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**Information to parents and pupils Y8
AQA FCSE qualification for Year 8-9 2010-2011**

In June, all current Year 8 pupils studying French and Spanish will take the first of three Units for the AQA qualification FCSE (Foundation Certificate of Secondary Education) course in French and Spanish.

FCSE covers material taught in KS3. All four skill areas are assessed: Listening, Reading Speaking and Writing.

This course is fully accredited by QCA and there are three levels of award: Pass, Merit and Distinction (National Curriculum Levels 4,5,6).

The assessments are set by AQA, marked by Charters MFL teachers, and moderated by AQA.

In French the topics covered are Meeting People, Education and Future Plans and Health and Fitness.

In Spanish the topics covered are Home Life, Holidays and Food and Drink.

The first Unit will be assessed in the Summer term of Year 8, the second Unit will be assessed in the Autumn term of Year 9 and the third and last Unit in the Spring term of Year 9.

The FCSE assignments fit in well with the Year 8 and 9 Scheme of Work. Supplementary material is provided for topics that are not covered in the text book.

As part of homework pupils are expected to prepare for and revise for the assignments. More detailed information will be given by the class teacher nearer the time.

Pupils will receive an FCSE Certificate in French and Spanish in September 2011.

We are delighted with last year's Y9 results achieved by our pupils:

Spanish: Average percentage score was 79% compared to 63% nationally

Distinction: 156 pupils

Merit: 45 pupils

Pass: 5 pupils

French: Average percentage score was 72% compared to 60% nationally

Distinction: 150 pupils

Merit: 56 pupils

Pass: 27 pupils

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