

**Roundwood Park School
Sixth Form Information Evening**

**A Level French,
German & Spanish**



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Why study a language at A Level?

✓ build upon the work you have done at GCSE.

✓ become more confident at speaking and writing in French/German//Spanish

✓ get an excellent foundation for further study and equip yourself with excellent communication skills

✓ gain a better understanding of French/German/Spanish grammar and will be able to use it more effectively

✓ learn about France/Germany/Spain and develop an insight into contemporary society.

✓ become a confident communicator in French/German/Spanish .

✓ develop a greater understanding of the French/German/Spanish you read and hear.

✓ become familiar with the culture of French/German/Spanish speaking countries.

✓ gain a highly respected qualification which will impress both universities and future employers

Plus....

✓ Language learning is a challenge and can be both fun and rewarding. The lessons are varied and interactive

What will I study?

Social issues and trends:

The changing nature of family
The cyber society
Voluntary work
Diversity in society



Individual research project

Students choose and research a topic that interests them & which relates to a country or countries where French/German/Spanish is spoken.

Grammar

Students will be taught to use, actively and accurately, A level grammar and structures

Political and artistic culture:

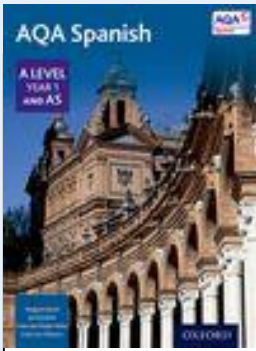
Cultural heritage
Music
The arts
Politics
Immigration
Racism

Works – literature & film

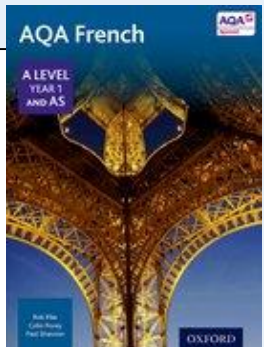
- **Françoise Sagan - *Bonjour tristesse***
- **Jean-Pierre Jeunet - *Un long dimanche***
- **Voltaire – *Candide***
- **Laurent Cantet = *Entre les murs***
- **Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck - *Das Leben der Anderen***
- **Friedrich Dürrenmatt - *Der Besuch der alten Dame***
- **Manuel Rivas – *el lapiz del carpintero***
- **Pedro Almodovar - *Volver***

How will you be assessed?

Unit 1 Listening, Reading & Writing <i>Includes translation from and to French/German/Spanish</i>	50% 2h30
Unit 2 Writing <i>2 essays: 1 on literature & 1 on film</i>	20% 2 hours
Unit 3 Speaking <i>Stimulus card and discussion on 1 topic + Individual Research Project & discussion</i>	30% 21-23 mins



What resources will I use?



- ✓ New AQA French, German or Spanish A Level Textbooks recently published by OUP.
- ✓ Kerboodle which provides a electronic textbook and a range of interactive resources
- ✓ Pupils encouraged to purchase grammar workbook & vocabulary booklet.
- ✓ Extensive use of ICT including authentic internet sites, DVDs and video clips
- ✓ Volunteer French/German/Spanish language assistants in school.
- ✓ Support for students to find Work Experience Placements in France/Germany/Spain and/or places on a French/German/Spanish residential trip.

What the students think...



After A-Level German/French/Spanish?

An A Level language is a **well-respected** qualification. It is classed as a **'Facilitating Subject'** which means it **will look good** on a UCAS or job application.

French/German/Spanish can be studied at degree level both as a subject on their own, as part of a joint degree and as a subsidiary subject, combined with a wide range of other subjects, including Politics, Maths, Science, History, English, Marketing & Engineering.

A Level French/German/Spanish will be useful in careers such as...

Finance

Law

Transport, Tourism and Leisure

Logistics

Public Sector e.g. the Civil Service

Sales and Marketing

Publishing/advertising/PR

Engineering

International Organisations,
including the UN



Any questions?

