

What can I do after this course?

Following the completion of a French, Spanish or German GCSE, students achieving the entry requirements can study languages at A Level. Students generally continue with the language they studied at GCSE and some also choose an additional language to study.

A Language GCSE also gives you a wide range of transferable skills which can be applied to other subjects or professional contexts. It is therefore highly regarded by employers and institutions of Higher Education. More broadly, being able to speak in a foreign language will open your horizon and many doors for your future.

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How will I be assessed?

The marks are allocated as follows:

Listening 25%

Reading 25%

Speaking 25%

Writing 25%

You will be entered for either the Foundation or Higher Tier. There is a final exam for each skill.



Success with care.

What will I learn?

You have already started learning GCSE topics since Year 7 and will therefore have a solid grounding in the basics of the language. Everything that you have studied so far will be needed for GCSE: the vocabulary, the grammar and the phonics. Culture will also be a big part of your GCSE as learning a language also includes learning a new culture!

The topics studied are interesting and broad and will include: **Theme 1 – People and Lifestyle** (Identity and relationships with others; healthy lifestyles; Education and work); **Theme 2: popular culture** (Free-time activities; Customs and festivals, celebrity culture); **Theme 3: Communication and the world around us** (Travel and tourism; Media and technology; the environment and where people live)

The listening and reading exams will require you to understand authentic texts, such as blogs, newspaper articles. The focus is on understanding the foreign language in various contexts. In the speaking exam, the emphasis is on communication and pronunciation to allow you to grow as a proficient linguist in the future. The writing exam concentrates on a variety of skills ranging from translation to creating a text in the foreign language.

How is this course delivered?

The work is classroom based, but there may also be an opportunity to take part in a visit abroad.

