



Careers in...

# Languages

Advice for Year 10 & Year 11 Pupils



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# Why Languages?

Studying languages is crucial because it enhances communication skills, fosters cultural understanding, and opens up opportunities for personal and professional growth. It allows individuals to connect with people from different backgrounds, appreciate diverse perspectives, and navigate a globalized world more effectively. Additionally, learning languages can improve cognitive abilities, such as problem-solving and multitasking, making it a valuable asset in today's interconnected society.



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## 1. Explore Career Paths in Languages

- **Accountancy, Banking, and Finance:** International Financial Analyst, Foreign Exchange Trader, Bilingual Accountant, Financial Advisor for Multinational Clients
- **Healthcare:** Medical Interpreter, Multilingual Patient Advocate, International Health Consultant, Medical Researcher in Global Health
- **Business, Consulting, and Marketing:** International Business Consultant, Market Research Analyst, Bilingual Customer Service Manager, Global Brand Manager
- **Leisure, Sport, and Tourism:** Tour Guide, Travel Consultant, Sports Event Coordinator, Hospitality Manager
- **Marketing, Advertising, and PR:** Multilingual Content Creator, International PR Specialist, Global Marketing Manager, Advertising Account Executive
- **Media and the Internet:** Foreign Correspondent, Translator/Subtitler, Bilingual Journalist, Social Media Manager for International Markets
- **Law Enforcement and Global Security:** International Liaison Officer, Immigration Officer, Intelligence Analyst, Diplomatic Security Specialist



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## 2. Skills Languages Gives You

Learning a language provides a wide range of valuable skills, including:

- **Communication Skills:** Enhanced ability to express ideas clearly and understand others.
- **Cultural Awareness:** Greater appreciation and understanding of different cultures and perspectives.
- **Cognitive Abilities:** Improved memory, problem-solving, and multitasking skills.
- **Adaptability:** Increased flexibility in thinking and adaptability to new situations.
- **Empathy:** Better ability to empathize with people from diverse backgrounds.
- **Analytical Skills:** Enhanced ability to analyse and understand complex information.
- **Career Opportunities:** Access to a broader range of job opportunities in various sectors.



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### 3. Subject Combinations and Education Pathways

#### **At School:**

Complementary Subjects: History, Geography, Art, Music, Business

#### **Further Education in the North West of England:**

Study a language at A-Level and then pursue degrees in French, Spanish or other languages. You can pair languages with Business Studies, International Relations, Tourism Management and linguistics. You may also consider a linguistics degree.

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## 4. Languages in the Real World

To see Languages in action:

- **Attend career talks and fairs** featuring linguists . Some of these will be organised in school by your teachers.
- **Look for work experience** in **TEXT MISSING HERE**
- **Engage with language learning apps** and new technology
- **Listen and read** as much as possible in different languages . This may be subtitled programmes, news,, dual language books, radio and many others
- **Take advantage of the opportunities** at Priory to learn a different language such as Japanese and Chinese



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## 5. What Can You Do Now?



### In Year 10:

- Start exploring career options and talk to your teachers about career-related projects.
- Engage fully with any opportunities to travel abroad and use the language in the real world - they give real-world insight into the subject.

### In Year 11:

- Look into post-GCSE pathways, including A-levels, vocational courses or apprenticeships.
- Speak to your French teachers and read the information in the languages department about courses at Newman College
- Speak to your school's career adviser or French teacher for expert advice.



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# Useful Resources

- **BBC Bitesize Careers:** Information on careers related to Languages

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