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FRENCH/ SPANISH

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What will I do?

Entry Requirements:

Grade 6 or above in GCSE French or Spanish

Is this for me?

These courses are for those students who want to maximise their choices in life.

Languages are an invaluable skill to have. Having a language can increase your salary by up to 20% and gives you a head start on other potential employees as, by speaking another language, you are vital to any company involved in international business (and there are a lot of them).

Languages are used in all of the following (and more) job sectors:

Business services, central government, construction, creative and media, engineering, event management, financial services, hair and beauty, health, medicine and social care, land-based and environmental law, local government, manufacturing, marketing, public services, retail, teaching, technology, computer gaming, translation and interpreting, travel and tourism, voluntary and charitable sectors.

These courses are designed to enable students to understand and communicate confidently in the written and spoken forms of French/Spanish. Most of the source material studied will be contemporary and much of the teaching will be in French/Spanish so that, from the beginning, students must be willing to express their ideas in the foreign language.

LESSONS & PRIVATE STUDY

Lessons include oral discussions and debates (in pairs, groups and with the whole class), listening and reading tasks, group and individual presentations and grammar explanations and practice. Private study includes text preparation, reading and listening exercises, vocabulary learning, grammar exercises and short or long written pieces.

DEVELOPING ORAL CONFIDENCE

We expect to speak French/Spanish in class as much as possible and need your co-operation in this. You should try to use French/Spanish to speak to your teacher whenever you can.

In addition to the timetabled lessons, you will receive a 50 minute lesson with the French/Spanish Assistant each week, in small groups or individually. In these lessons, you will practise role play/ text analysis for the oral exam as well as discussing current affairs, youth culture and other social themes.

The topic areas for the AS specifications are aspects of daily life sub-topics:

The topic areas for the A level specifications are:

1) Social issues and trends:

- ◆ Family, "cyber-society", voluntary work
- ◆ Positive features of a diverse society, the marginalised, the treatment of criminals, equal rights

2) Political and artistic culture:

- ◆ Heritage, contemporary music, cinema
- ◆ The right to vote, power, immigration

3) Grammar

4) Literary texts and films to be chosen from a specified list

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