

MFL: Modern Foreign Languages Department



APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY

RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITIES: these are the <u>24 leading UK universities</u> with a shared focus on research and a reputation for academic achievement.

They consider languages favourably to enter any degree course.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

ASSESSMENT

Students will re-cover content covered in year 7 and 8 at GCSE.

At GCSE students will cover these topics in more detail and build on existing language skills.

- 1 IDENTITY AND CULTURE
- 2 LOCAL AREA, HOLIDAY AND TRAVEL
- 3 SCHOOL
- 4 FUTURE ASPIRATIONS, STUDY AND WORK
- 5 INTERNATIONAL AND GLOBAL DIMENSION

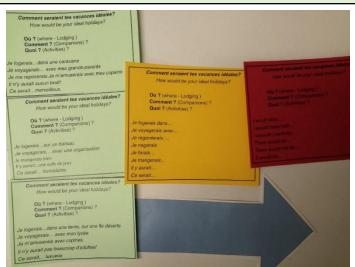
- Listening Exam 25%
- Speaking Exam 25%
- Reading Exam 25%
- Written tasks 25%

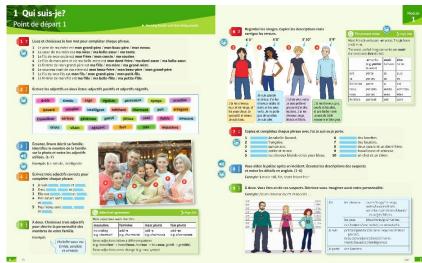
WHAT DO MFL LESSONS LOOK LIKE?

We use a mixture of *ActiveTeach* (online lessons) with other classroom based activities to support students to develop their language skills. It is important to remember that learning a language is more than just writing.

The MFL department aims to Prepare Students to Succeed.

- Students will be set weekly **Listening** audio files to listen to before the their French lesson with support vocabulary so they can get to become independent learners and familiarise themselves with key vocabulary.
- Students will develop their **Speaking skills** through regular conversation tasks in lessons, describing pictures with support prompts and group speaking activities.
- Students will develop their **Writing Skills** through completing a weekly speaking question. MFL teachers will also spend time to explain Key **Grammar Concepts** throughout the course.
- Homework: Students are expected to complete tasks at home weekly.
- Some examples: Key Listening Task, Grammar task, Reading, Translation, Speaking question.







Differenciated Spekaing Cards to develop speaking skills

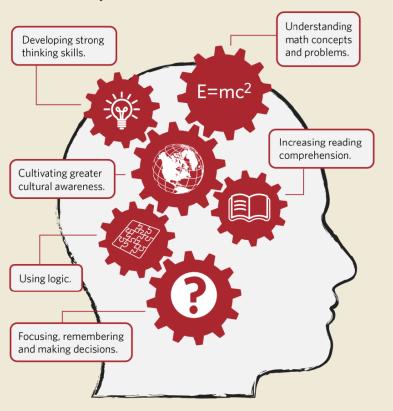
Students use Active Learn at home

Benefits of a

Bilingual Brain

Splash language immersion programs provide a unique and powerful opportunity to strengthen children's highest cognitive brain potentials through deliberate literacy development in two languages and authentic exposure to rich language experiences.

Research shows that **bilingual people** have an easier time with these key brain functions:



Mental Health

A multilingual brain is quicker, nimbler and more resistant to Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

Academic Performance

Students in dual language programs consistently outperform monolingual peers on state-mandated tests, regardless of demographic.

Preparation for the Future

Bilingual adults have several advantages over monolingual adults, including higher average salaries and greater career opportunities.

Language in the Brain

Research also shows that the brains of bilingual people are more developed in areas that organize and process speech.

ADVANTAGES OF a FOREIGN LANGUAGE

☐ EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Access to the best [Russel Group] universities

☐ JOB OPPORTUNITIES

A language adds more strength to your CV

Companies look for people who understand other languages and foreign cultures.

☐ LIFE EXPERRIENCES

Travel the world. Make new friends from other countries.

Appreciate and understand about other cultures.

□ PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Learning a language is a life skill for the future, developing your **mind**, cultural appreciation and inter-personal **skills**.

What industries are these top language jobs from?

Highlights:

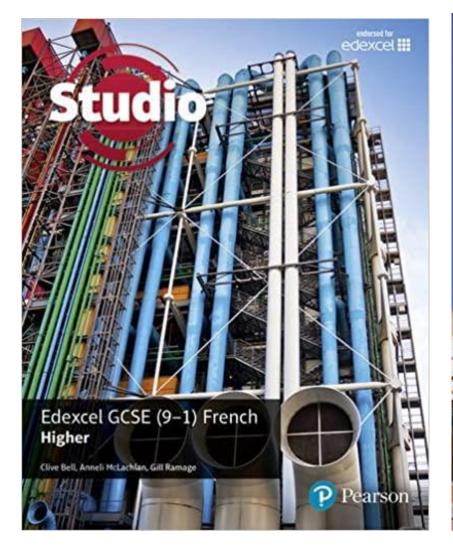
- Media(Journalism) and Film industry
- Tourism and travel services Industry
- Airlines and Hotels
- Banks and Insurance companies
- Government (e.g local, national & International Embassies)
- International non-profit organizations
- Publishing companies
- Representatives of Foreign Companies
- Health Services
- Social services
- Education
- Elementary, high schools, Universities, and colleges



Employees who learn a foreign language command a higher salary.

RESOURCES:

We encourage those students to get a copy of the Pearson Edexcel Text book if they are going to study a language for the next three years.





This will support language learners with

- ☐ Lessons
- **□** Vocabulary
- ☐ Grammar explanations
- **☐** Verb tables
- ☐ Revision
- ☐ Exam style questions