

Modern Language Department

Open Day Presentation

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Why learn a language?

- In 2007, only 47% of all school pupils in the UK were studying a language at GCSE, compared to 78% in 2001!
- 52.5% of our European neighbours are fluent in at least two languages.
- Only 5.6% of the world population speaks English as a primary language.

This proves that learning a language:

- ✓ Improves global understanding;
- ✓ Makes travelling easier (and more fun);
- ✓ Gives you access to a culture apart from your own;
- ✓ Gives you life long skills;
- ✓ Improves employment potential (in ALL sectors).

Employment Prospects

- More than 94% of UK language graduates succeed in finding a job really quickly. They have a higher success rate than students of:
 - Computing, Accountancy, Engineering, Psychology, Sociology, Media
- Language graduates don't just go into translation & interpreting! In 2002, language graduates found jobs in the following sectors:
 - ✓ Business services 31.9%
 - ✓ Manufacturing 12.2%
 - ✓ Banking, finance 11.0%
 - ✓ Wholesale / retail 8.6%
 - ✓ Transport / communications 8.6%
 - ✓ Community / social and personal services 8.2%
 - ✓ Public administration 6.2%
 - ✓ Education 5.6%
 - ✓ Health / Social work 3.0%
 - ✓ Hotels and restaurants 2.0%

Employment Prospects ... cont

Average unemployment rates among new graduates in the UK 1996-2002

% of graduates unemployed

Medicine / dentistry / vet science	0.44%
Education	3.19%
Law	3.65%
German	4.67%
French	4.85%
All Modern Languages	5.51%
Mathematics	6.21%
Physical sciences	6.25%
English	6.49%
Biological Sciences	6.61%
Psychology	6.64%
Business / Administration	6.66%
Agricultural / forestry	6.70%
Humanities	6.94%
Sociology / economics / politics	7.12%
Engineering / technology	7.77%
Computing	8.91%
Media studies	9.48%
Creative arts / design	9.51%

Which languages do we offer? (2011-12)

	ASSET	AS	A2
French		✓	✓
Spanish	✓	✓	✓
German		✓	✓
Italian		✓	
Russian		✓	

- Russian is taught on a Friday after College.
- Students who are bilingual can take an exam in this language in addition to their four AS levels.

How is the course structured

Unit 1

- **Listening, Reading and Writing**
- 70% of AS, 35% of A Level
- 2 hour written examination
- 110 marks

Unit 2

- **Speaking Test**
- 30% of AS, 15% of A Level
- 35 minutes speaking test (including 20 minutes preparation)
- 50 marks

Unit 3

- **Listening, Reading and Writing**
- 35% of A Level
- 2 hours 30 minutes written examination
- 110 marks

Unit 4

- **Speaking Test**
- 15% of A Level
- 35 minutes speaking test (including 20 minutes preparation)
- 50 marks



AS

Unit 1

Unit 2

A2

Unit 3

Unit 4

How is the course structured

Topic 1: Media

- 1a Television
- 1b Advertising
- 1c Communication Technology

Topic 2: Popular Culture

- 2a Cinema
- 2b Music
- 2c Fashion/Trends

Topic 3: Healthy Living

- 3a Sport/exercise
- 3b Health and well-being
- 3c Holidays

Topic 4: Family + Relationships

- 4a Relationships with parents
- 4b Friendship
- 4c Marriage

Topic 5: Environment

- 5a Pollution
- 5b Energy
- 5c Protecting the Planet

Topic 6: Multiculturalism

- 6a Immigration
- 6b Integration
- 6c Racism

Topic 7: Contemporary Society

- 7a Wealth and poverty
- 7b Law and order
- 7c Impact of scientific & technological progress

listening – reading - writing – speaking
grammar

Why study MfL at HSFC?

- In the most recent Ofsted inspection (2009) the department was rated as **outstanding** (judgment was based on a combination of lesson observations, student feedback and exam results).

- Excellent **pass rate** – for 2010:
 - 100% A-E in A2 German, French and Spanish

- Very high **A-B achievement**:
 - 75% in Spanish
 - 75% in German
 - 68% in French



Why study MfL at HSFC? ... cont

- Highly praised by Ofsted for our use of ICT (asked to use us as an example of exemplary practice).
 - Moodle online learning materials.
- Opportunity to study Spanish ASSET.
- One of our teachers is a chief examiner for Edexcel and another is an AQA examiner.



Talk to our students to see what they think.

What you need to study MfL A Level

- Grade A*-B in GCSE Language.
 - Students with a B at GCSE must enrol on support class for French and Spanish
- Higher tier for all papers.
- Interest in other cultures
- Ability to work independently
- Be willing to work hard.



FAQs

Is studying a language at AS/A level similar to at GCSE level?

Yes and no. We study the same skills (listening, reading, writing, speaking and grammar) but the topics are focussed on what is happening in the world (i.e. We're no longer buying stamps and ordering a hotel room).

Are there trips abroad?

Yes – the trip is compulsory for students wanting to do A2.

French	Clermont Ferrand, Paris
Spanish	Seville, Granada, Murcia
Italian	Milan
German	Berlin

How big are the groups?

Between 8 – 15 students (on average)



FAQs

Is there a chance to see what MfL lessons would be like?

Yes. All students wishing to study a MfL at HSFC will be invited for a day's induction after the GCSE exams.

Any other questions?

More Information:

About the courses offered at HSFC:

📄 www.havering-sfc.ac.uk

📄 <http://www.aqa.org.uk>

About studying languages:

📄 www.languageswork.org.uk

📄 www.whystudylanguages.ac.uk



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A Level