

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) French, German and Spanish

All students are expected to study a Modern Foreign Language at Key Stage 4. Teachers will decide which of the three possible courses is most suitable for individual pupils.

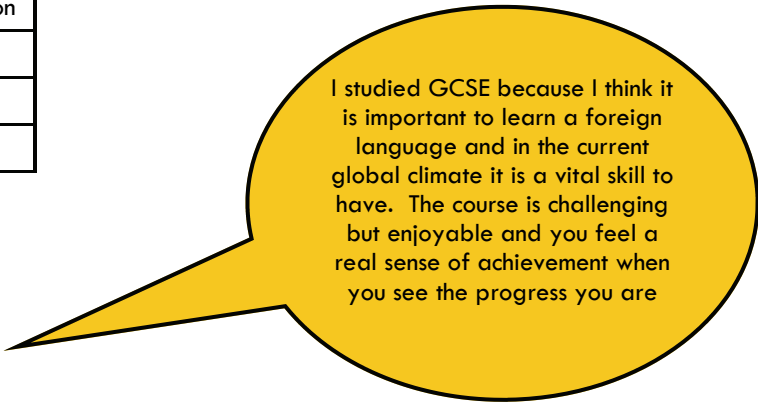
1. GCSE (equivalent to 1 GCSE A*-G)

If you have been taking just one language in Year 9, then you must continue with this language in Year 10. If, however, you are studying **two languages**, then you must choose to study either **one** or **both** of these languages in Year 10. If you choose to study two languages in Pathway 1, one of your 3 option choices has to be a second language.

The French, German and Spanish GCSE courses are very practical in nature, with the emphasis on communication and comprehension. The four skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing are all examined separately. The listening and reading papers are end of year examinations worth 20% each; the speaking and writing assessments are worth 30% each and are carried out under controlled conditions.

The GCSE topics in all three languages are:	Areas which are covered include:	Tasks includes:
World and Education	Healthy and unhealthy lifestyles	research
Leisure	Relationships with family and friends	Recording dialogue
Lifestyle	Free time activities	Pair and group work
Home and Environment	New technology	Using ICT
	Special occasions celebrated in the home, neighbourhood and region	
	Being environmentally friendly within the home and local area	
	What school is like	
	Advantages and disadvantages of different jobs	

You will also undertake listening and reading comprehensions, and spoken and written exercises.



I studied GCSE because I think it is important to learn a foreign language and in the current global climate it is a vital skill to have. The course is challenging but enjoyable and you feel a real sense of achievement when you see the progress you are

2. NVQ

NVQ will be more suitable for some students. This alternative to GCSE is an assessment based qualification which is highly flexible by nature and accessible to all abilities. Instead of doing written tasks and speaking tests, students build up a portfolio of assessments over the duration of their course. All students can achieve the equivalent of a GCSE Pass, most of them at a higher grade.

I studied NVQ in Business French and really enjoyed it. I learnt a lot about the world of work and acquired practical skills that I am sure will be useful in the future.

I thought ASDAN was really interesting and I learnt a lot of new things about the global environment in which we live and work. I even got the opportunity to go to France!

3. ASDAN

The ASDAN International Award short course is a flexible award. The aim is to boost students' enthusiasm for languages by giving them the opportunity to bring their own interests into the classroom and to channel them into producing interesting and creative pieces of work that include language elements. This award is equivalent to a half GCSE and can be combined with the ASDAN Certificate OF Personal Effectiveness (CoPE) for a full GCSE.

Studying a language enhances job opportunities and makes you more employable. **72%** of UK firms employ people with language skills. On average people earn **8-20%** more if they have a language qualification.

“Learning a language makes our minds stronger and more flexible. Actually using it gives us an entirely new experience of the world”

John Cleese

Please see a member of the MFL team for more information

