

Where does a Modern Language A-level get you? Anywhere you want!

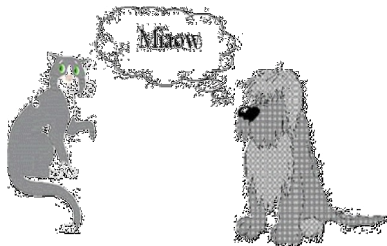
Taking an A-level in a foreign language is no longer restricted to people who want to go on to university to study languages.

- Scientists and engineers need languages: they travel and work throughout the world.
- Whatever you decide to do as a career, it is highly likely that you will one day find yourself working for a multinational company or for a firm with connections abroad: in France, Canada, Germany, Spain, Italy, Latin America and even Africa.
- Having a knowledge of the foreign country and its culture, will enable you to interact effectively abroad. This is a skill that prospective employers are actively looking for.
- The demand by companies for executives, management, scientists and sales people to be multilingual is ever-increasing.
- Employers say they don't just want specialist linguists, but people with skills such as engineering, law, chemistry etc who also can speak a foreign language.
- Numerous universities offer combined courses which means you can study two subjects, a foreign language together with another, completely different subject.

Some of the subjects that you can study along with a foreign language:

Biology	Human Biology	Biochemistry
Chemistry	Environmental Science	Food Science
Business Studies	Economics	Marketing
Politics	Banking	Accountancy
Psychology	Law	Sport Studies
Mathematics	Statistics	Computing
Geology	Geography	Drama
Physics	Biomedical Sciences	Electronics
Media Studies	Film Studies	

This list is far from being complete: many more subjects can be studied with a foreign language!



Everyone should speak a foreign language!

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**GREENHEAD COLLEGE
MODERN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT**

Why study a Modern Language? Because

- You enjoy communicating with others.
- You want to learn more about other people's countries.
- You spend your holidays abroad.
- You would like to work abroad.
- You wish to increase your employability: language specialists usually get preference over other candidates of identical ability who don't have a language.
- You want to take part in an exchange: the department organises exchanges with France, Germany, Spain and Italy.
- You want to meet and speak with a French, German, Spanish or Italian national.
- You intend to take a year out before going to university and do some volunteer work in a foreign country.



"We cut ourselves off, we short-circuit our career unless we learn another language."

Sir Trevor McDonald

"Languages are definitely an advantage and attract greater remuneration."

Cathy Fawcett, Consultant for Language Recruitment Services

What does the Modern Languages Department offer?

The department offers courses in French, German, Spanish and Italian over one or two years of study.

Level	Language	Content	Assessment
AS	French, German, Spanish, Italian	The family and relationships. Leisure. Education. Jobs and careers. The environment. Healthy living. Mass media. Immigration.	Listening Reading Writing Speaking
A2	French, German, Spanish, Italian	The developing world. Science and Technology. Health issues. Crime and Punishment. Racism. Transport. European Issues.	Listening Reading Writing Speaking



It is possible to start studying Spanish and Italian at Greenhead even if you have never studied them before, provided you have already obtained a good GCSE grade in another language or English.



AS-level is a one-year course which builds on the knowledge and skills studied at GCSE and is a mid-way stage between GCSE and A-level.

A-level is a two year-course, combining the AS and A2 levels, with exams at the end of the first year (AS) and also at the end of the second year (A2).



How will you learn?

The department has two specialist multi-media rooms, two dedicated classrooms and nine interview rooms. Each teaching group has four lessons per week (six for ab-initio students) and 20 minutes individual speaking practice with a native speaker.

Grammar is taught from the beginning of the course via the topic areas and revised continually throughout the one/two years. The target language is used as much as possible so that students are comfortable using it for daily communication.

We have long established exchanges with France, Germany and Spain and have recently established e-mail links with Italy for our A and AS-level students.



Work-shadowing is also possible in France and Germany, organised and accompanied by college staff. Several students have also undertaken work-shadowing in Spain and Italy using departmental and personal contacts.



The department organises many extra curricular activities to broaden students' experience of languages: day conferences, workshops and trips to the theatre and cinema are arranged. Experts from Leeds, Manchester and Salford Universities visit to deliver courses on film, music and popular culture and some students help in the language departments of local schools. A group of students publish an international magazine covering current affairs and we have several social events, such as 'cake day' and language assistant evenings.