

Modern Foreign Languages

French, German, Spanish

Year 12/13

Paper 1: Listening, reading and translation.

Paper 2: Written response to works (film/book) and translation.

Paper 3: Speaking

Topic Areas

The course aims to give you a deeper understanding of the people, politics, culture and language of the countries you choose to study. Each language has slightly different topics in order to reflect issues and themes that may be of specific interest to that country (particularly in Year 13).

Year 12 Topics:

French

- Family, education, work, music, media & festivals

Spanish

- Family, tourism, work, music, media & festivals

German

- Natural living, education, work, music, media festivals

In Year 12 you will also study a French/Spanish/German film.

Year 13 topics:

French:

- Immigration, France in WW2 - the Occupation, the Vichy regime and the Resistance

Spanish:

- Immigration, Franco and the Civil War, the transition from dictatorship to democracy

German:

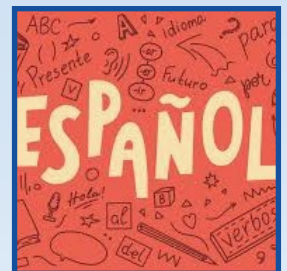
- Immigration, life in the DDR, the fall of the Berlin wall, Germany after Reunification

In Year 13 you will also study a literary text and undertake an independent research project on a topic of your choice for your speaking exam.

Skills

The aim is to build listening, reading, speaking and writing skills as well as study history, film, literature and contemporary cultural issues for each language.

Research skills are also developed through completing the independent research project in the final speaking exam.



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Teaching staff

Generally, there are two teachers per group. In addition, students have a compulsory timetabled session with a Language Assistant. Initially these are in groups, then on an individual basis in preparation for your speaking exam.

Independent Study

Vocabulary and Grammar

It is vitally important that you keep a well-organised record of all new vocabulary and grammar, and that this is regularly updated. There will be regular tests.

Reading and Listening

There is a wealth of material available on the internet and podcasts to help you practice reading and listening skills.

Materials

Coursebooks: Hodder Education A-Level German/French/Spanish - this book provides material for both Year 12 and Year 13.

We also recommend that students purchase a grammar workbook and a good bilingual dictionary.

Visits Abroad

French Study Trip or Exchange

This year we are offering a combined trip to Normandy and then Paris. Students visit both destinations. They will also be able to spend a day at a French school.

Spanish Study Trip

In 2020 we are offering a study trip to Madrid. Students will attend language classes in the morning and go on cultural visits in the afternoon/evening, which are relevant to the course.

German Study Trip

Students have the chance to travel to Berlin in either Year 12 or 13. We run this trip to support the historical units, which examine life before and after reunification, as well as giving context to the film and novel students will study at A-Level.

Subject Combinations

Languages complement other subjects at A-Level and certainly broaden a student's skills base. Many undergraduate university courses can be combined with a modern language, such as economics, politics, history or law. Furthermore, many university courses offer placements in Europe, and an ability to use a language at a high level is extremely beneficial.

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