



### Which specification is proposed?

The AQA specification for A level courses in French, German and Spanish is used.

### What will I be covering in the course in Year 12?

An 'A' Level in French / German / Spanish builds upon the linguistic skills and vocabulary gained during your GCSE course. There is a greater emphasis on both grammatical knowledge and spontaneity in order to equip you to write essays and have a detailed discussion in the exams.

The Year 12 course covers a variety of contemporary issues:

- Aspects of French/German/Hispanic society
- Artistic culture in the French/German/Spanish-speaking world
- An authentic text or film

We follow the course books to support the teaching of these topics and use additional authentic resources where possible. Students are expected to improve their linguistic skills to meet the demands of this course through regular independent exposure to the target language via a wealth of online materials.

### What will I be covering in the course in Year 13?

The year 13 course covers further contemporary issues:

- Multiculturalism, diversity and current issues in target language speaking society
- Aspects of political life in the French/German/Hispanic world
- An authentic text and independent research around an aspect of this topic

Again staff follow the course books to support the teaching of these topics and use authentic materials when possible. As the content covered relates to a plethora of curriculum areas, students would also be expected to carry out their own independent research to support their understanding of the material covered.



### How will I be assessed?

- 16-18 minute speaking examination
- Listening, reading and translation examination
- Writing examination (literature/film)

### What can I do with this subject?

The wider opportunities for students with a language at 'A' Level are immense. Studying languages leads directly into jobs such as translation, interpreting or teaching. It is also an ideal compliment to either arts, humanities or STEM subjects leading to employment in industry, journalism, etc. in our multi-lingual global society.

All of these sectors need people who are good at language and communication; skills which are developed and demonstrated by an A Level in languages. Moreover, an 'A' level in languages is highly regarded and respected by universities as well as employers. The Russell group of universities stated in August 2014 on their webpage "If the UK is to engage fully with the wider world in business, diplomacy and academia then many more young people need to study languages". Learning a language opens up opportunities to work abroad, not only in Europe but also further afield. This may be in the form of teaching English abroad, helping relief organisations in developing countries or any job which you could normally do in the UK.

### Specific entry requirements for this course

Students must achieve a Grade B/6 GCSE in their chosen language. It is important that a B/6 is achieved in all examined units.

