

Modern Foreign Languages

A Level



What will I learn?

The core content includes, social issues and trends, political and artistic culture, grammar, one literary text and one film, both chosen according to the students' interests.

How will I learn?

Lessons are conducted in small groups in the target language (French, German or Spanish) and in English. There is a strong emphasis on group discussion and debate, particularly when exploring social or political topics, or when analysing the book and the film. We will read the book and watch the film together in class.

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed by sitting 3 exams at the end of Year 13, Listening, Reading and Writing (Paper 1) which counts as 50% of your grade, Writing (Paper 2) which counts as 20% of your grade and Speaking (Paper 3) which counts as 30% of your grade.

FAQs.

What do I need to know or be able to do before taking this course?

You will need to have a good understanding of the grammatical concepts covered in the GCSE course. Your productive language skills (writing and speaking) will need to be strong and you will need to have been successful on higher tier papers and gained a grade 6 or above at GCSE.

You will need to have an interest in current affairs and enjoy debating a variety of issues.

What kind of student is this course suitable for?

This course will appeal to students who:

- have enjoyed learning the language at GCSE;
- enjoy communicating in the foreign language;
- have an interest Francophone, German or Hispanic culture;
- enjoy reading a variety of materials, literary and non-literary;
- wish to combine a foreign language with other A level courses to complement them and widen their possibilities for future career choices.
- are able to motivate themselves to learn independently as well as in a classroom.

How can I practise my speaking skills?

We are likely to be able to offer trips to France, Germany or Spain at some point during the two year course. We would also encourage you to explore ways of visiting French, German and Spanish speaking countries independently to help you practise and get a deeper understanding of cultural differences.

Practising your spoken language skills outside school (e.g. with a private tutor who is a native speaker) is also recommended.

Exam Board

AQA

Skills Gained

language skills
Research skills
Problem solving
Independent work
ethic
Team work
Presentation skills
Revision skills

Careers

Translator
Language Teacher
Aid Worker
Interpreter
Broadcast
Journalist
Civil Service
Tour Guide
Copywriter