



Languages

AQA - GCSE in French or Spanish

There are 2 different languages you can choose from: French and/or Spanish. Sharnbrook encourages students to take a modern foreign language. Language qualifications are a huge asset to have and people who can speak another language are highly valued in the job market.

FRENCH SPANISH

Modern languages are a core skill, useful with any combination of subjects. A qualification in languages enables people to travel abroad more easily and appreciate other cultures, as well as improving job prospects in today's competitive global workplace. It is a myth that everyone speaks English. People with language skills are highly sought after.

It is one of the few subjects that you can study which is academic as well as being practical. It is directly transferable from the classroom into the real world and can be used from the moment it is learnt in real life contexts. Having the ability to communicate in a language other than your own is a rewarding skill that is both economically valuable and culturally enriching.

Outline of Course

There will be a range of GCSE teaching styles and materials that will aim at a high, accurate standard of language in listening, speaking, reading and writing. The work will concentrate on useful language in realistic contexts.

Assessment

Students will have final examinations at the end of year 11 in each of the 4 skills: listening, reading, speaking and writing. These skills are all weighted equally: each count for 25% of the final grade.

Study Implications/Requirements

You will ideally need enthusiasm, perseverance and organisation. You will need to listen carefully and participate positively. You will be asked to learn things by heart, which requires effort and concentration. You will have lots of opportunity to practise your French and/or Spanish, and you may be offered the opportunity of a visit abroad.

What can I do with a Language Qualification?

A GCSE in a modern foreign language is a useful addition to anyone's CV and also offers progression to further study a foreign language at A level. It confirms your ability to learn a foreign language and facilitates your learning of other languages for work or pleasure, at school or beyond.

By choosing a language at GCSE, you will be keeping valuable study options open. You will also increase your employability. Employers are always seeking candidates with language skills, and a GCSE in a modern foreign language will place you in a strong position for interesting employment with plenty of career opportunities.

Language skills are particularly valued for careers in journalism and media, law, engineering, business and marketing, ICT, sport and leisure, travel and tourism, customer service, civil service (immigration, customs and excise, diplomatic service), banking and teaching (UK and abroad). Languages are broadly recognised as particularly valuable subjects for careers that involve working with other people and require face to face interactions.

For further information see

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