

A Level Modern Foreign Languages

A Level French and Spanish: AQA

Course Introduction.

An A level in MFL helps students develop confident, effective communication skills in a language and a thorough understanding of the culture of countries and communities where the language is spoken. It develops an interest in, and enthusiasm for, language learning and encourages students to consider their study of the language in a broader context. We have experienced staff and excellent resources including a dedicated ICT suite.

Course Content.

Year 1: Theme 1: Aspects of French/ Spanish speaking society: current trends.

The changing nature of family / The 'cyber-society' / The role of the adolescent / Equal rights

Theme 2: Artistic culture in the French/ Spanish Speaking world.

Tourism and cultural heritage / Contemporary francophone music / Cinema: the 7th art form/ Modern Day Idols/ Fashion

Year 2: Theme 3: Aspects of French/ Spanish speaking society: current issues

Diversity and Tolerance/ Crime and Punishment / Social Exclusion / Immigration / Racism/ Integration.

Theme 4: Aspects of Political Life in the French/ Spanish Speaking world.

My right to vote/ Politics / Republic and Monarchy/ Popular Societies and Movements.

Students also study 1 film and one text.

French: "La Haine" Matthieu Kassovitz (1995) / "No et moi" Delphine de Vigan

Spanish: "El laberinto del fauno" Guillermo del Toro (2006) / "La casa de Bernarda Alba" Federico García Lorca

Examinations:

Students will be assessed in 3 examinations in the core skills in MFL at the end of Year 13.

Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Writing Paper

Paper 2: Writing about the film and text studied.

Paper 3: Speaking about topics and works studied.

Where does it lead?

Language students are highly sought after in the world of work as employers need staff who can communicate effectively. An A Level in another language can open doors to exciting possibilities. Those who study language degrees with another subject such as Law or Business find that they have more opportunities than colleagues who do not have MFL transferable skills. If you choose to study a language at university, you will have the opportunity to study or work in the country where the language is spoken. Many universities offer bursaries for language students. A-Level languages are often a facilitating subject for courses at the most prestigious universities around the world. In the United Kingdom having an A-Level in a Modern Foreign Language can lead to lower offers, making it easier to access the best university courses. Languages can easily be combined with subjects such as science or the humanities.

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