

## AS

At AS, this specification has been designed to take into account the likely linguistic knowledge of students who have only recently completed a French/German/Spanish GCSE. It is envisaged that the topics in the specification will stimulate their interest and engage and motivate them. Quality of language at AS level will be assessed mainly through the written task in unit 1 and in the speaking test. The speaking tests have been enhanced by the removal of the presentation at AS level, thus allowing students to concentrate on developing their oral fluency and conversation skills.

## A2

At A2, translation and re-translation tasks have been retained to provide a test of the student's grammatical knowledge and as a useful tool for further study. This specification will also provide the opportunity for students to take an opinion on an issue of importance and to discuss the subject while justifying and illustrating their point of view. A conversation on two cultural topics of their choice will give students the opportunity to talk about topics which are of interest to them and which they have researched.

### Unit 1: Listening, Reading and Writing

#### Written Paper, 2 hours

70% of total AS marks, 35% of total A Level marks

Candidates will answer a range of questions based on approximately 5 minutes of heard material and on a selection of written texts. They will also respond in writing to a question based on one of the AS topics from a choice of three

Available January and June

#### Subject Content for AS

##### Media

- Television
- Advertising
- Communication technology

##### Popular Culture

- Cinema
- Music
- Fashion/trends

### Unit 2: Speaking Test

#### Speaking Test 35 minutes (including 20 minutes preparation time)

30% of total AS marks, 15% of total A Level marks

Candidates will discuss a target-language stimulus card based on one of the AS topics and take part in a conversation covering three further AS topics

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#### Healthy Living/Lifestyle

- Sport/exercise
- Health and well-being
- Holidays

#### Family/relationships

- Relationships within the family
- Friendships
- Marriage/partnerships

### Unit 3: Listening, Reading and Writing

#### Written Paper, 2 hours 30 minutes

35% of total A Level marks

Candidates will answer a range of questions based on approximately 6 minutes of heard material and on a selection of written texts. They will also respond in writing to a question based on one of the four A2 cultural topic areas. Two questions will be set on each of the areas

Available June

#### Subject Content for A2

##### Environment

- Pollution
- Energy
- Protecting the planet

##### The multicultural society

- Immigration
- Integration
- Racism

##### Contemporary social issues

- Wealth and poverty
- Law and order
- The impact of scientific and technological progress

### Unit 4: Speaking Test

#### Speaking Test 35 minutes (including 20 minutes preparation time)

15% of total A Level marks

Candidates will present a point of view based on a target-language stimulus card from one of the A2 topic areas and take part in a conversation based on two cultural topics they have studied

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#### Cultural topic

Choice of studying two from:

- A target language-speaking region/community
- A period of 20th century history from a target language-speaking country/community
- The work of an author from a target language-speaking country/community
- The work of a dramatist/poet from a target language-speaking country/community
- The work of a director/architect/musician/painter from a target language-speaking country/community

## Assessment Objectives

### AO1

Understand and respond, in speech and writing, to spoken language

### AO2

Understand and respond, in speech and writing, to written language

### AO3

Show knowledge of and apply accurately the grammar and syntax prescribed in the specification