

MODERN LANGUAGES: FRENCH, GERMAN AND SPANISH

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Examination board: French – AQA 7652, German – AQA 7662, Spanish – AQA 7692



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*“If you recognise that language skills are key to worldwide business, trade and commerce, enjoy communicating opinions and ideas and discussing **topical issues** in the chosen language, and want to learn about other **cultures** and ways of life by analysing and evaluating these, you may find one or more of our Modern Language A Levels are right for you.”*



PROGRAMME OF STUDY

The topics studied during the course cover a wide range of issues including social issues and phenomena such as drug taking, law breaking and internet dating. You'll also study politics, current affairs and history, intellectual culture (past and present) all through film and literature.

Your language skills will be developed through listening (including interviews, conversations, radio broadcasts, podcasts, videos and work with native speakers); speaking (including role-play scenarios, dialogues, debates, short presentations, general and regular conversations with a native speaker, competitions and trips abroad); reading (including articles, letters, reports, research projects, poems, descriptions and essays); and studying grammar (via games, revision, practice, self-study and online).

We offer students some fantastic opportunities and unforgettable experiences, as well as expert tuition, in our three A Level languages plus beginners' Arabic and Mandarin as part of the *Complementary Studies* programme. We offer work experience in France, Germany and Spain, trips abroad, cinema workshops, theatre visits, essay and creative writing prize competitions and residential courses at Leeds University and Villiers Park. There are opportunities aplenty to get involved with the department by becoming a Language Prefect or Mentor. Students flourish by taking charge of ultra-curricular clubs, such as the Linguistics Society

ASSESSMENT

- All the elements studied across the two years (listening, reading, writing, speaking and knowledge of grammar), will be assessed formally at the end of the course.
- Your knowledge and understanding of facts relating to the culture of your chosen language will also be assessed.

FUTURE PLANS

Modern Languages complement virtually all subjects. The number of universities which now offer Modern Languages with other subjects has burgeoned, such as law, economics, business and management, sciences, IT and more. You will find these degree courses will often involve an element of studying abroad so a high level of language competence is required.

TO APPLY

Grade 7-9 in the chosen language at GCSE is strongly recommended.