

Modern Foreign Languages FAQ's

1. Which languages can I choose?

Although we teach French, German and Spanish GCSEs, you can only opt for the language that you chose to study from Year 8. This is because we have already started to prepare you for the GCSE in the skills and topics that you have learnt so far.

2. Which exam board is used?

We follow the AQA specification for French, German and Spanish.

3. How many hours per week will I have?

French, German and Spanish are offered in the option blocks. Each option block receives 5 lessons per fortnight.

4. How is it assessed?

There are four exams that you will take at the end of Year 11; Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Each skill is worth 25% of the final grade. The type of task for each paper will be familiar to you as the assessments that you have done so far have been designed with similar questions.

5. Is it a big jump from the work I've been doing?

The work that you have done in KS3 has been designed to prepare you as much as possible for GCSE. You have already encountered many of the linguistic challenges to help you be successful in the Speaking and Writing exams and the topics that we have studied so far form a solid base to help you with the Reading and Listening exams. The topics that we have taught will crop up again in GCSE, but we will go into more detail.

6. I speak a different language at home. Can I do a GCSE in that?

If you can speak, write and understand another language, please see Mrs Wilson, who can advise whether a language GCSE is available in the language that you can speak. Normally you will be entered in Year 11, so please make sure Mrs Wilson is aware by December of Year 11 to ensure that you are entered.