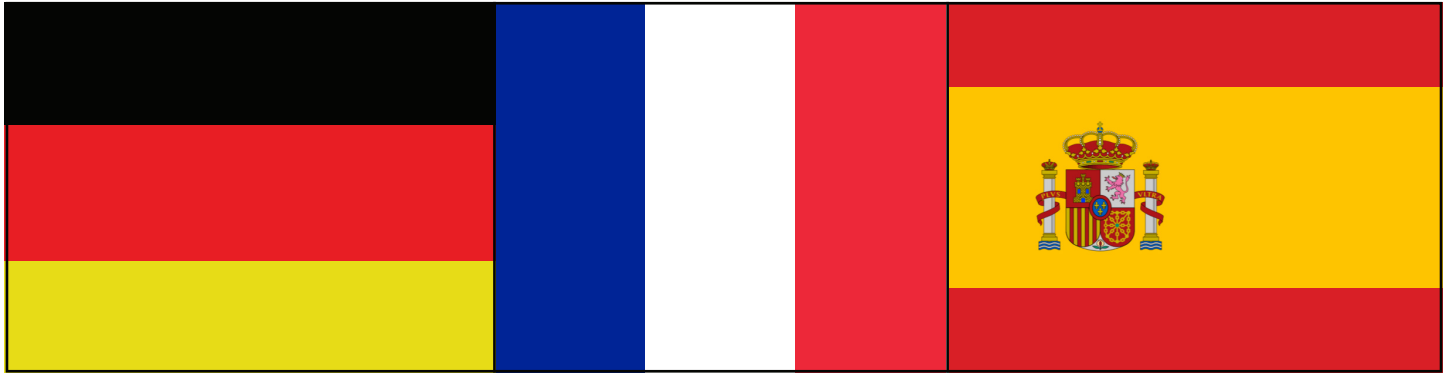


MODERN LANGUAGES

French / German / Spanish



Examination Board: AQA
Subject Leader(s): Miss Connolly



Course Structure

Unit	Topics/Unit Title	Assessment	A Level (%)
1	Comprehension Paper	Listening and responding to spoken passages; reading and responding to written passages; translations into and from the TL.	50%
2	Writing Paper	Two critical essays in the target language on either two set texts, or one text and one film.	20%
3	Speaking Exam	Presentation and discussion on a researched topic, and discussion on an unseen topic card.	30%

What does the course involve?

- Developing understanding of spoken and written French, German or Spanish.
- Developing critical insights into the society, culture and way of life of the country whose language is being studied.
- Manipulating the foreign language accurately to organise facts and ideas, present explanations, opinions and information in both speech and writing.
- Producing in-depth pieces of writing on topics, texts and films chosen from the published list.
- Translating to and from the target language.
- Possibly one or more visits to the country whose language you are studying, one of which could be on an exchange or work-experience basis.

Further Study/Employment Prospects

- There are full language degrees for careers that involve languages and also combined degrees with language and virtually any other subject, eg. accountancy, law, business studies, ICT, medicine.
- Business is not the only area of employment where language competencies are needed. Multiple government agencies, the travel industry, engineering, communications, the field of education, international law, economics, public policy, publishing, advertising, entertainment, scientific research, and a broad array of service sectors all have needs for people with foreign language skills.
- Transferable skills are desirable in an increasingly global job market and a qualification in a foreign is seen as a reliable indicator of intellectual ability.

Entry Requirements

- An interest in exploring a wide variety of topics by listening to and reading a variety of source material drawn from TV, DVD, internet, radio, newspapers, magazines and other sources.
- An ability to express your views as well as defending your opinions both orally and in writing.
- An ability to be accurate in both spoken and written French, German or Spanish.