API HORIZONS

Language Tuition

French & Spanish tuition for ambitious learners

Personalised tuition that combines academic rigour, confidence and genuine language competence.

ASPIRATIONAL	PURPOSEFUL	INTERNATIONAL

For GCSE, IGCSE, A Level, International A Level, university preparation and motivated independent learners.

API Horizons offers individually planned language tuition designed around the learner in front of us: their course, their current level, their ambitions and the way they learn best. Examination success matters, but so does what remains afterwards — the confidence to communicate, the ability to think independently and a language that can be used beyond the classroom.

A different kind of language tuition

Language learning is most powerful when accuracy, communication and purpose develop together. API Horizons tuition therefore goes beyond completing exercises or rehearsing examination answers. Students learn to understand how the language works, express increasingly sophisticated ideas and become more confident in using French or Spanish independently.

What tuition can support

- GCSE and IGCSE French and Spanish
- A Level and International A Level French and Spanish
- Examination preparation, revision and targeted grade improvement
- Speaking confidence, pronunciation and spontaneous communication
- Grammar, vocabulary and accurate written expression
- Essay writing, translation and higher-level analytical skills
- Preparation for university language study and competitive applications
- English language support for international students
- Adult learners seeking structured, purposeful language development

Individual planning, not a standard programme

No two students arrive with exactly the same strengths or gaps. Tuition begins by identifying what the learner can already do, where progress is being constrained and what success should look like. Lessons are then planned to address those priorities, with the balance of speaking, listening, reading, writing, grammar and examination technique adjusted as the student develops.

> *"Alex was attentive and never left a student behind; his lessons were also vigorously planned. I found it very easy to learn in the teaching environment he curated."*
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> **— Ben, former GCSE & A Level Spanish student; went on to study languages at Durham**

Academic expertise with classroom perspective

API Horizons is led by an experienced teacher of French and Spanish with more than sixteen years in independent education, including leadership of Spanish and extensive experience preparing pupils for public examinations. That background brings together subject knowledge, curriculum understanding and a practical awareness of what students are expected to do under examination conditions.

> **— Former Head of a top London independent school**

Examination-informed teaching

Effective examination preparation is not about teaching to a script. Students need to know the demands of their specification, understand how marks are earned and then develop the linguistic range and control to perform consistently. Experience across GCSE, IGCSE, A Level and International A Level courses allows tuition to be precisely targeted while retaining a broader view of language learning.

> *“Alex taught me Spanish A Level, taking my grade from a B to an A*. He was thorough in his approach whilst being very approachable and ensuring I felt comfortable asking questions and improving, offering opportunities for me to challenge myself. Would definitely recommend.”*
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> **— Anish, former A* Spanish A Level student**

Particular strengths include

- French and Spanish across secondary school examination pathways
- Speaking preparation that develops flexible answers rather than memorised scripts
- Grammar explained clearly and then applied in meaningful contexts
- Writing development from sentence accuracy to extended, sophisticated responses
- Translation strategies and vocabulary acquisition
- Stretch and challenge for high-attaining students
- Rebuilding confidence where a learner has developed gaps or become hesitant

How tuition works

> *"His method of teaching is very logical and structured and keeps the learning process enjoyable. He is patient and goes above and beyond when it comes to helping with progressing with the language."*
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> **— Dagem, former Year 11 French & Year 13 Spanish student; achieved A* in French**

1. Initial consultation	A conversation with the student and/or parent establishes the learner's current position, course, priorities and goals.
2. Diagnostic focus	Early work identifies strengths, gaps and the highest-value areas for development.
3. Personalised programme	Lessons are planned around the individual rather than taken from a fixed sequence.
4. Deliberate practice	Students revisit and apply language through carefully chosen speaking, writing, retrieval and examination tasks.
5. Growing independence	Support is gradually converted into strategies the student can use confidently without the tutor.

A lesson may include

- Retrieval of previously learned vocabulary and grammar
- Explicit teaching of a new linguistic feature
- Guided practice followed by increasingly independent application
- Authentic or examination-style reading and listening
- Structured conversation and spontaneous speaking
- Feedback on written work with clear next steps
- Short, focused independent work between lessons where appropriate

> *"Alex taught me for two years leading to an A*. He was a very dedicated teacher, went above and beyond to give tailored feedback and help students who were struggling in particular areas. Above all, his passion was inspiring for all students in the class."*
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> **— Charlie, former A Level Spanish student**

For ambitious students — without one definition of ambition

Ambition looks different for different learners. For one student it may mean moving from a secure grade 7 to a 9. For another, it may mean recovering confidence before an oral examination, preparing for A Level after a difficult GCSE experience, or developing a language far enough to use it naturally while travelling, studying or competing abroad.

Support for students with wider goals

Language learning often sits within a bigger educational or personal journey. API Horizons can connect tuition with wider aspirations — including preparation for competitive university applications and Modern Languages interviews, international experiences, and the particular needs of young people whose academic studies must fit around demanding sporting commitments.

> *"I would strongly recommend Alex to any student preparing for competitive university interviews, particularly in Modern Languages. His subject knowledge, professionalism, and ability to bring out the best in students make him an excellent tutor and mentor. Our student found the session extremely helpful for his confidence and was successful in his application to Oxford.*
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> **— Mat, former Head of French at Dulwich College & Educational Consultant**

For young athletes

For aspiring athletes, language tuition can be planned with the realities of training and competition in mind. The focus can include both academic progress and the practical communication needed to operate confidently in international sporting environments. This sits alongside API Horizons' wider athlete support.

For parents

Parents should have a clear sense of what tuition is trying to achieve. Where appropriate, API Horizons provides concise communication about priorities and progress while ensuring that the student increasingly takes ownership of their own learning.

Who is this for?

- A student who is capable of more but needs greater structure, challenge or consistency
- A learner who understands material in class but struggles to produce it confidently under pressure
- A high-attaining student seeking greater linguistic sophistication
- A student preparing for a specific examination, speaking assessment or transition to the next stage
- A young person balancing demanding academic work with high-level sport or other commitments
- An international student who would benefit from purposeful English-language support
- An adult learner who wants serious, structured progress rather than a generic conversation class

The aim

Better examination performance is one outcome. The larger aim is a more capable, confident and independent linguist.

Students should leave tuition with more than corrected work. They should understand their recurring errors, know how to improve them, possess strategies for learning independently and feel increasingly able to express what they actually want to say.

> *"Alex was a fantastic teacher who had a real influence on my decision to continue studying Languages at university."*
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> **— Henry, former GCSE & A Level Spanish student**

Start with a conversation

A free initial consultation provides an opportunity to discuss the student's current course, strengths, concerns and objectives, and to consider whether API Horizons is the right fit.

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