

<b>Subject: Modern Foreign Languages</b>	
<b>Examination Board:</b> EDEXCEL	<b>Specification code:</b> French A Level 9FR0 German A Level 9GN0
<p><b><u>Examinations for both languages:</u></b></p> <p><b>Listening, reading and translation – 1 hour and 50 minutes (40%)</b> A range of listening and reading texts on which students respond to comprehension questions based on a variety of contexts and sources; an unseen passage in the foreign language to be translated into English.</p>	<p>A Level students study four themes which address a range of social issues and trends, as well as aspects of the political and artistic culture of Germany/France and German/French-speaking countries.</p> <p>In addition, the courses offer study of a rich range of literary texts and films, both contemporary and more classical.</p>
<p><b>Written response to works and translation – 2 hours 40 minutes (30%)</b> Translation of an unseen passage from English into the foreign language; two written responses in the foreign language – either on two literary texts or on one literary text and one film.</p>	<p><b><u>Topics studied:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Year 12:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changing family structures (French)</li> <li>• Natural living (German)</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• The world of work</li> <li>• Music</li> <li>• Media</li> <li>• Festivals and traditions</li> </ul>
<p><b>Speaking – 18 minutes (30%)</b> – teacher examined Task 1 – discuss one theme based on a stimulus containing two different statements; Task 2 – students present a summary of key findings from their independent research followed by a related wider discussion on the topic.</p>	<p><b><u>Year 13:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integration and multiculturalism</li> <li>• Rise of the far right (French)</li> <li>• Economic and social impact of immigration(German)</li> <li>• Occupation (French)</li> <li>• German Democratic Republic (German)</li> <li>• The Resistance (French)</li> <li>• Life since reunification (German)</li> </ul>
<p><b>What students can expect from the course:</b> Modern Languages courses build on the understanding developed at KS4, and the first term bridges the considerable gap between GCSE and A Level study. As well as developing language skills such as spontaneity and translation, the qualification also features content that provides links to some of the most fundamental and interesting aspects of the culture of the target language country and communities such as Education and Work, Music and Media, Integration and Multiculturalism. The courses offer study of a rich range of literary texts and films, both contemporary and more classical. In order to support students in their language development, we offer a residential stay in the country of study, with total immersion in the language. Students subscribe to a magazine which provides them with five editions of articles from the target language community as well as digital listening files. In their private study time students are expected to read and listen to contemporary texts in the language of study, as well as work on building and consolidating their vocabulary and language skills. Knowledge of a Modern Language post-GCSE is a highly sought after skill, combining as it does the rigorous approach needed to master the grammar of the language with the knowledge and understanding of the culture of the country. Previous A Level students at Richard Hale have gone on to study not only individual languages at university, but have also combined their language with Business, Engineering, Law, Mathematics, European Studies and many other subjects.</p>	

**Expected GCSE qualifications:**

We recommend students have achieved a Grade 6 in French/German to be successful at A Level. Applicants should be aware that the grammar content of A Level MFL is considerable and should have a firm grounding in that required by the GCSE course.