



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES (French and Spanish)



Languages at UHS – Your passport to the future!

Do you want to stand out from the crowd and get a qualification in a subject that could broaden your opportunities in the future? Learning a foreign language can not only expand your career prospects, but also give you the chance to communicate with lots of new people in different environments. Successful language learners also find that their overall confidence in learning increases. After all, if you can understand and communicate in a foreign language, you must be a highly skilled learner and you can apply some of these skills to your other subjects! A qualification in a foreign language is essential for anyone with high aspirations!

Fast-track GCSE classes in Year 9

There are four fast-track GCSE Language classes in Year 9, **and we expect all students in these classes to continue with this language for GCSE**. Students in these classes can also choose a second language if they wish. Students who are not in the fast-track GCSE classes can also select to study a language at GCSE if they wish.

What do you get out of it?

Increased confidence in learning, improved comprehension and communication skills, a deeper cultural understanding of the countries where the language is spoken, and an improvement in literacy and verbal reasoning skills, which means you will be able to express yourself more clearly in English as well as in a foreign language. You may get the chance to visit a French or Spanish-speaking country and you will, of course, get the opportunity to continue learning a language in the sixth form and for the rest of your life! Don't stop now, otherwise you might stop forever!

How does the course work?

Over the GCSE course, you will study a range of topics relating to the world around you and life in countries where the language is spoken. You will learn how to translate to and from English and learn to write fluently and coherently. You will also learn how to deal with real-life situations in French and Spanish – great for holidays or impressing friends and family!

How is it assessed?

The exam board is AQA, and GCSE French and Spanish are 100% exam based. There is no coursework, but you will sit mock exams in all four skills at certain points in Year 10 and 11.

Skill	Assessment
Listening	25% of final grade – assessed at the end of Year 11
Reading	25% of final grade – assessed at the end of Year 11
Writing	25% of final grade – assessed at the end of Year 11
Speaking	25% of final grade – assessed at the end of Year 11

If you think you'd like to know more about a GCSE in modern foreign languages and your potential in the subject, please speak to your current class teacher!

À bientôt! ¡Hasta luego!

