



GCSE French and Spanish at Holcombe Grammar School



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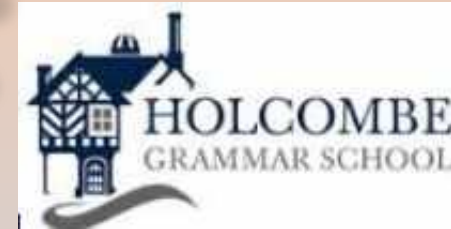
A language is for life, not just for GCSE!

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Why study a language at GCSE?



Languages are a **life skill**

Knowledge of a foreign language is not just another qualification – it is a life skill, and it is a **skill highly valued by employers**



Learning language gives you greater **opportunities** to **travel and work abroad**



Languages combine well with virtually any other subject for **further study**

The range of combined degrees involving a language is virtually limitless



It will improve your **English skills**

Advanced study of a foreign language gives you a real insight into your own language



A career asset



The ability to speak French, Spanish and English is an advantage for finding a job:



- with the many **multinational companies** using **French** and **Spanish** as their working language,
- in a wide range of sectors (**retailing, automotive, luxury goods, aeronautics**, etc.).

France, as the world's fifth biggest economy, attracts **entrepreneurs, researchers** and the **top foreign students**.

- your **salary** could **raise** up to **20%**



A herd of elephants is wading in shallow water. The elephants are of various sizes, including several young calves. They are moving from left to right across the frame. The water is a light brownish-green color, and the background shows a sandy beach and some greenery.

Employability: give yourself the edge

This is what a top employer said he is looking for in a new employee:

- social skills
- ability to work in a team
- communication skills
- problem-solving skills
- confidence
- experience
- open mindedness
- flexibility

Learning languages gives you these skills

Speaking another language makes you stand out from the crowd



Employability: give yourself the edge

The top employer also said:

- Business is global today
- English is important but not enough
- You need to get noticed overseas
- Foreign languages are vital

He gave some tips on the social side of business:

- Listening is a skill
- Cultural awareness pays off
- Relationships make a difference
- Networking is easier in the local language



Give yourself the edge... they did!

Match the *names* on the left to the *degrees* on the right:

J. K. Rowling
Author (Harry Potter)

Paula Radcliffe
Athlete

Lucy Liu
Film star

Jonathan Ross
TV and Radio Presenter

Rory Bremner
Comedian

Fiona Bruce
Newsreader

Chris Martin
Musician (Coldplay)

Nigella Lawson
TV Chef

Chinese Language and Culture
(1990)

European Studies
(1982)

French and German
(1983)

Modern European Studies
(1996)

Greek and Latin
(1999)

French and Classics
(1987)

Medieval and Modern Languages
(1983)

French and Italian
(1986)

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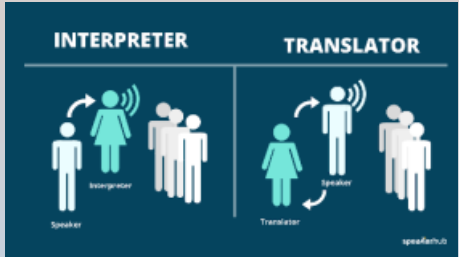


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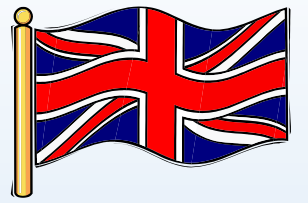
Do you want to work for an American company?

Prominent American Companies who do business in France...





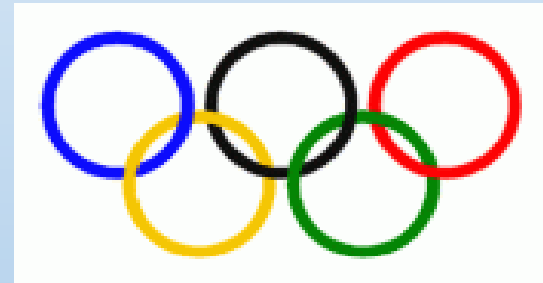
French, along with English, is the official working language of ...



