Modern Foreign Languages

Exam Board: **WJEC**

Subjects offered:

French & Spanish



Course outline:

These WJEC courses have been designed to develop the four key skill areas of listening, reading, writing and speaking. In total students study nine topic areas, covering a range of subjects such as youth culture, home and local area and lifestyle habits. An important element of the course is the skill of translation both from and into the foreign language, which we spend a considerable amount of time developing. As well as this, the course has a strong emphasis on grammatical accuracy and, by the end of the course, students will not only have a well-developed understanding of the language but a wider appreciation of the culture associated with it.

Course assessment:

There are four components to the assessment, all taken at the end of Year 11. There is no coursework element.

1) Speaking Exam 25%

This is consists of a role-play, a photo card and a spoken interaction.

2) Listening Exam 25%

Students will tackle a range of short listening extracts completing multiple choice, gap fill and short answer tasks.

3) Reading Exam 25%

Students will tackle a range of short reading extracts completing multiple choice, gap fill and short answer tasks.

4) Writing Exam 25%

Students complete a translation task, write a short response to a question and then a longer response of between 100-150 words on a second question.

What qualities do I need to take this subject?

A GCSE in a Modern Foreign Language is a highly academic course. As a result, you will be well equipped to use the language in the world of work at the end of the course and therefore the standard is high. Nonetheless, we try to make the course fun and engaging and make use of a wide range of authentic resources. If you are interested in travelling, learning about another culture or having an international career then a modern language is for you.

What can this course lead to?

A GCSE in a Modern Foreign Language will open a number of exciting doors. Firstly, in a post-Brexit world it will make you more employable. Secondly, it is a facilitating subject, which will help you to get into a top level University. Finally, it will help you later in life if you chose to travel around the world. Learning another language gives you a very impressive skill set and sets you up for life.