



What will I learn?

Among the many benefits, A-Level in a Modern Foreign Language is designed to encourage you to:

- Develop the knowledge and skills acquired at GCSE level and therefore use French/German/Spanish in a wide range of contexts
- Gain a useful insight into another culture and reflect on various aspects of contemporary society
- Enhance employment prospects, facilitate foreign travel and experience the enjoyment and motivation of improving your linguistic level.

We benefit from excellent facilities for MFL teaching. Some lessons will be in our Stratford Language Centre to take advantage of our digital language laboratory. You will have a weekly session with the assistant for the language you study.

Highlights

Students benefit from approximately ten hours of teaching every two weeks in addition to a conversation lesson with a language assistant from the beginning of October until May. The Modern Foreign Language Department has a language Laboratory equipped with the latest technology and resources to support the independent learning of our students. Our A-level students can also take advantage of a range of reading and listening resources to maximise their learning. You will also study a film and a text in the language you are studying.

What are the recommended entry requirements?

A grade 7 at GCSE is preferred for entry onto this course.

How will I be assessed?

Paper 1: Listening and Writing / Reading and Writing / Translation
2 hours 30 minutes – 50% of whole exam – 100 marks total

Section A : 30 marks

Listening and responding to spoken passages from a range of contexts and sources.

Questions in the target language to be answered with non-verbal responses or in the target language.

Section B : 70 marks

Reading and responding to a variety of texts written for different purposes

Questions in the target language to be answered with non-verbal responses or in the target language.

Translation into English; a passage of minimum 100 words.

Translation into French, German, Spanish ; a passage of minimum 100 words.

Paper 2: Writing

2 hours – 20% of whole exam – 80 marks total

Either one question on a set text or one question on a set film **OR** two questions on set texts.

All questions will require a critical appreciation.

No access to texts or films during the assessment.

Paper 3: Speaking

21-23 minutes – 30% of whole exam – 60 marks in total

Discussion of a sub-theme with the discussion based on a stimulus card. The student studies the card for 5 minutes at the start of the test
Presentation and discussion of Individual Research Project

What are the costs?

We will provide you with a textbook, grammar exercises and worksheets, as well as on-line log ins for beneficial websites. Much of the course will use listening files in mp3 format, and you will also use videos. In Yr 13 you may wish to purchase your own copy of the literature text studied, so that you can annotate directly in the novel. A good dictionary is also essential and you will need an A4 lever-arch file.

Future Opportunities

An A-level in a Modern Foreign Language is an asset which is very highly prized by higher education institutions and by employers. According to the CiLT – the National Centre for Languages:

- 60% of UK trade is with non-English speaking countries
- Customers addressed in their mother tongue are three times more likely to buy from your company.