

LANGUAGES

A Level

Being able to speak a foreign language is now an essential life skill whether at work, in education or for leisure purposes. As we play an ever greater part in the European Union, more and more of us can expect to work or study abroad, or have to deal with foreign visitors to our place of work or our home.

This subject will suit you if:

- 94% of the world's population do not speak English as their mother tongue – you will be very employable if you can speak foreign languages!
- You are good at languages and enjoy learning languages.
- You would like to live, work or travel abroad.
- You would like an insight into another culture and society.
- Language skills are important for many companies and other organisations, particularly in the North West of England.
- Languages at A Level are regarded as a highly valuable qualification by universities.



Provisional Entry Requirements

A passion for learning languages and an eagerness to try new things. You will also need to achieve a Grade B or higher in a language subject at GCSE



Parrs Wood Sixth Form offer the following Languages:
French German Spanish

What You'll Study

- 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 and translation
- Film studies
- A piece of literature in the target language



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Why I chose a Language ~ Dani

"The reason I chose French is because I think it's very important to study a language, especially a language like French which is one of the most spoken languages in the world. There are a lot of things I like about A Level French at Parrs Wood Sixth Form, especially the lessons. The teachers make the lessons as enjoyable as possible and the way they teach is absolutely fantastic! They also have a range of facilities to help students to improve and achieve the best grade possible. We also have the opportunity to take part in a French Student Exchange. I was glad I took part in the scheme as it improved my French and it was a great way to learn about French life and culture."



Ideas for Progression

- You will be better placed to apply for University, as MFL is recognised as a challenging qualification
- With an AS in a Language, you will be able to study the language at A2 Level in the Sixth Form. You could also study vocational courses at HE level, such as Travel and Tourism, Leisure and Tourism
- Having studied a language, and having acquired many skills employers are looking for, you will have a head start when looking for a job
- You may be required to use your language skills later on in your career, and this skill could tip the balance when your C.V. is compared with someone else with similar experience

Careers include:

interpreter, translator, lawyer, international lawyer, doctor, nurse, air hostess, pilot, import / export industry, engineering, sales and marketing, accountant, secretary, teacher, banking, United Nations, European Union...

in fact any career will be enhanced with a language qualification

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Enrichment

You will enjoy a variety of approaches to the language you are studying using course books, newspapers, magazines, videos, DVDs, CDs, and ICT. You will also have the opportunity to participate in a range of trips and visits linked to the country of the language you study. You also have a weekly speaking lesson with our foreign language assistants.

Si quieres mas información sobre los cursos de idiomas que ofrecemos, ponte en contacto con: Ms McVey - Head of Spanish

Si tu veux encore des renseignements sur les cours de langues qu'on offre, consulte: Ms L Etchells – Head of French

Für weitere Informationen telefonieren Sie bitte mit: Mrs Garth – Head of German

Why I chose a Language ~ Myra

"Hallo! Wie gehts? German is a very fun and interesting subject and I have been studying it since Year 7. I enjoy doing this course at Parrs Wood Sixth Form because the teachers are supportive and make every lesson a productive one. The types of topics include holidays, fashion, sport, health and a lot about German culture. This fascinates me and I can't imagine giving up the opportunity to study German."



Learning a language

- It's fun
- you find out about other people and cultures
- knowing a language makes you more employable
- they lead you into other subjects
- you make new friends
- you learn about yourself and your own country
- it gives you more confidence
- great for holidays!
- gives you communication skills...