

## **Why Study a Modern Languages at A Level?**

The reasons for studying French or Spanish at A-Level are threefold.

1) Mastery of either language opens doors to travel and cultural exchange across North and South America, Europe and Eastern Asia. In an increasingly globalised world, employers value graduates with the ability to interact with people of diverse backgrounds.

2) Universities, and particularly those in the Russell Group, value languages highly and this is reflected in the quantity of offers made to those who study Modern Languages and other academic, traditional subjects at A-Level.

3) As a nation, those with advanced qualifications in Modern foreign Languages are becoming increasingly rare. As a result, Languages graduates can earn significantly more than graduates in other subjects and employers value them for their skills and their flexibility.

## **What will you study?**

At Hackney New Sixth Form, we will study the AQA specification in both French and Spanish. This entails immersion based grammar teaching underpinned by in depth study of Francophone and Hispanic culture.

The cultural component will include study of contemporary youth issues as well as detailed analysis of cultural and political themes across both subject areas. These could include:

- Film Studies (eg. Including the works of Almodovar and Truffaut)
- History (eg. France in the 20th Century, Spanish Civil War)
- Politics (eg. The 5th French Republic, Monarchy in Spain)

## **Why Study MFL at Hackney New Sixth Form?**

HNSF will run a residential trip to France and/or Spain as part of the course offering. This will tie in with the course requirements under the cultural study of A2. Additionally, HNSF MFL Department has extensive experience of successfully delivering A level to Sixth Form students. A large number of the general teaching staff are graduates in MFL and ultimately fluent, bilingual and experienced. Teachers on the staff have successfully taught French, Spanish, German, Italian and Portuguese in their previous schools and there will be the capacity to enter students for Home Languages.

Furthermore, the MFL Department is equipped with excellent physical and human resources with modern facilities. Two state-of-the-art MFL classrooms will provide the perfect environment in which to study A level MFL successfully. The department has also established considerable links with a number of Russell Group universities in the capital and A level students will be able to access the best seminars, tutorials and

one-to-one sessions within the Languages departments of these illustrious institutions.

**Entrance Requirements:** TBD

**How will i be assessed?**

<p><b>AS Unit 1</b></p>	<p><b>Listening, Reading and Writing</b> Themes include Youth Issues, The Media and World of Work.</p>	<p>2 hours 110 Marks 70% of final AS Level Grade 35% of final A Level Grade</p>
<p><b>AS Unit 2</b></p>	<p><b>Speaking</b> Assessment includes a discussion of a stimulus card centred around the core themes and a general conversation. Candidates are marked on fluency, pronunciation and accuracy.</p>	<p>30 minutes 50 marks 30% of final AS Level Grade 15% of final A Level Grade</p>
<p><b>A level Unit 1</b></p>	<p><b>Listening Reading and Writing</b> Themes include The Environment, The Multicultural Society and one area of cultural study.</p>	<p>2.5 hours 110 marks 35% of final A Level Grade</p>
<p><b>A level Unit 2</b></p>	<p><b>Speaking</b> Assessment includes a discussion of a stimulus card centred around the core themes and a general conversation. Candidates are marked</p>	<p>30 minutes 50 marks 15% of final A Level Grade</p>

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