

Budmouth Academy Curriculum Statement

Modern Foreign Languages Key Stage 5

Key Features of our KS5 Curriculum

MFL A Level studies involve significant depth of cultural, grammatical, lexical and conceptual knowledge. Students are required to demonstrate, in some detail, their cultural knowledge of the country being studied, alongside their linguistic knowledge in spoken and written form.

They are required to evaluate and critically analyse authentic literary and cinematic materials. Their Individual Research Project in Yr 13 involves guided, in-depth study of a chosen aspect linked to their respective country in which the MFL is spoken. Students are encouraged to speak with a high degree of spontaneity, detail and evaluation.

In KS5 lessons, students often act as interpreters, both into English as well as English into French/German/Spanish. We provide each student with a language-specific “MFL Handbook”, which contains reference materials, exam guidance and assessment information.

Some of our former A Level linguists have gone on to use their language skills in their university studies, in employment and for foreign travel.

Link to AQA’s website: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages>

A Level French, German, Spanish

Assessment: Exam Papers

A Level candidates will sit **3 papers** at the end of Yr 13.

Paper 1: Listening, reading and writing 2 hours 30 mins, 100 marks – 50% of A-Level

Paper 2: Writing 2 hours, 80 marks – 20% of A-Level

Paper 3: Speaking 16-18 mins + 5mins prep. Time, 60 marks – 30% of A-Level

Key Stage 5 Curriculum at a Glance

French, Spanish, German

Yr 12 Subject content areas

- 3.1 Social issues and trends (these vary by language)

GERMAN	FRENCH	SPANISH
The changing state of the family	The changing nature of family	Values - traditional and modern
The digital world	Cyber-society	Cyber-society
Youth Culture	The place of voluntary work	Gender equality

- 3.2 Political and artistic culture (these vary by language)

GERMAN	FRENCH	SPANISH
Festivals and Traditions	A culture proud of its heritage	Influence of role models and stars
Art and Architecture	Contemporary francophone music	Regional identity in Spain
Cultural Life in Berlin	Cinema - the 7th art form	Cultural Heritage

Yr 13 Subject content areas

- 3.1 Multi-culturalism (these vary by language)

GERMAN	FRENCH	SPANISH
Immigration	Positive features of a diverse society	Immigration
Integration	Life for the marginalised	Integration
Racism	How criminals are treated	Racism

- 3.2 Political and artistic culture (these vary by language)

GERMAN	FRENCH	SPANISH
Germany and the EU	Teenage right to vote and political commitment	Youth of today - citizens of tomorrow
Politics and youth	Demonstrations, strikes and power	Monarchy or dictatorships
German Reunification	Politics and immigration	Popular , movements - strikes, unions, protests

- 3.3 Grammar
- 3.4 Works (Literature and film)
- 3.5 Individual research project