

Languages

"Becoming an active communicator in the world's global village"

Our Languages Curriculum intends to:

- Broaden pupils' horizons by developing a passion for other languages and cultures and recognise the additional career opportunities open to people who speak an additional language.
- Ensure that every pupil is encouraged and supported to study a language for GCSE.
- Encourage a growth mind-set in pupils to learning a new language and develop the confidence to communicate.

Overview of the Course:

The learning of a language encourages respect for other people; it fosters an understanding of the interrelation of language and human nature. Studying any foreign language will broaden minds and give pupils a better insight into the world around us. It will encourage empathy as an individual. It demonstrates openness to society and an ability to communicate with others on all levels. The learning of a language supports an appreciation of cultural diversity.

Pupils will continue to study the language they have learnt at Westgate since Year 7. Some pupils choose to continue with a second language. German will also be offered as a GCSE starting in Year 9 (dependant on pupil numbers). Several trips run throughout the year to complement the learning of languages and broaden pupils' cultural experiences.

Course Skills:

The course develops the skills of speaking, listening, reading, and writing all the target languages. Pupils will also be exposed to cultural texts, as well as opportunities to write their own creative work.

Course content in Year 9:	Course content in Year 10 and 11
Me, my family and friends	Life at school
Home, town, neighbourhood and region	Travel and tourism
My studies	Current and future study and employment
Free time activities	Marriage / partnership
Food and eating out	Social media
Healthy living	Mobile technology
Customs and festivals	Global issues and the environment

Assessment:

A written exam which will include two short essays (90 & 150 words) and a translation from English to the target language – 25%. A reading paper with texts in the target language and the questions to be answered in English in the first section and the target language in the second. A translation from the target language to English – 25%. A listening exam with answers in English and the target language – 25%. An oral exam to include the description of a photo, a roles play and a general conversation – 25%

Exam Board: AQA – 8658, 8668, 8698