



MODERN LANGUAGES

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EXAMINATION BOARD: AQA
SPECIFICATIONS: FRENCH: 7652; GERMAN: 7662 ; SPANISH: 7692
QUALIFICATION: A-LEVEL



A modern language is not a luxury but a necessity.

The top UK universities have pledged to bolster provision for Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) at undergraduate level and to maintain and strengthen links with European universities to ensure that collaboration between Europe and the UK remains a priority.

HAVING A LANGUAGE INCREASES YOUR EMPLOYABILITY.

We are the most connected generation of all time, and languages are at the forefront of global partnerships, trade and cultural exchange.

Needless to say that learning a language also contributes to soft skills: as students enter the working world, they need more than ever to develop attributes, such as communication, critical thinking, teamwork and problem solving.

Through a carefully planned progression from iGCSE to A-Level, Truro School has a long and successful history of producing confident and highly capable linguists, who are conversationally fluent across a broad spectrum of topics, including current affairs, history, literature, cinema study and cultural and political life.

Truro School's Modern Language courses teach you to do so much more than simply pass an exam paper. Our students are known for showing resilience, independence and initiative. We produce linguists who know how to construct and deconstruct a language through an in-depth understanding of grammatical principles and high level linguistic skills.

The topic areas include the changing nature of the family, cyber-society, social equality and integration, immigration, political and cultural heritage, music, art and cinema. Students learn to analyse and interpret films and literary works, using a variety of materials and sources to produce well-informed opinions and insights.

We provide ample access to online resources, and students are guided on how to use them appropriately.

WHY STUDY A MODERN LANGUAGE AT TRURO SCHOOL?

At Truro School, we provide an exciting A-Level curriculum that will challenge students to think about themselves, society and their influence in the world around them all within the target language.

Small class sizes allow for more focused work to support individual needs.

Throughout the course students have one-to-one speaking lessons with language Assistants to perfect pronunciation and fluency and build confidence.

As highly experienced iGCSE teachers, all our language teachers ensure a smooth transition between iGCSE and post-16 study.

Our Sixth Form-only ICT suite and designated undergraduate seminar-style teaching rooms are well-equipped for teaching at this level and beyond.

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY IN LOWER & UPPER SIXTH

At the end of the Lower Sixth year, students must choose a key question which relates to the country or countries where the target language is spoken. This Independent Research Project (IRP) is an exciting way to explore an area of interest. Students build evidence and competency around this area, which will form part of their oral examination. In the Upper Sixth, students study a film and a literary work from an exciting and wide ranging list. Literary expertise prior to beginning this section of the course is not a requirement, as we teach and look in detail at themes, character development, symbolism and structure.

WHERE WILL AN A-LEVEL IN MODERN LANGUAGES TAKE YOU?

Wherever you want to go! As well as learning vital language skills, students will learn how to communicate confidently and competently, to structure academic writing and debates, respond under pressure with a high degree of accuracy and enhance their research skills via the Independent Research Project. This piece of work will encourage students to use academic research papers, the news, along with new technology and social media. This will give them a taster on how to write a thesis and develop their critical skills. So much more than learning a language, the A-Level course is designed to develop skills which are highly valued by employers. In terms of careers, linguists go on to work in anything from translation to interpreting, journalism, law, education, PR and marketing, international relations. The list is, quite simply, endless! With hundreds of undergraduate courses on offer which combine a language element, students can have the career of their choice and be fluent in a second or third language. If students are considering studying languages at undergraduate level, either as a single or joint Honours, guidance and advice are available from our highly experienced Sixth Form teaching team.



EXTENSIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Students have additional one-to-one sessions with our native speakers. Spending time with the Assistants is a valuable way to immerse oneself in the language and its culture.

As a Department, we aim to organise foreign trips annually to enable our learners to broaden their cultural awareness and use their language in authentic settings.

We offer an exciting range of extension activities to help widen students appreciation of their chosen

There are many opportunities when studying a Modern Language at Truro School. Thanks to the individual support of my teachers including the Assistant, the jump from iGCSE to A-Level was really manageable. What was noticeable were the lessons themselves which, partly due to smaller class sizes, felt personal and tailored to our needs in a friendly and focused atmosphere. Feeling already more confident with my fluency and accuracy, I look forward to our coming trip to the South of France to be immersed in the culture, the language and the gastronomy!

ORIEL, FRENCH UPPER SIXTH STUDENT.



language and country. Providing these opportunities for our students to access supra-curricular extension helps strengthen the work done within the classroom as well as broadening their curiosity beyond.

In recent years the department has entered students in the national Juvenes Translatores competition, the Oxford University French, German and Spanish Olympiads, as well as the UK Linguistics Olympiad. In addition we enjoy foreign language plays, art and debate.