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A-LEVEL LANGUAGES FRENCH, GERMAN, SPANISH

What will I be studying at AS and A-level in Spanish, French

and German?

The course covers the following themes:

Aspects of Society

Modern and traditional values, cyberspace and equal rights

Artistic culture

Modern day idols, regional identity, cultural heritage or the cultural landscape

Multiculturalism

Current situation in the target language country

Political Life

Political life, including youth politics, in the target language country The study of a book/play and a film (from a set list).

Grammatical structures

In addition to your language lessons, you will have individual lessons on a weekly basis (with the assistant) to improve your spoken language skills.

So what does the exam involve?

Paper 1—2 hours 30 minutes

Listening, reading and translation activities based on the cultural and social life of the relevant countries.

Paper 2—2 hours

An essay on each of 2 books, or 1 book and 1 film, chosen from a prescribed list. There is a choice of essays on each work.

Paper 3 (Speaking) - approx. 17 minutes

Discussion of a stimulus card followed by a presentation and discussions of an individual research project.

A-LEVEL RESULTS & UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Where will Languages take you?

Many universities offer joint courses involving Languages & Business, Languages & Economics, Languages & Law etc. It is also possible to take up new languages such as Russian, Arabic or Chinese from scratch. These joint degrees make language graduates highly employable with excellent job prospects.

Recent A-level students went on to study Politics and International Relations, Modern Languages, Urban Planning with German, and a wide range of other courses.

Results at Woodhouse Grove

Our languages department consistently outperforms at A-Level, with increasing numbers of students achieving A*/A grades.

Students studying languages at A-level move on to high calibre Russell Group Universities. University destinations over recent years include Oxford, Durham, St Andrew's, Warwick, Nottingham, Glasgow, Leeds, Birmingham, York, Newcastle, Lancaster, Liverpool, King's College London, Manchester, UCL and many others.

Modern Languages A-level results

German 100% A*- A (2024 & 2025)

2French A*-C 100% (2024) 83% (2025)

Spanish 100% A*-C (2024 & 2025)

What our A-level students say about Modern Languages



I really enjoy the lessons as we do something different each time. The classes are small so you get lots of teacher time. The teachers really get the most out of you.

Its a big jump up from GCSE to A-level but the lessons are really fun and interactive. I feel very involved in the classes. Working with the Assistant has really helped me to improve my confidence and fluency when speaking. Studying French and Spanish has made me more interested in other cultures.



There's a wide variety of topics to study so there is something to suit everyone. I really enjoy learning something new every lesson. It's a great way to understand the culture of the country.

I was really daunted when I had to teach the rest of my group a grammar concept, but I really enjoyed it and understand the grammar better than I would have done.

I enjoy working at my own pace in the language lab as I can improve my exam technique and my grasp of vocabulary.

