

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 immersion weeks to France and Spain at KS4 and KS5, visits to France in enrichment week and more.

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	2023	2024	2025
% 4+	100.0	98.1	94.4	88.4	87	73	71
% 5+	77.8	84.6	80.0	73.2	74	52	51.7
% 7+	41.7	46.2	53.3	29.5	31	23	25.6

GCSE Spanish

Grades	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
% 4+	65.0	77.9	100.0	94.3	76	96	80.5
% 5+	47.6	65.3	97.2	81.4	39	82	73.2
% 7+	22.3	32.6	59.2	50.0	18	34	41.5

GCSE Latin

Grades	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
% 4+	80.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100	100	87.5
% 5+	66.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	93.3	100	75
% 7+	33.3	87.5	100.0	80.0	60%	83.3	50

2025 A Level Results:

Subject	No of Candidates	A*-B	A*-C
A - French	11	80%	90%
A - Spanish	6	67%	100%

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

Alongside our trips to Malagá, Paris and Normandie, we also have a thriving programme of extra-curricular activities, including Latin and Extension languages. We also offer days to Bath Spa university to Y12 and outreach competitions such as the Anthea Bell Prize or the Foreign Language Spelling Bee, to name a few.

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