

# LANGUAGES - MFL - Y9 Transition

*One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way.*

-FRANK SMITH

## How do languages help you in your future career?

Learning languages gives you transferable skills; you develop the ability to think creatively, to forge connections between communities, to translate across cultures and identities. Languages give us a sense of who we are and allow us to express and explore ourselves.

## What skills and knowledge will you gain from the course and how is it taught?

The GCSE course in French/ German/ Spanish aims to develop the ability to understand and use the language effectively as a means of practical communication and imaginative expression. Emphasis is placed on the development of an understanding of the grammar, structure and vocabulary of the language. Combined with study of the culture and civilisation of French/ German/ Spanish speaking countries. Throughout the course, equal importance is placed on the four language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) and students are exposed to a wide range of authentic language materials.

<p><b>Preparation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Keep practising your phonics, vocabulary and grammar skills, especially keep on top of your vocabulary and grammar revision. Use the KERBOODLE GRAMMAR and VOCABULARY BUILDERS: <a href="http://www.kerboodle.com">www.kerboodle.com</a></li> <li>✓ Aim to revise the key vocabulary and grammar after every lesson. Use your TEAMS CLASS and MEMRISE: <a href="https://www.memrise.com">https://www.memrise.com</a></li> <li>✓ Try to read authentic texts in the target language (TL) and watch the news online: <a href="#">KS3 Modern Foreign Languages - BBC Bitesize</a> <a href="#">GCSE Modern Foreign Languages - BBC Bitesize</a></li> </ul> <p>FRENCH: <a href="#">News in Slow French - Beginner Podcast</a>            GERMAN: <a href="#">News in Slow German - German Podcast</a>            SPANISH: <a href="#">News in Slow Spanish - Spanish Podcast</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Every so often, try to watch a film in the TL (on NETFLIX, ... ) and find out more about the French/ German/ Spanish/ Chinese culture.</li> <li>✓ Take part in the KS3 Speaking Club – Languages with Sandwiches.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Overview of course</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Exam Board:</b> <b>AQA</b></li> <li>✓ <b>External exams:</b> Paper 1: Listening (25%)                      Paper 3: Reading (25%) Paper 2: Speaking (25%)                                      Paper 4: Writing (25%)</li> <li>✓ <b>Themes:</b> PEOPLE AND LIFESTYLE POPULAR CULTURE COMMUNICATION WITH THE WORLD AROUND US</li> </ul>
<p><b>Short term focus: Term 1</b></p>	<p>In the September of Y10 we start with THEME 1: <b>PEOPLE AND LIFESTYLE</b>  <a href="http://www.kerboodle.com">www.kerboodle.com</a></p> <p>1: IDENTITY AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS            2: HEALTHY LIVING AND LIFESTYLES            3: EDUCATION AND WORK</p>
<p><b>Careers &amp; Suitability</b></p>	<p><b>This course would suit you if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- you are enthusiastic about languages.</li> <li>- you want to double/ triple your job opportunities.</li> <li>- you want to work independently and/or part of a team.</li> <li>- you want to challenge yourself.</li> <li>- you want to acquire a host of different life skills.</li> <li>- you want to develop your written and communication skills.</li> <li>- you want to broaden your knowledge of different cultures.</li> </ul> <p><b>Careers:</b></p> <p>Here is a list of sectors and jobs where employers prize people who know languages: National Intelligence and Security, Hospitality and Tourism, Finance careers including Government, charity, international and development work, Management and business services.</p> <p><b>Some cool careers involving languages:</b>            Foreign Service Officer, Diplomat, YouTuber and Podcaster, Import Specialist, Medical Doctor, ...</p>