

# Modern Languages AS/A2

## EXAMINATION BOARD

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## ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Grade A\*, A or B at GCSE. The ability to understand grammar.

## THE COURSE

The four skills of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing are developed within the context of contemporary and cultural issues. The AS and A2 oral exams together with the A2 coursework offer students the opportunity to research and develop issues of personal interest.

## DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GCSE AND AS

Much greater linguistic competence will be achieved by a substantial building up of vocabulary and grammar.

There are more opportunities for pursuing personal areas of interest.

Support from a Foreign Language Assistant.

2 – 3 hours of homework will be set per week. Students must also be prepared to 'personalise' their learning by devoting time to linguistic areas where they know themselves to be weak.

The importance of regular vocabulary learning cannot be stressed enough!

## ORGANISATION OF WORK

Language is studied:

Through authentic texts on topical themes.

Through aural and oral work to develop the skills of listening attentively and speaking fluently.

## ASSESSMENT

The AS counts 50% towards the A2 Final Result. (Re-sits of AS units are allowed in January of Year 13.)

The listening tests are carried out using individual cassette players. The tape may be rewound as desired during the time allowed.

There are 3 papers at AS level –  
Speaking,  
Listening, Reading and Writing  
Reading and Writing

There are 2 papers at A2 level - Speaking and Reading  
Listening, Reading and Writing

## SUPPORTING SUBJECTS

Language Learning supports all other subjects and increases your awareness of your own language.

## POST A-LEVEL (INCLUDING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES)

It is often possible to begin a completely new language at University.

Languages can be studied on their own or in combination with any other subject. An increasing number of university students spend some time at a university in a European country (or on work placements abroad) as part of their degree course. There are many job opportunities within the EU for students with linguistic skills. Some organisations offer an enhanced salary to applicants with language skills.