



Modern Foreign Languages



Key Stage 3

“The conquest of learning is achieved through the knowledge of languages.” — Roger Bacon

Studying a modern foreign language at St. Edmund’s aims to give children a passion for languages and equips them with the skills they require for a global, multicultural world. Through studying either Spanish or French, students develop four key skills vital for learning and the world beyond: listening, reading, speaking and writing. Students will learn about the cultures of the French- and Spanish-speaking world as they cover a range of topics from sport and leisure to food and the environment. Students are encouraged to speak in the language as much as possible to build their confidence and fluency. Topics studied in each year:

Year 7: Introductions, Family, Pets, Your town, Food and Drink

Year 8: Holidays, Media, Technology, Free time and leisure

Year 9: Healthy living, Tourism, Environment, Culture

Key Stage 4

Exam board – AQA French (4655) and Spanish (4695) Students also can sit examinations in Polish, Persian and other community languages.

Students study the following contexts: Lifestyle, Leisure, Work and Education, Home and Environment.

During the course:

Speaking controlled assessments – 30% (internally assessed). Two tasks are submitted for moderation.

Writing controlled assessment – 30% (externally assessed). Two tasks are submitted for marking.

At the end of the course:

Listening examination – 20%.

Reading examination – 20%. Students can enter either Foundation or Higher tier

Websites: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/french/gcse/french-4655>

Key Stage 5

Exam board: AQA French (2650), Spanish (2695), German (2660)

A-level languages help students develop confident, effective communication skills and thorough understanding of the culture of countries and communities where these languages are spoken. Students will develop their ability to write and speak with accurate grammar and syntax for a range of purposes and to understand written or spoken language in a variety of contexts and genres.

AS-level:

Unit 1: Listening, Reading and Writing: 2 hours; 70% of the total AS mark,

Unit 2: Speaking: 35 minutes (including 20 minutes preparation time); 30% of AS marks

A-level:

Unit 3: Listening, Reading and Writing: 2½ hours; 35% of the total A-level marks.

Unit 4: Speaking: 35 minutes (including 20 minutes preparation time); 15% of the total A-level

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