

# Modern Foreign Languages

## French, German and Spanish

### Which Language?

If you are already studying French, German or Spanish in Year 9, we offer the exciting opportunity for you to continue studying your chosen language throughout Year 10 and 11 to complete a full GCSE in that subject.

### Method of Assessment

Students will be assessed in each of the following skills:

- 25% Listening and Understanding (final examination at the end of Year 11)
- 25% Speaking (final examination recorded at the end of Year 11)
- 25% Reading and Understanding (final examination at the end of Year 11)
- 25% Writing (final written examination at the end of Year 11)

### Course Content

The learning in KS4 builds on skills acquired in KS3. Lessons are fast-paced and fun and cover a wide range of up-to-date and highly relevant topic areas ranging from 'Media & Culture', 'Sport & Leisure', 'Travel & Tourism', and 'Business, Work & Employment' to 'Future Plans' and 'Customer Service & Transactions'.

Students will be encouraged to use a variety of interactive online learning activities to help develop their vocabulary. The new GCSE examination criteria introduces a requirement for students to be able to translate sentences/passages accurately from English in to the foreign language and from the foreign language in to English so there will also be more of a focus on grammatical structures. Students will also read short passages from authentic target language texts: short stories, song lyrics or poems.

### What might studying a language at GCSE lead to?

Learning a foreign language might well prove useful on holiday, but, more importantly, it also prepares you for the world of work and indicates to employers that you can communicate, are likely to be open-minded and willing to try something new and that you have an awareness of other cultures. You may even decide to go on and study languages at A' Level or beyond.

If you would like any further information or advice about GCSE language options please speak to your subject teacher or to Mrs Griffiths.