

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

The study of a modern foreign language at AS and A-level enables you to learn to communicate confidently and imaginatively in the chosen language, whether you are speaking or writing. As well as developing your listening, speaking, reading and writing skills, you will acquire knowledge of the cultural background of countries whose language you are studying. You will also develop your skills in presenting your ideas and opinions in the spoken and written language. A range of topics will be explored, including current affairs, geography, history, art and literature.

Part of your lesson time will be in small conversation groups in a relaxed atmosphere to encourage your spoken fluency. You will be encouraged to use the Internet, to watch television broadcasts and videos and read newspapers and magazines in the foreign language. Visits abroad are arranged privately or as part of the school exchanges.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE at grade A or B in the appropriate foreign language.

LINKS WITH OTHER SUBJECTS

The study of Modern Foreign Languages can be combined with the full range of other subjects, since it promotes analytical, critical and communication skills.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Advanced language skills open opportunities in higher education, not only in the study of foreign languages but also in obtaining grants and scholarships for studying abroad. An AS or A-level in a foreign language extends your career possibilities in many fields including international business, law, banking and the travel industry. The communication skills and confidence you acquire are an asset in any higher education course or career.

COURSE CONTENT

AS French & Spanish

Unit 1 Listening, Reading And Writing

Candidates will answer a range of questions based on approximately five minutes of heard material and on a selection of written stimulus texts. They will also respond in writing to a question based on one of the AS topics.

Unit 2 Speaking

Candidates will discuss a target-language stimulus card based on one of the AS topics and take part in a conversation covering three further AS topics.

A2 French & Spanish

Unit 3 Listening, Reading And Writing

Candidates will answer a range of questions based on approximately 6 minutes of heard material and on a selection of written texts. They will also respond in writing to a question based on one of the four A2 cultural topic areas.

Unit 4 Speaking

Candidates will present a point of view based on a target-language stimulus card from one of the A2 topic areas and take part in a conversation covering two further subtopics of the A2 cultural topics.

AS German

Unit 1 is the speaking test, with a role-play and topic discussion. It represents 30% of the marks for AS (15% of A Level).

Unit 2 is a written paper, testing the other three skills and with a variety of listening, reading and writing tasks. It represents 70% of the marks for AS (35% of A-Level).

A2 German

Unit 3 is the speaking test, with the discussion of an article in the target language and topic discussion. It represents 15% of the marks for A-level.

Unit 4 is a written paper, testing the other three skills, with a variety of tasks involving comprehension and manipulation of language as well as an extended essay. It represents 35% of the marks for A-Level.