



Modern Foreign Languages

(French, German & Spanish)

Head of Subject:

French – Mr P Smith

German – Mr A Shipton

Spanish – Miss N Hulme (Acting)

Aims

Students will gain linguistic competence in the four skills; listening, reading, writing and speaking. At the end of the GCSE course, the majority of students will be able to:

- Converse using a range of tenses and linguistic structures.
- Communicate at a competent level and with the beginnings of the fluency they will acquire at A Level.
- Most will have the skills required to be able to read widely on the internet and to read books for pleasure in a foreign language.
- They will learn to use grammatical structures to communicate confidently and with a degree of accuracy on paper and orally.
- Students will also develop translation and transcription skills at GCSE.

Requirements

You may choose to study French, German or Spanish as your sole compulsory Modern Foreign Language. If you want to study two languages, you will need to take French as the core language and EITHER German OR Spanish as an additional option.

Exam Board: AQA

What will I study?

Students will study the following three themes and related sub-topics regardless of which language they choose to study:

Theme 1: People and Lifestyle

- Identity and relationships with others
- Healthy living and lifestyle
- Education and work

Theme 2: Popular Culture

- Free time activities
- Customs festivals and celebrations
- Celebrity culture

Theme 3: Communication and the world around us

- Travel and tourism including places of interest
- Media and technology
- The environment and where people live

How will you be assessed?

Reading – 1 hour written paper, 50 marks, weighted 25%

Listening – 45 minutes written paper, 50 marks, weighted 25%

Speaking – 15 minutes preparation time, 10-12 minutes spoken examination, 50 marks, weighted 25%

Writing – 1 hour 15 minutes written paper, 50 marks, weighted 25%

Super-curricular Opportunities:

French: Year 10 visit to Paris in October

German: Year 10 visit to Munich April

Spanish: Year 10 exchange to Valladolid

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