

Course Information – MFL

Modern Foreign Languages - French, German , Spanish

The MFL GCSE course covers a range of topics that are designed to be both useful and interesting to students. Throughout the course, in German and French they will cover the topics of media and culture, sport and leisure, travel and tourism and business, work and employment. In Spanish, they will study the themes of identity and culture, local, national, international and global areas of interest and current and future study and employment.

Why Study Foreign Languages at GCSE

Languages are useful in a variety of fields, whether in the world of work or in leisure, such as on holiday. Learning a language is a great way to understand the culture of another country. The MFL course will also help you to further develop your English skills. Most Universities expect students to have studied a language to GCSE level, as it shows a good level of academic ability.

How Will I be Assessed?

During the course, students will be assessed in the 4 key skills of Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking. The Reading and Listening components (both weighted at 25% of the overall GCSE grade) are in the form of an end of course paper. The reading paper will contain a translation into English.

The Speaking element (25% of the overall grade) will be assessed at the end of the course. Students will be expected to participate in 3 assessment types (picture-based discussion, open interaction and role-play) across the topics outlined above.

The Written assessment (25% of the GCSE grade), as with the speaking element, is conducted at the end of the course. Students will have to complete a variety of written tasks including a translation into the target language.

What I Need to Know

Students are able to be entered for either Higher or Foundation level. The grade given will be 9-1.

Students wanting to choose a language must have studied the language for a minimum of two years at school.

Future Opportunities

Following the completion of the GCSE course in MFL, students will be able to continue studying the language at AS/A2 level.

Students will also have acquired a range of skills that complement other areas of study.



Career Prospects

Students that have achieved a GCSE in a Modern Foreign language are in a good position to follow a variety of career paths, such as media, tourism, PR, business, finance, commerce and the public sector (for the government or the EU).

Language students can also go on to work in teaching, the export/import industry, translating or interpreting, the arts and technology sector or the motor industry.

Languages are also a very useful addition to any set of qualifications and can make a positive impression when applying for jobs.

