

### Course Content

Speaking a language enhances confidence and social skills. Studying a language gives a deeper knowledge and understanding of the culture and civilisation of another country and the ability to question your own ideas and the ideas of others from a broader perspective.

This course builds upon the four skills acquired at GCSE and fosters a deeper understanding of the culture and language through more contemporary topics which encourage discussion and debate. In the first year, students study social and technological change alongside highlights of artistic culture such as festivals, music, art and cinema, plus a film or literary text.

In the second year, students explore the influence of the past on present-day communities and study a variety of contemporary issues such as immigration and the changing landscape of Europe. Students will have the opportunity to carry out independent research on an area of their choice in preparation for their A2 oral exam.

#### Listening, Reading & Writing

Aspects of society, artistic culture and political life in the country being studied. A short Translation from English to the target language and from the target language into English.

#### Writing

One essay based on a film and one on a literary text from the country being studied.

#### Speaking

Conversation based on a stimulus card and discussion of an individual research project of choice. Throughout the 2-year course, students have the opportunity to speak weekly for 30 minutes with our native Foreign Language Assistant to help build confidence and fluency.

### Further Studies and Career Opportunities

Fluency in a language and development of cultural understanding are skills in demand which can be allied to many careers which require a global perspective. Languages combine well with many other subjects such as: Business; ICT; Law, Accountancy, Engineering, Science, Journalism & Tourism.

### Subject Entry Requirements

Grade 5. Students will be considered based on their overall academic profile.



#### Subject Enhancement

- Weekly one to one 30 minutes conversation with a native speaker
- Year 12/13 trip to Paris in the spring term to support topics studied

#### How is this assessed?

Exam Board - AQA	
Exams	✓
Coursework	
Other - Speaking	✓