

# Modern Foreign Languages

**100%**  
Pass Rate

1 in 4  
students  
achieved  
A\*-A

Focus on  
**contemporary**  
ideas and  
issues

**Valued by  
Employers**

**Extra  
speaking  
classes**



# A Level Modern Foreign Languages

Studying foreign languages at A Level opens windows onto other countries and cultures, and a door into your future. Through hands-on lessons, guided independent learning and a range of enrichment activities, you will develop a knowledge and understanding of the countries where your chosen language is spoken, and a high level of proficiency in the key foreign language skills of speaking, listening, reading, writing and translating – highly prized by employers in our increasingly globalised world. You will also develop all the valuable generic skills for success in the worlds of university and work, making you a confident, cultured and highly employable thinker and communicator – and in more than one language!

A Level languages develop your linguistic competency through engaging with the cultures and societies of French, German or Spanish speaking countries. We explore a range of topics, typically including popular culture, current affairs and contemporary social issues. You will be encouraged to do this in the target language as much as possible, accessing sources such as up-to-date podcasts, sound-files, web-links and other media output, and building an essential stock of words and phrases in the process.

You will also study a contemporary French, German or Spanish film and novel/play in the original language, analysing themes, characters and cinematic and literary techniques, and, again, developing your vocabulary and grasp of the language in authentic use. Regular vocabulary testing and lots of practice means that you will be able to discuss cultural topics with confidence, and write with insight and authority about the film and novel/play'.

Grammar is the glue which holds any language together, and mastering it unlocks progression from GCSE to A Level. In addition to structured grammar activities in class and exposure to grammar through immersion in the range of materials outlined above, you will be developing and applying your

grammatical knowledge through independent study and weekly consolidation exercises. In language learning as in so much else: practice makes perfect!

To support your language learning and potential career we offer enrichment activities such as trips abroad where possible, e-partnerships with peers in target language countries, and talks by guest speakers. You will also be invited to take part in national language competitions, and, should you choose to apply for a degree in foreign languages at a prestigious university, will benefit from extra coaching.

Thanks to both the specific linguistic ability and all the transferable skills gained from language learning, universities and employers increasingly value students with an A Level in a foreign language. So even if you're not currently planning to study a language at degree level or work directly with languages, A Level languages really can and do open doors to a successful and excitingly multi-national future!

## Entry Requirements:

A minimum of 5x Grade 5s, including English Language and Grade 6 in your chosen language.

## What's great about this course?



Study foreign cultures as well as languages



Highly valued by universities and employers

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