs – regularly revise common verbs in different tenses.

	• Read aloud – practise pronunciation and become familiar with sound–spelling patterns in your vocab book. • Listen regularly – use videos, podcasts or revision websites to hear the language. • Build sentences – combine vocabulary and grammar to create your own sentences using the sentence builders in your vocab book. • Use past, present and future – when practising a topic, try to use more than one tense. • Revisit old vocabulary – keep testing yourself on previous topics, not just the current one. • Practise little and often – 10–15 minutes regularly is more effective than one huge revision session.
<i>Top tips for your exam</i>	• Read the question carefully – make sure you know exactly what you are being asked to do. • Look for clues – use cognates, context, verb endings and familiar words to help you work things out. • Don't panic over unfamiliar words – you can often understand the overall meaning without knowing every word. • Check your tenses – look carefully for time phrases such as yesterday, usually, next week. • Answer the question asked – especially in writing; make sure you cover every bullet point. • Develop your answers – give an opinion, a reason and relevant detail where appropriate. • Use what you know – accurate simple language is better than attempting structures you cannot produce without mistakes. • Use the full exam time – go back and check your answers rather than finishing early. • For listening: read the questions before the recording starts and use the second and third hearings to confirm your answers. • For reading: read the questions first, then look at the text