



Department: Modern Languages

Overview: Years 10 and 11

Pupils in year 10 and 11 follow the AQA specification. This is a linear exam with no coursework. Pupils learn how to refine and construct complex sentences, read authentic passages at speed, listen to native speakers and speak Spanish with confidence at a reasonable pace. They are fully prepared to take on the challenges of A level by the time they complete the course using AQA Higher textbook and they are well prepared for a grade five (equivalent of a C), if they have followed the Foundation textbook. They are taught in designated language classrooms by experts in the subject. They have access to online material which supports them in their homework and provides them with additional grammar, listening and reading material. Pupils are expected to learn vocabulary each week and show their learning in a short test in class.

Assessment

Pupils are assessed every half term via past papers. Pupils will be given some vocabulary support in order to prepare for past paper practice and they will enjoy making progress using these benchmarks.

Assessments may feature content previously covered or some surprise elements that students have to deduce, in order to prepare them for the new stretching linear examinations.

Grouping & Setting

Pupils are taught in sets which are reviewed each half term after end of unit tests. Teaching and learning is differentiated, in both lessons and homework to help all pupils reach the full potential. Intervention groups are available for all pupils, G&T or those not achieving their target grades in order to maximise their performance in examinations.

Support/ Revision/ Extra Curricular and Useful Websites

- BBC Bitesize, Kerboodle, Active learning. www.languagesonline.org.uk/
- Pupils will have the opportunity to participate in supportive Spanish or French practice sessions which are held at lunchtime on a first come first serve basis.