Modern Foreign Languages

French, German & Spanish (AQA)

"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart." - Nelson Mandela

The study of a Modern Foreign Language (MFL) at A Level is a rewarding experience and offers an exciting challenge to aspiring linguists and those interested in foreign culture. We live in a globalised society and it is therefore important to be able to communicate in other languages and to have an appreciation and understanding of other cultures.

Academic

The range of university courses combining an MFL with another discipline is almost limitless, and the ability to speak one or more foreign languages is highly regarded by universities and employers in a wide range of fields. Linguists will be able to develop confidence and fluency in their chosen language, widen vocabulary, learn to manipulate the language to suit their purposes and extend their knowledge of the culture and customs of the country where the language is spoken. Classes are conducted principally in the foreign language; the more complex grammatical aspects are explained in English but otherwise students enjoy contributing ideas and opinions in the target language on a wide range of topics.

We hope students will be inspired to travel, to develop confidence in using the language in a variety of contexts, both for pleasure and for possible career opportunities. Each language has its own sub-themes, which reflect each languages diversity and cultural heritage.

Co-Curricular

Enrichment opportunities could include: Work experience placements in Europe through schemes such as Halsbury Travel, the opportunity to gain the Language Leaders Award and mentor younger students, participation in our programme of residential trips and the chance to promote language learning throughout the school. In addition to our programme of residential trips, linguists are invited to contribute to our exciting international Erasmus+ projects.