

Modern Foreign Languages

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The Course:

The GCSE course that students will follow is the AQA GCSE course in Spanish and/or French (the GCSE French option is only open to pupils who are currently studying Spanish and French in Year 9). Pupils have been perfectly prepared for this course by completing The Dean Trust Languages Award in Year 9, meaning that the transition from Year 9 onto the GCSE course in Year 10 is an extremely smooth one.

The three main themes covered are:-

Identity and culture

Local, national, international and global areas of interest

Current and future study and employment

How is the course assessed?

The GCSEs in Spanish and French are designed to be taken over two years. Unlike in previous years, each of the four key skills in Spanish and French (listening, speaking, reading and writing) are worth 25% of the final grade. Pupils can be entered for their final exams at Foundation or Higher Tier, but they must be entered for the same tier for all four key skills. There is no Controlled Assessment element to this qualification as pupils will sit their listening, speaking, reading and writing exams in the summer of Year 11.

What could it lead to in Sixth Form?

A-Level Spanish

A-Level French

NVQ Level 3 (IBC)

What careers/University courses would this subject help me to enter?

Possible University Courses:

BA honours degree in Spanish

BA honours degree in French

BA joint honours in Spanish and various other subjects

Possible Careers

Translations/Interpreting, Teaching (necessary for Primary Teaching since 2010), Global Commerce, Global Marketing and PR, Travel and Tourism, International Real Estate, Journalism, Logistics and the Army (from 2018 you will be unable to progress through the ranks in the army if you do not have a qualification in a foreign language).