

Spalding Grammar School Sixth Form

Subject Information

Modern Foreign Languages

Entry Requirement:

Grade 6 in the appropriate GCSE Language (French, German or Spanish).

Awarding body: AQA

About the subject: Studying a foreign language at A Level will deepen your understanding and knowledge of the language by the teaching of grammar and vocabulary in depth. In addition, it will provide an insight into a foreign culture, the people and their customs by investigating issues of French/German/Spanish speaking countries.

You will study social issues and trends of French/German/Spanish speaking societies as well as themes from political, intellectual and/or artistic culture. You will investigate a book and film as well as carry out a research project.

Foreign Languages complement other subjects in which students learn about language or literature like English or Latin, or those subjects in which the ability to speak a foreign language could become useful like Business Studies. Alternatively, it could form an interesting contrast to artistic or scientific subjects.

An A Level in a foreign language is a versatile qualification, which will support a range of career paths. These include business services, charity work, engineering, media, museums and libraries, public administration, teaching, tourism, translating, transport and logistics and branches of the armed forces.

Assessment:

A Level includes examinations in:

Paper 1 - Listening, reading and writing (50%):

- Aspects of French/German/Spanish-speaking society
- Artistic culture in the French/German/Spanish-speaking world
- Multiculturalism in French/German/Spanish-speaking society
- Aspects of political life in French/German/Spanish-speaking society
- Grammar

Paper 2 – Writing (20%):

- One text and one film; or two texts, from the specification
- Grammar

Paper 3 - Speaking (30%):

- Individual research project
- One of four sub-themes:
 - Aspects of French/German/Spanish-speaking society
 - Artistic culture in the French/German/Spanish-speaking world
 - Multiculturalism in French/German/Spanish-speaking society
 - Aspects of political life in French/German/Spanish-speaking society