

Modern Foreign Languages: French or Spanish

Examination Board: AQA

Why study a foreign language?

Advanced language skills are a useful commodity in today's employment market. Unemployment amongst language graduates nationally is historically low.

Multi-national companies actively seek employees able to function in at least one other language. At university the study of languages and linguistics can be combined with non-language subjects. e.g. Law with a language, Business and Computer Studies with a language, a Science subject with a language, to name but a few. Graduates can take up a wide variety of careers, including accountancy, marketing, sales, personnel, journalism, management, teaching, the civil service, the media, interpreting and translation.

Entry Requirements

Students must have followed the higher level GCSE syllabus, as this contains the essential grammar and vocabulary required to deal with the A-level course. Additionally, students ought to have gained cultural knowledge and understanding, and have developed a wide range of language skills. A grade B at higher level GCSE is a minimum requirement, together with a proven commitment to the study of the language. There may also be an option to study a language to AS level or an 'ab initio' language at GCSE level, both of which would be spread over the two years of the student's Sixth Form career.

Subject Specification

A-level

Unit 1: Listening, Reading and Writing: 2hrs. 30 minutes (40% of A-level)

Unit 2: Writing (Texts and Films) : 2hrs. (30% of A-level)

Unit 3: Oral exam (individual research project) : 16-18 minutes (30% of A-level)

Further Information

Students or parents requiring any further details are most welcome to contact Mr L Bambridge, Head of MFL (lcb@oswestryschool.org.uk).

N.B. Native speakers of Russian, Chinese, German, Dutch etc. can be prepared to take A-level exams in their first language.

