



Autumn Newsletter Key Stage 4

Key Dates

Year 11 mock Spanish GCSE Listening and Reading exams take place on Weds 30th Nov. Weekly revision sessions run Tuesday – Friday from 3pm to 4pm. Y10 and 11 are welcome.

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Year 10:

- Pupils will be completing their first assessments in listening, reading and writing on the theme of 'Me, my family and my friends' which they have recently completed.

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Year 11:

- Pupils will be preparing for their second GCSE speaking exam, on the topic of 'Holidays' which will take place during the week commencing 14th November. Pupils should be spending time every day preparing for this and should be attending revision sessions after school too – see class teachers for details.
- As we approach Christmas, pupils will be preparing for their third written Controlled Assessment, also on the topic of 'Holidays'.



Year 10:

All the AQA GCSE vocabulary is now on Memrise. It is vital that your child undertakes vocabulary learning regularly throughout Years 10 and 11 to maximise their attainment in the subject.

Year 11:

As well as preparing for their Controlled Assessments, your child should still be continuing to work through the OCR GCSE vocabulary on Memrise. This is excellent preparation for their mock exams.

NB If any pupils have issues accessing Memrise, they must speak to their class teacher immediately.

A look into what is coming up for your child in MFL next!

Year 11 (Spanish):

- Dec-Jan: Complete writing Controlled Assessment on 'Holidays'.
- Jan-Feb: Pupils study topic of 'School' and complete final speaking exam.

Year 10 (Spanish and French):

- Nov: Pupils complete assessments on Theme 1.
- Dec: Pupils complete Theme 2 – 'Home, town, neighbourhood and region'.



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Year 7: Pupils will have completed the theme 'Me, my family and friends' and they will then be baseline tested, before starting the next theme.

Year 8: In Spanish, pupils in sets O-1 will be continuing with the theme of 'Holidays', whilst moving onto 'TV, film and music' in French. Pupils in sets 2-5 will be completing the themes of 'TV, film and music' before moving onto 'Making arrangements'.

Year 9: All pupils are completing the DTA (Dean Trust Award) in MFL. Pupils studying both languages will complete assessments on the themes of 'Holidays' (in Spanish) and 'Me, my family and friends' (in French). Pupils studying Spanish only will also be completing assessments on the theme 'Me, my family and friends'.

Trips:

There are still a few places available on the Year 9 trip to Catalonia in May 2017. For more details, pupils should ask their class teacher or speak to Mrs Buckley in Student Services.



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Spelling Bee



The spelling bee returns to Ashton in December 2016 for pupils in Year 7 – your child will be given more details on how they can take part by their class teacher.

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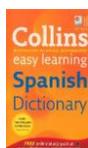
Quiz your child on these terms...

- Justified opinions
- Adjectival agreements
- Conjugating verbs
- Word order
- Past, Present and Future tenses
- CaRoL

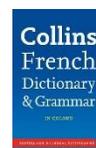
Why are these important?



- Every pupil at Ashton on Mersey school who studies a language must have access to Memrise. If your child is struggling to access Memrise or is unsure how it works, they must ask their class teacher who will happily support them with this.
- Memrise is a fundamental tool in your child's development in MFL and they will often be set homework which requires them to access the programme.



Dictionaries:



It is absolutely essential that your child has a bilingual dictionary for each language that they are studying and that they bring it to school for every MFL lesson.