



Why study Languages at Formby High School?

Formby High School is a language rich school, and our students benefit from experienced, specialist linguists. We have strong links with a number of universities and have had a variety of university-led language taster sessions, lectures and webinars specific to the A level course. Our languages library corner has a large selection of books and films and ex-student Esther, who took advantage of a variety of wider reading materials and webinars, is now studying languages at Durham University. "I feel really confident going into university study!"

The wider language world is a key part of our languages department ethos with taster sessions in Korean, Japanese, Italian and Portuguese. Ex-student Cam (studying Spanish and Portuguese at university): "I really enjoyed the A Level course and it taught me the importance of languages".

Our Sixth Form 'Polyglots' programme caters for accreditation, where suitable, for students who are bilingual. Previous bilingual students have gained A Levels in Italian, Russian, Portuguese, German, Turkish and Polish. Ex-student Aleisha gained a Dutch GCSE qualification: "I'm super grateful for all the support with the Polyglot scheme and I hope to get the chance to exchange to the Netherlands as part of my university engineering course."

What does the course involve?

Students have access at home to online learning platforms and an e-textbook. The A level course is structured to build students' confidence and provide challenge with personalised feedback and guidance. Ex-student Lucy (studying Languages and Politics at university): "My confidence in speaking Spanish massively improved at A level. The languages department at Formby High is second to none, they constantly check up on you and are always there to offer advice. Make the most of it!"

The topics you will study are wide-ranging and include: History, Politics, Multiculturalism, Religion, Family life, Festivals, Immigration, Art, Equality, Film studies, Literature and more! Ex-student Ellen (studying Spanish, French and Catalan at university) "I loved studying Spanish film, as well as learning about more hard-hitting topics such as racism and sexism."

Being able to speak another language is a practical and demonstrable skill which allows you to get more out of life both personally and professionally and will develop both social skills and confidence as a communicator. Ex-student Leah is using her Spanish in her social life at university as she is sharing student accommodation with a Mexican Spanish speaker.



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I selected Spanish A level due to the skill I hope to gain from the course. I have always enjoyed the language lessons that the school offers and taking Spanish at Formby high School has broadened my cultural understanding as well as improving my social and communication skills.

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Thomas chose to stay at Formby High for Sixth Form

What can the qualification lead to?

We have a high uptake for degrees with languages so there is plenty of inspiration from our most recent ex-students:

- Betty and Lucy – Spanish with Politics
- James- Spanish with Business Management
- Ellen – Spanish, French and Catalan
- Cam and Jack - Spanish with Portuguese
- Lily – Spanish, English, and Media
- Joao - Spanish, Chinese and French
- Jess has taken up Korean and Japanese after taking A level Spanish

Previous ex-students have moved on to jobs in industry or Masters courses such as an MA in Applied Translation or an MSc in Speech and Language therapy.

The British Academy has highlighted that employers gain not only from the linguistic skills and cognitive flexibility of Modern Languages graduates but also from their cultural agility. Language rich students are well equipped for a variety of future employment possibilities such as these career examples from University of Liverpool language graduates: Journalist, Fraud Investigator, Public Relations, Brand Ambassador, Publishing, Foreign News Editor, Conference Manager, Recruitment Consultant, Export Marketing and many more! The question is: Where will your languages take you?

What are the entry requirements?

Grade 6 in GCSE Spanish (Polyglot entries to be discussed on an individual basis.)

Which other subjects complement Languages?

Languages complement all subjects! Students often combine languages with subjects such as Maths, Chemistry, History, Politics, Biology, English and Geography.