

## Spanish and French

### **Exam Dates:**

**French Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Spanish Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

### **Exam Overview:**

Exam Board – WJEC

- Listening Paper Higher **or** Foundation (40 marks, worth 20%)
  - Listening Foundation 35 minutes (5 minutes reading time at start of paper)
  - Listening Higher 45 minutes (5 minutes reading time at start of paper)
- Reading Paper Higher **or** Foundation (40 marks, worth 20%)
  - Reading Foundation 35 minutes
  - Reading Higher 45 minutes

### **Guide to Exam Papers:**

- ALL answers written in ENGLISH

#### Listening Paper

- Spend first 5 minutes reading through questions thoroughly and predicting what you might hear.

Possible question types:

- Multiple choice – choose the correct picture
- Tick 3 statements that are true from a list of 9
- Open ended questions – listen and write down an answer (remember to **include a verb** in your answer)
- Match-up

The listening test will include the comprehension of public announcements, instructions and requests, interviews, news items, short dialogues and monologues such as weather forecasts.

#### Reading paper

- Summarise information – e.g complete a table
- Multiple choice – choose the correct picture
- Open ended questions
- Gap fill – complete the text with the words provided. Please pay particular attention to this type of question and read the instructions very carefully as you may have to write the letter instead of the word.

The reading test will include the comprehension of written public notices and signs, magazines or newspaper articles and personal information such as that found in letters, notes, e-mails or messages.

**Make sure you read the instructions carefully on the day of your actual exam and be aware that the type of question you get asked may be slightly different to previous years.**

## Areas of Revision

**Personal and social life** Self, family, friends, home life, shopping, meals, healthy living, illness and accident, free time, fashion, relationships, future plans.

**Local community** Home town, school, education, local environment, pollution, recycling, local facilities, comparisons with other towns and regions, weather and seasons.

**The world of work** Work experience, part-time jobs, future careers, technology (sending messages, accessing information).

**The wider world** Travel and holidays, media, social issues (e.g, life of young people today, homelessness, crime, drugs, healthy living, religion, politics), life in the countries and communities where the language is spoken.

## Revision Tips

- Copy the vocab out a couple of times — on actual paper!
- Say the vocab aloud
- Test yourself regularly
- Keep going over topics you have revised previously
- Break vocab lists into manageable chunks— for example on vocab express 8-10 words per topic are tested each time
- Use post- it notes around the house
- Associate sounds or images with the information you are learning
- Use notes / mind maps as a visual memory trigger.

## Useful websites

- [vocabexpress.com](http://vocabexpress.com)
- [www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com)
- [www.memrise.com](http://www.memrise.com)
- [www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk)
- [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com)
- [www.conjuguemos.com/verb/frog\\_game](http://www.conjuguemos.com/verb/frog_game)
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/>  
All sorts on here, including listening, grammar, cultural information
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/revision/spanish/>  
BBC Bitesize revision
- <http://www.spanishlanguage.co.uk/palabradia.htm>  
Sign up to the palabra del día and get your own Spanish word of the day emailed to you daily.