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# Modern Foreign Languages: French, German, Mandarin, Spanish

**EXAMINATION BOARD MAY VARY BY LANGUAGE**

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## *Studying Modern Foreign Languages*

*“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart”.*  
Nelson Mandela

With over 80% of the world not speaking English and only 6% using it as their first language, the benefits of being able to speak at least one foreign language are phenomenal. We therefore encourage all pupils to learn a language and be inspired by the breadth of the world.

Languages are important for the future and many university courses and employers view them favourably, especially if you choose to study and/or work abroad at any point. Since becoming a non-compulsory option in many schools in the UK, having a language GCSE is a great way to stand out from the crowd later on in life. At Rossall, all pupils are expected to study at least one Modern Foreign Language in Years 10 and 11. They are also given the opportunity to study a second one.

As well as having four language assistants to aid with the speaking and listening skills of our pupils. Regular exchange trips with France and Germany are organised as well as other cultural trips across Europe.

Pupils also have potential opportunities to participate in the China study visit, which is sponsored by the Office of Chinese Language Council International (Hanban). The study visit focuses on teaching Mandarin Chinese to pupils in Britain whilst also offering exciting cultural lessons and activities.



## What will I learn?

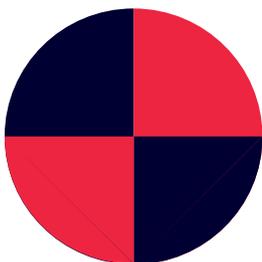
The course aims to develop the pupils' ability to use the language for purposes of practical communication, acquire the skills required for further study and develop an understanding of the culture and civilisation of the country they study. The course concentrates on authentic situations to practise the four different skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) and covers topics such as home and family, holidays, school and future plans, visitor information, etc. At the end of year 11, all four skills are assessed.

## How will I be assessed?

### French, German, Mandarin, Spanish AQA GCSE

- Paper 1: Listening – 25%
- Paper 2: Speaking – 25%
- Paper 3: Reading – 25%
- Paper 4: Writing – 25%

There is no coursework and pupils will work towards a final examination at the end of Year 11. Each paper is available at Foundation Tier or Higher Tier. Students must be entered for a single tier across all papers. The use of dictionaries is not permitted.



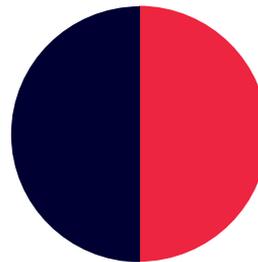
25% - Listening  
25% - Speaking  
25% - Reading  
25% - Writing

### CIE IGCSE First Language German

The CIE IGCSE First Language German course is aimed at native speakers of German. It is externally marked and there are 2 papers:

- Paper 1: Reading – 50%
- Paper 2: Writing – 50%

There is no coursework and pupils will work towards a final examination at the end of Year 11.



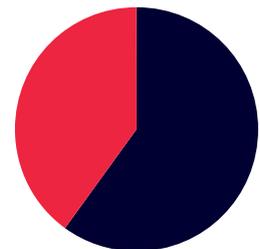
50% - Reading  
50% - Writing

### CIE IGCSE First Language Chinese

The Cambridge IGCSE First Language Chinese syllabus is designed for learners whose first language is Chinese. It is externally marked and there are two papers:

- Paper 1: Reading – 60%
- Paper 2: Writing – 40%

There is no coursework and pupils will work towards a final examination at the end of Year 11.



60% - Reading  
40% - Writing

## What can I do after I've completed the course?

As well as the educational benefit of studying a language and the academic rigour this involves, the course also has many practical uses for travel and leisure activities abroad. The study of a language at A Level combines well with most subjects and is an essential component of the IB Diploma.