

# MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES



# A LEVEL LANGUAGES WITH AQA (FRENCH & SPANISH)

The core content of the new A Level in French and Spanish is as follows:

- Social issues and trends
- Political and artistic culture
- Grammar

There is also the option to study literary texts and films, which will be done in both languages.

The A Level language specifications can be found in full here: [www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/](http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/)

The new A Level is a linear two-year course consisting of three papers, all examined at the end of the second year of study:



## PAPER 1: LISTENING, READING & WRITING (50%)

### Content

- Listening comprehension assessed in the target language
- Reading comprehension assessed in the target language
- Translation into English (a passage of minimum 100 words)
- Translation into the target language (a passage of minimum 100 words)

### Notes

- Written terminal examination (end of the second year)
- No access to a dictionary during the assessment



## PAPER 2: WRITING (20%)

### Content

- Either one short essay in the target language on a set text from a choice of two questions and one short essay in the target language on a set film from a choice of two questions
- Or two short essays in the target language on set texts from a choice of two questions on each text

### Notes

- No access to text or film during the assessment
- No access to a dictionary during the assessment

## PAPER 3: SPEAKING (30%)

### Content

- Discussion of a sub-theme (see broad topic areas above) with the discussion based on a stimulus card which may be studied by the pupil for five minutes prior to the start of the test
- Presentation and discussion of individual research project (prepared over the course of the two years)

### Notes

- Spoken terminal examination (towards the end of the second year)
- Internally assessed and externally marked
- No access to a dictionary during the assessment (stimulus card preparation time)

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SETS YOU IN  
A CORRIDOR  
FOR LIFE. TWO  
LANGUAGES  
OPEN EVERY  
DOOR ALONG  
THE WAY.

– Frank Smith



# WHERE CAN A LANGUAGE QUALIFICATION TAKE ME?

Statistics tell us that there has been a major decline in the number of people studying modern languages in the UK over the past few years, which means that young people with good language skills are in short supply. As an advanced level linguist, you will be joining an elite group of people, and it shouldn't surprise you to learn that modern language speakers are important to all kinds of industries, from fashion and finance to journalism and logistics, so the possibilities later in life are numerous. Here is a selection of sectors where your language skills can give you the edge:

- Law
- Advertising, Marketing & PR
- Banking, Finance & Accountancy
- Media
- Management Consulting, Business & Admin
- Culture, Music & Performing Arts
- Teaching & Education
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Public Sector & Defence
- Retail & Sales
- Charity, Not-for-profit & NGO
- Recruitment & Human Resources
- Transport & Logistics

Language skills are not the be all and end all, but they are often a means to an end.



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