- the United Nations
- UNESCO
- NATO



- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- the International Labour Bureau
- the International Olympic Committee
- the 31-member Council of Europe



- the European Community
- the Universal Postal Union
- the International Red Cross



- Union of International Associations (UIA)



Spanish is the...



- Second most spoken native language worldwide and the second language of international communication.
- Spanish, the official language in twenty-one countries, is the third most widely-spoken language in the world.
- More than 400 million people speak Spanish worldwide.
- Experts predict that by the year 2050, there will be 530 million Spanish speakers, of which 100 million will be living in the United States.
- You could spend all your life **travelling between each Spanish-speaking country** and never see the same location twice.



With French and Spanish, you can . . .

become proficient more quickly
than with most world languages



Have you ever said to yourself...

- What about this E-baccalaureate I keep hearing so much about?
- The EBacc is a set of subjects at GCSE that keeps young people's options open for further study and future careers.
- The Ebacc includes a **language**
- [English Baccalaureate \(EBacc\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)



The E-bacc could affect you!

- All future school leavers could have an MFL
- Your son will be massively disadvantaged if he doesn't
- Current government plans suggest that everyone will take the E-bacc in future.



Skills



- Each language skill will have a 25% weighting.
- **AO1 Listening**: understand and respond to different types of spoken language (25%).
- **AO2 Speaking**: communicate and interact in speech (25%).
- **AO3 Reading**: understand and respond to different types of written language (25%).
- **AO4 Writing**: communicate in writing (25%).



Course outline



- Focus on independent and spontaneous use of the target language
- Increased emphasis on the culture and identities of the countries and communities where the language is spoken.
- The course covers a variety of contexts linked to themes
- Theme 1: People and lifestyle
- Theme 2: Popular Culture
- Theme 3: Communication and the world around us.
- Translation into English and from English into the target language



Cross-Curricular Links

The **French GCSE course** will appeal to students who:



- Want to develop his critical skills
 - Have an interest in the French language
 - Are interested in finding out about another culture
 - Have a sense of adventure by taking part in visits
 - Are considering working in an international company and/or a French speaking country.
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The **Spanish GCSE course** will appeal to students who:



- Want to develop his critical skills
 - Have an interest in the Spanish language
 - Are interested in finding out about another culture
 - Have a sense of adventure by taking part in visits
 - Are considering working in an international company and/or a Spanish speaking country.
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- The course encourages a greater appreciation of the Spanish language and Hispanic culture, as well as a better understanding of language in general. It would therefore be of great benefit to English Language and Literature students.
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Career Pathways



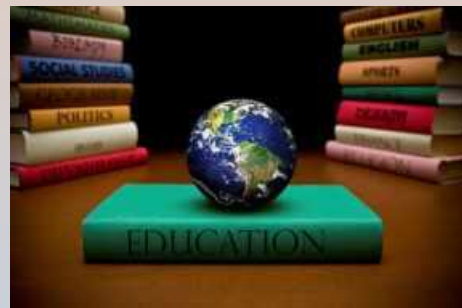
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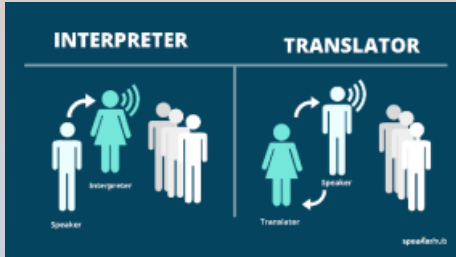
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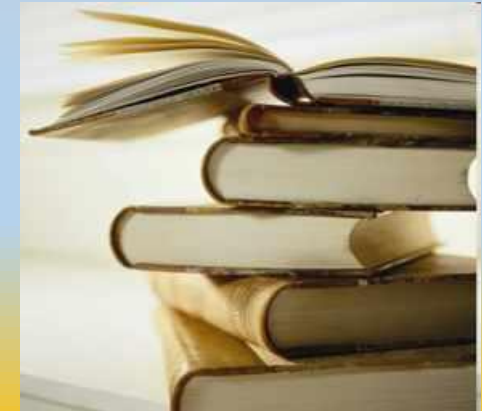
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Top 5 UK Universities for Modern Languages

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