



Midhurst Rother College

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Modern Languages: French

Exam Board: AQA

Contact Teacher: Mrs R Eost

Why study Modern Languages?

Studying a foreign language can offer you the world. Mastering a language can broaden your employment horizons - a native English speaker with a foreign language is a valued employee to any company with worldwide operations. Pursuing languages at A Level provides you the prospect to extend your listening, speaking, reading and writing skills to a proficient level. This course is for students who want to study languages at university or to compliment such studies as Chemistry, Engineering or Law. It is also for those who want to broaden their horizons and see a language as a useful tool. This course includes a Cultural Topic which allows you to choose an area of your own interest for individual study. Students from Midhurst Rother College have gone on to study languages at the universities of London, Exeter and Bristol. We offer students the opportunity of a week's work experience in our twin towns of Baiersbronn in Germany and Nogent -le-Rotrou in France.

Course details

AS level

Listening, reading, writing and speaking skills are tested on the following topics:

- Media: TV, advertising and communication technology
- Popular culture: cinema, music and fashion/trends
- Healthy living/lifestyle: sport/exercise, health and well-being and holidays
- Family/relationships: relationships within the family, friendships and marriage/partnerships

A2 level

Listening, reading, writing and speaking skills are tested on the following topics:

- Environment: pollution, energy and protecting the planet
- Multi-cultural society: immigration, integration and racism
- Contemporary social issues: wealth and poverty, law and order and the impact of scientific and technological progress
- Cultural topic: the study of a target language speaking region/community or the study of a period of 20th century history from a target language-speaking country/community or the study of a novelist/dramatist/poet from a target language-speaking country/community or the study of a director/architect/musician/painter from a target language-speaking country/community

How is the course taught and assessed?

Lessons involve oral discussion of the topics studied, with the oral examination being carried out by your own teacher. Individual listening practice is done in school and at home, by computer, and watching and listening to such things as the day's news broadcasts. The listening examination is completed with students having control of the listening material on their own computer. Dictionaries are not allowed in the examination and a wide vocabulary is therefore vital to ensure success. There is no coursework and formal assessment is completed at the end of the year. Practice of the relevant skills will be a constant element of the course.

Entry requirements

Students are required to have 6 passes at C grade in GCSE including English Language and Mathematics. Anyone intending to take a Modern Language at AS or A level will normally be expected to have achieved a grade B or above in the relevant language.