



Brigidine School Windsor

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Overview of subject

Study French and/or Spanish at AS and A2 if you enjoy languages and want to know more about the culture, customs and traditions of French and Spanish-speaking peoples. Learn about media, lifestyle and relationships at AS and environment, society and culture at A2. You will be able to select an area for detailed study, which could be film, a social issue or literature, for instance.

There is a possibility of taking Chinese at Asset level as well in the sixth form.

Prerequisites

You should have a good grade at GCSE in the language you wish to study.

Skills acquired during course

Key skills for adult life: you will become a confident communicator, both orally and in writing. You will learn how to research information and make a report on it, using reasoned argument to support your opinions. You will understand the importance of using the correct register in communication. Specifically you will gain language skills in speaking, listening, reading, writing and grammar in French and Spanish.

Assessment procedure

AS: a prepared speaking examination (35 minutes including 20 minutes preparation) and a single examination covering listening, reading and writing (2 hours).

A2: a prepared speaking examination (35 minutes including 20 minutes preparation) and a single examination covering translation, discursive essay and research-based essay (2½ hours).

Career opportunities

In any career a language is a bonus, so your prospects in everything from accountancy to zoology will be enhanced by taking French and/or Spanish. Use your language skills abroad, in multinational companies, aerospace, finance, hospitality, customer services, engineering, manufacturing, human resources, law, marketing, media, charities, transport, travel and tourism or in translating, teaching and interpreting.

Present student's comments

'I really enjoy studying French. It is a very elegant language and is easily understood. It is also very important to be able to communicate with other people.'

BOARD: AQA

SPECIFICATION: French=2650, Spanish= 2695