

Bienvenue, Willkommen, Bienvenido... A-Level Languages at KES









GERMAN

FRENCH

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SPANISH

Why Pick a Language?

- 94% of the world's population doesn't speak English as their first language – that means only 6% of us do!
- 80% of the population don't speak it at all!





Some job sectors which need linguists include:

TOURISM (tour guides, curators, organisers...) ICT (web designers, app developers, games testers...) MEDIA (journalists, editors, writers, subtitlers...) SPORT (reporters, interpreters...) EDUCATION (teachers, lecturers, tutors, writers...) MARKETING (copywriters, translators, designers, sales reps...) LAW (barristers, foreign affairs workers, interpreters...)

JOBS

A-Level Languages

Percentage of people aged 15-30 who say they can read & write in more than one language

Source:

Eurobarometer 2018

A recent poll by the CBI* revealed the most sought after languages by businesses in the UK.

* The CBI is the **UK's premier business lobbying organisation**, providing a voice for employers at a national and international level.



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We sell 75% of our exports to countries where English is not the first language

Speaking a language increases an average worker's salary by 8- 20% (on average £3,000 a year or £145,000 a lifetime).*

* BBC News,2018 http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/3966413.stm



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"French was definitely my favourite subject... good discussions... great experience... I really loved the IRP definitely get into Albert Camus, he's a really interesting guy [...] it just makes you think and it is the most broad subject I studied"

Jack Webber A-Level student, A* in 2019

Careers: Transferable Skills

- Develops memory
- Hones listening skills
- Increases vocabulary
- You become more confident in unfamiliar situations
- Improves reasoning skills
- Improves problem solving
- Improved thinking skills
- Improves communication skills
- Makes you more creative
- Helps you be more understanding





French Class of 2019 A*, 5 x A, B, C







I studied A-Level French at King Ecgbert school last year and got an A*. It is one of the broadest A-Levels available - you get to cover films, books, politics and culture, while also learning another language - it's also very fun! I really enjoyed doing the IRP because it allowed me to focus on a specific area that I found interesting (the philosophy of Albert Camus) and explore it in great depth. I also found working in small groups very rewarding as it allowed extensive discussions about the topics. Now I am studying maths at Oxford, but I still engage with French and continue to watch French films and TV.







I'm Luke, and I studied French at King Egbert school and achieved an A.

I think Y11s should study French as it is one of the very few subjects that is immediately useful. I have ended up speaking French in the most unexpected situations. I would also say that the feeling you get after having a real conversation in another language is brilliant! It's even better at KES, as we had a small group and we became really good friends. The lessons felt much less formal and more comfortable. Also, the teachers were incredibly supportive with help whenever you needed it and unlimited cups of tea! Finally the trip that we went on to Dijon was a highlight of my time at 6th form and let us work in France while still feeling like a holiday!

Now I'm studying physics at Oxford and I'm keeping up with my French as it is a really useful skill that I definitely don't want to lose!





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I studied German at GCSE and A-Level along with physics, maths and music. I enjoyed it so much I decided to pursue a 4-year degree in physics with a year in Europe at Bristol University.

My third year was spent at Darmstadt University in Germany, where I studied physics – in German! **German is the second most commonly used scientific language in the world** and they are world leaders in science and engineering so it has given me another string to my bow when applying for jobs.



Being fluent in a second language has been fantastic – most recently this summer I spent three weeks in Bali where a large number of the tourists speak German. There is nothing better than being able to communicate with people in a language other than English. I find the look on their faces when I start to speak is so rewarding.



Why King Ecgbert School?

KES MFL

- Many of you already know how passionate the MFL staff are and how hard we will work for you.
- Students who we have taught at A-Level have had incredible success in the subject.
- Lots of individual support available from an excellent team of staff.
- We hope to offer MFL trips, like previous work experience trips to France where you will work in a primary school as well as visit a variety of cultural heritage sites. Students also participate in the planning of the trip.



Why King Ecgbert School?

Speaking / communication is key to loving language learning.
Our 2019 results speak for themselves:

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paper 1		paper		paper 3				
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168	84	71	88.8	112	93.3	351	Α	
196	98	70	87.5	108	90.0	374	A•	
156	78	67	83.8	108	90.0	331	Α	
168	84	65	81.3	118	98.3	351	Α	
166	83	74	92.5	110	91.7	350	Α	
146	73	51	63.8	100	83.3	297	В	
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	89%
	79.90%
	68.70%
	58%
	47%
	36.50%

In 2020, 100% of the cohort again achieved A* - C grades.



Why King Ecgbert School?











What will we cover? AQA² Over the two years, the course covers:

Social issues and trends:

Aspects of French/German/Spanish-speaking society (the changing nature of family, the 'cyber-society', the place of voluntary work).

Artistic culture:

Artistic culture in the French/German/Spanish-speaking world (contemporary music, cinema, art).



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Aspects of political life:

Politics and youth, the right to vote and political commitment, demonstrations, strikes, racism and immigration.

<u>A book and a film</u>

An Individual Research Project

How will it be assessed?

KES MFL

- <u>Paper 1</u>: Listening, Reading and Writing (2 hours 30 minutes) made up of listening, reading, and translation exercises.
- <u>Paper 2</u>: Writing (2 hours). You will write one essay on the film and one essay on the book you have studied (each time you have a choice of two questions for each). [20% of grade]
- <u>Paper 3</u>: Speaking (21-23 minutes including 5 minutes' preparation time). Discussion of a stimulus card, presentation and discussion of Individual Research Project. [30% of grade]

An A-Level in a language can open up a whole new world to you... do you want to risk missing out?

