



GCSE Language Handbook

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have created a new French and Spanish GCSE Handbook; this booklet contains all the key information in terms of grade descriptions, mark schemes, paper breakdowns, speaking questions and key vocabulary and grammar. This booklet is now available to purchase for £3.50 via SCOPAY (www.scopay.com/beaconsfield).

If you feel you may be eligible for financial support, please email pupilpremium@beaconsfieldhigh.school.

With the new GCSE in Languages, we have decided to follow the Pearson Edexcel Board. We feel that this board offers the students a more supportive journey. They have produced new Grammar and Translation books; your child is not requested to buy this book, but should you wish to buy them some extra revision material, this will certainly be of use.

- **French:** [French Grammar book](#)
- **Spanish:** [Spanish Grammar book](#)

We are often asked how you can support your child in their GCSE Language Course. Our recommendation for Language study is little and often and your encouragement to follow this will support them immensely. Your child will be joining a language learning platform over the next few weeks which includes vocabulary and grammar practice; they should be aiming to spend some time on this each week in addition to their homework.

Constant practice of their vocabulary and speaking questions is also invaluable. It has been made very clear with the new style GCSE that students need to be able to recognise vocabulary in texts that are jumbled up from the modules and are derivatives of the words on the vocabulary list. We have been setting weekly vocabulary tests where students have been learning module vocabulary, which has given them a foundation of vocabulary. From January onwards, they need to start revising from the overall vocabulary list. Pearson has created a fully interactive vocabulary list, where you can also select to jumble up the modules they have learnt so far. I have linked this below, and if you could support your child with their learning, testing them from target language into English and English into target language, this would be fantastic support.

- French: [Vocab list](#)
- Spanish: [Vocab list](#)

If you have any concerns or questions, please do contact me @ manley-l@beaconsfieldhigh.school.

Yours faithfully,

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