

GCSE : French/German/Spanish

'To have another language is to possess a second soul'
(Charlemagne)

Course Description

The AQA Language GCSE courses consolidate work on the topics covered throughout Key Stage 3 and include the following areas of study:

*Lifestyle

- Health
- Relationships and Choices

*Leisure

- Free Time and the Media
- Holidays

*Home and Environment

- Home and Local Area
- Environment

*Work and Education

- School and Future Plans
- Current and Future Jobs



Examination Information

Unit 1 Listening

Exam 20%

Unit 2 Reading

Exam 20%

Unit 3 Speaking*

Controlled Assessment 30%

Two tasks submitted for moderation.

Unit 4 Writing*

Controlled Assessment 30%

Two tasks submitted for marking.

*Completing Controlled Assessments means that there is no element of luck in this skill and no pressure of limited examination time, so students who work hard and prepare well are suitably rewarded.

Pupils are entered for skill areas at the tier (either Foundation or Higher) most suitable to their level of competence.



Skills

You will...

listen and respond to different types of language

communicate for a variety of purposes

read and respond to different types of written language

communicate in writing for a variety of purposes

use and understand a range of vocabulary and structures

understand and apply the grammar

Teaching & Learning

If you enjoy communicating with other people, finding out how language works and learning about different cultures, studying a language at GCSE is an excellent choice for you!

A range of media, including film, music, access to online activities and authentic materials will contribute to making learning a fun and interesting experience. You will also have opportunities to be imaginative and creative with the language. You will use the Nelson Thornes text book and Kerboodle course materials, endorsed by AQA.

At GCSE you will also have the opportunity to develop your oral skills by speaking to native speakers, our Foreign Language Assistants.

Progression to Further Education

*The English Baccalaureate requires study of a Modern Language to GCSE level and a language at GCSE is increasingly required when applying to certain universities.

*The outlook is very positive indeed for students who learn Modern Foreign Languages. Pupils who do well at GCSE level will have the opportunity to develop their language skills further through study at Advanced Level or IB level in the Sixth Form. Some go on to study languages at university either as their main discipline or as an accompaniment to other subjects.

Many universities ask for a GCSE A to C grade in a Modern Foreign Language as a requirement for certain degree courses.

For further information please see:

Mrs Bruce (Subject Leader and German)

Mrs Stoddart (Lead Teacher French)

Miss Haskins (Lead Teacher Spanish)

Careers

Journalism
Accountancy
Banking
Finance
Law
Management
Marketing
Teaching
Administration
Translating and interpreting
Service industries
ICT
Charities and Voluntary Work
Government & Civil Service
Science & Engineering
Hospitality and Tourism

