

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

WHY STUDY THIS COURSE?

We are fortunate to offer three languages at A Level (French, German, Spanish). The following information is generic for all three languages. The A-level course represents a very advanced level of linguistic proficiency. Students will be able to gain confidence and fluently discuss topical and sophisticated aspects of life.

COURSE DETAILS

Qualification: A Level

French/German/ Spanish

Awarding Body: AQA

Entry Requirements: 5 GCSE grades A*- C/4+ including both English language and maths, plus GCSE grade 5+ in the chosen language is also required. Students should have sat the higher tier paper at GCSE.

UK industry really needs people with excellent language skills. Universities recognise languages as challenging, academic A Levels.

Languages are excellent subjects to combine with others at university (eg Chemistry & German). They provide future opportunities to live and work abroad and learn about another country's history, culture and way of life. You will express your opinions on contemporary themes such as immigration and youth culture.

COURSE STRUCTURE & ASSESSMENT

Topical issues including: the changing nature of families, the digital world, immigration/integration, racism and the political life of young people. Cultural themes including: festivals, traditions, art, architecture, music, fashion and cinema.

Literary texts & films such as: *La Haine*, *L'Étranger*, *Sophie Scholl*, *Der Vorleser*, *La casa de Bernarda Alba*. Research project: Similar to EPQ, students will research a cultural aspect which interests them and present/discuss this as part of the speaking exam.

Core skills: Throughout both years of study there will be an emphasis on the core skills of grammar and translation, fluency, listening and reading comprehension, and producing high-quality written/spoken language.

- Paper 1: Reading/Listening/Writing, 2.5 hours: 100 marks (50%)
- Paper 2: Writing, 2 hours: 80 marks (20%)
- Paper 3: Speaking, 21-23 minutes: 60 marks (30%)