

September 2017: GCSE Modern Languages at Presdales

September 2016 saw the introduction of the *new GCSE 9-1* in most subjects and in all schools in the UK.

In line with government requirements **French, German and Spanish** followed the new GCSE as of the beginning of this school year in September 2016 and the new syllabus for **Italian and Russian** will come into effect in September 2017. As of September 2017, French, German, Spanish and Italian will follow the GCSE AQA specification and Russian the Edexcel specification.

All students will study one language and have the opportunity to study GCSE in both of their KS3 languages.

Here is a quick and simplified overview to show you what you will be learning.

French, German, Spanish, Italian and Russian will be taught as linear courses.

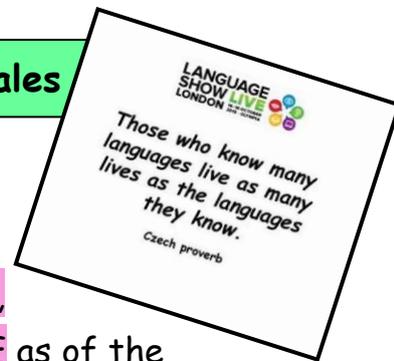
- The language will be taught developing the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing leading to a GCSE grade 9-1 with 9 being the highest grade.
- Assessment:

The new GCSE is **linear** which means there will be **ONE final exam** including an oral at the end of Yr 11. All skills will be equally weighted: Listening 25%, Speaking 25%, Reading 25%, Writing 25%. The exam can only be taken either at Higher or at Foundation level.

- Themes:

The specification covers three distinct themes. These themes apply to all four question papers.

Students are expected to understand and provide information and opinions about these themes relating to their own experiences and those of other people, including people in countries/communities where the target language is spoken.



- **Theme 1: Identity and culture** covers the following four topics with related sub-topics shown as bullet points:

Topic 1: Me, my family and friends

- Relationships with family and friends
- Marriage/partnership

Topic 2: Technology in everyday life

- Social media
- Mobile technology

Topic 3: Free-time activities

- Music
- Cinema and TV
- Food and eating out
- Sport

Topic 4: Customs and festivals in German-speaking countries/communities



- **Theme 2: Local, national, international and global areas of interest** covers the following four topics with related sub-topics shown as bullet points:

Topic 1: Home, town, neighbourhood and region

Topic 2: Social issues

- Charity/voluntary work
- Healthy/unhealthy living

Topic 3: Global issues

- The environment
- Poverty/homelessness

Topic 4: Travel and tourism



- **Theme 3: Current and future study and employment** covers the following four topics:

Topic 1: My studies

Topic 2: Life at school/college

Topic 3: Education post-16

Topic 4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions

