



# MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

## (French & Spanish)

### GCSE



#### **Examination Board:**

AQA

#### **Assessment:**

100% Examination at the end of Year 11 in three themes with an equal weighting on Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing.

Candidates can be entered at either **Foundation or Higher** level depending on ability and performance.

#### **What Will You Learn?**

The course promotes a more independent approach to language study and there are opportunities for students to practise and develop both the language and skills acquired at Key Stage 3. The emphasis is on effective communication and students encounter a wider and more complex range of expression and grammar, whilst developing their independence and confidence.

The course consists of three key themes:

- Theme 1: Identity and Culture
- Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest
- Theme 3: Current and future study and employment

#### **Who Is This Course For?**

The course is aimed at all learners who wish to continue with their study of a language and who have enjoyed and valued their language learning to date. Successful language learners are:

- Effective communicators
- Able to take the initiative
- Organised and confident
- Resourceful, imaginative and creative

All of the above equip learners for life and support them both in the subject and in other curriculum areas in school and beyond.

## **What Happens When You Finish? (Career Pathway)**

A language qualification is often required for jobs and careers in the following areas:

- Engineering
- Translation and interpreting
- Sales and Marketing
- Journalism
- Politics
- Law
- Commerce
- Medicine
- Armed forces
- Teaching
- Leisure and Tourism

A language qualification is regarded as a measure of a broad and balanced curriculum and is “one of the GCSEs, which form part of the English Baccalaureate”. Languages are also highly desirable in terms of further and higher education and the work place.

Language skills will be an asset for students whatever their future holds. Learning a language is, in itself, an enjoyable and rewarding experience; opening doors to all kinds of jobs and better prospects in an increasingly global world and socially in terms of leisure, travel and free-time. Language learning is a lifelong skill and one which develops confidence, independence and an increased understanding of both other cultures and our own.