



OPTION SUBJECT (EBACC)

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES GCSE FRENCH / GERMAN / SPANISH

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Examination Board Edexcel - Graded 1 – 9

Will I enjoy languages at GCSE? The answer is 'yes!' if you agree with any of the following statements:

1. I enjoy talking to others!
2. I enjoy learning about different countries and cultures
3. I would like to be more confident when I speak to people
4. I like film and music
5. I enjoy writing and giving my opinion
6. I would like to build on my writing skills

Get stuck in...

The most important aspect of language learning in Years 10 and 11 is active involvement in all classroom activities. Our aim is to provide pupils with the tools needed to become successful language learners and to have the confidence to use their chosen language in real life situations.

A skill for life

We prepare our pupils for language use after they leave school, for holidays, conversation, correspondence, work travel etc. and not simply for examinations. Taking a language not only opens doors in the workplaces, but enables you to build the confidence to consider a future where you travel, holiday, work or even live abroad!

The course

Topics covered are: lifestyle, leisure, home and environment and work and education. We use a variety of resources to make language lessons modern and vibrant, including authentic video material and music.

The skills assessed are: Listening (25%), Reading (25%), Speaking (25%) and Writing (25%).

We offer GCSE courses in French, German and Spanish, you should choose the language you have been studying in Key Stage 3 as the courses are not suitable for beginners.

Languages help open doors in terms of your future career path:

Studying a language at GCSE opens doors and broadens horizons. It is a valuable asset to any future career as it not only prepares you for the world of work, but leads to opportunities abroad.

In a global workplace having language skills are invaluable, bilingual people can earn on average 20% more than people without language skills and even a little knowledge can open lots of doors! Many of our pupils go on to further study of language and others will keep it up alongside their chosen career path, giving them a good grounding should they wish to use it on holiday or, later on, for work.

Eventually you can combine languages with any A-level combination – remember, the skills that you build on through language learning are an asset in any career, whether it be simple communication skills or impressing a potential client with your knowledge of his/her native language.

Languages are a valuable asset. Edgbarrow pupils perform very well and we know that with the changes to language GCSEs more students will be able to achieve their very best in a language GCSE.