

# GCSE Modern Languages

**Board and Syllabus:** Edexcel

## **Objectives**

The aim of the GCSE courses in French, German and Spanish is to enable our pupils to communicate competently and accurately in the foreign language, both orally and in writing, and to understand the written and spoken word. We seek to foster a positive interest in the culture of each country. Good linguistic and study skills are nurtured and the courses are designed to be academically challenging and enjoyable as well as practical.

## **Course Content**

The GCSE course covers a wide range of materials drawn from five broad topic areas: At Home and Abroad; House, Home and Daily Routine; Media, Entertainment and Youth Culture; Education, Training and Employment; Social Activities, Fitness and Health, to include daily life, world of work, food and drink, sports and pastimes, transport, travel, holidays and media.

Subject areas are firmly rooted in the culture of the target-language country.

## **Examination Arrangements**

The GCSE is assessed in four units of Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing incorporating a unit of coursework and three examinations in Listening, Speaking and Reading. The Listening, Speaking and Reading examinations are externally assessed and the coursework is internally assessed and externally moderated.

## **Teaching**

Sets are small with students having four periods a week. The Department has four full-time, three part-time member of staff, two of whom are natives of France and Spain, and a French Assistant. The resources include a brand new language laboratory which incorporates the use of internet, email, satellite and video conferencing. The School Library offers a well-stocked section of fiction, non-fiction and periodicals.

French, Spanish and German students also have the opportunity to visit their target language country.