

Modern Foreign Languages GCSE

French, German and Spanish

We are delighted to be able to offer French, German and Spanish to GCSE.
You may select any language(s) you have studied in Year 9.

Aims of the Course

In French, German and Spanish the aims are the same:

- to help you understand and appreciate different countries, cultures, people and communities
- to allow you to develop the skills needed to use and understand the language
- to lay the foundations for future study of other languages.



Course Content

In all three languages the work in Years 10 and 11 builds on what you have been doing in Years 7, 8 and 9. You continue to practise the everyday language needed when you visit foreign countries. Topics of in depth study include:

Theme 1: People and Lifestyle

- Identity and relationships with others; healthy living and lifestyle and education and work.

Theme 2: Popular culture

- Free-time activities; customs, festivals and celebrations and celebrity culture

Theme 3: Communication and the world around

- Travel and tourism; including places of interest; media and technology and the environment and where people live.

As your language skills improve, you will become more confident in using the language and have the ability to go into much greater depth when talking about issues which interest you.

Please note that this is a new GCSE and you will be the first cohort to take it in 2026!

Teaching and Learning Methods

The emphasis will be on communication in the target language. You will be actively involved in French, German or Spanish lessons and will regularly use a variety of stimuli to engage with the language such as authentic texts, songs, video clips and audio sources. You will cover the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Homework will involve extended written work, learning vocabulary, reading and listening exercises using Active Learn, grammar and translation using the workbook and speaking preparation. Knowledge of vocabulary is vital, students regularly use the website “Memrise”.

ASSESSMENT

Linear exams at the end of the course assessing students in all four skills.

Listening 25% Writing 25% Reading 25% Speaking 25%

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