

## World Languages Faculty - Our Vision: 'Communication Unites Us All'

As a World Languages Faculty, we offer students the opportunity to broaden their horizons and enhance their opportunities by providing a nurturing, supportive and caring environment where students feel confident to get involved and are willing to put themselves beyond their comfort zone.

These opportunities to learn extend well beyond the four walls of the conventional classroom. Whilst studying languages at Hayesfield students take part in foreign language exchanges, visits to France and Spain in enrichment week and explore further afield in Sixth Form by taking part in a month-long adventure to another continent.

In preparation for these potentially life-changing opportunities, we provide access to dedicated foreign language assistants – native speakers employed purely to support and develop the verbal communication skills of our students. We couple this self-improvement opportunity with strong links to local primary schools, where students have the chance to share their love of language learning and inspire the next generation of linguists.

The World Languages Faculty firmly believes that the key to a successful life is the ability to communicate effectively with those around you. The skills students learn through studying a foreign language will facilitate them along this journey as well as supporting their learning across the curriculum – to be a successful linguist we believe that students need to be able to analyse, rationalise, hypothesise, and criticise, as well as being able to create, contemplate, postulate and innovate.

Currently all students in Year 7 study French and in Year 8 the top sets are able to study Spanish as well. We run GCSE classes in Spanish, French, and Latin. The majority of students study at least one language to GCSE (over 84%). We follow the AQA exam board. The Faculty is well resourced with a comprehensive scheme of learning.

### Our GCSE results are as follows:

#### GCSE French

Grades	2019	2020	2021	2022
% 4+	100.0	98.1	94.4	88.4
% 5+	77.8	84.6	80.0	73.2
% 7+	41.7	46.2	53.3	29.5

#### GCSE Spanish

Grades	2019	2020	2021	2022
% 4+	65.0	77.9	100.0	94.3
% 5+	47.6	65.3	97.2	81.4
% 7+	22.3	32.6	59.2	50.0

## GCSE Latin

Grades	2019	2020	2021	2022
% 4+	80.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
% 5+	66.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
% 7+	33.3	87.5	100.0	80.0

## 2022 A Level Results:

Subject	No of Candidates	A*	A	B	C	D	E
A - French	9	3	3	3	0	0	0
A - Spanish	11	2	3	6	0	0	0

At A Level we are continuing to grow the numbers of students studying a language. We use the Eduqas exam board.

Alongside our trips and exchanges to Córdoba and Montpellier, we also have a thriving programme of extra-curricular activities, including Latin and Language Leaders' clubs. Many students also train to be International Ambassadors and support the school during Open Evenings and other events.

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