



Languages at TGS

French, German, Latin, and Spanish






Welcome to TGS

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- ▶ Here at TGS you will have the opportunity to choose the language you study through secondary school.
- ▶ We hope that you can carry on with that language all the way to GCSE and even beyond (A Level and University).
- ▶ We are quite privileged to have specialist teachers for all four languages, which is a unique offer at secondary level.
- ▶ TGS holds an International School Award for its language provision and links with schools abroad.
- ▶ We offer trips for all languages throughout Year 7 to year 13.



What are the benefits of studying languages?



- ▶ Brain development is accelerated.
- ▶ Oral skills are developed easily.
- ▶ Sounds and rhythms of the new language are easier to pick up.
- ▶ Younger children will not speak the new language with an English accent.
- ▶ Younger children have the confidence to practise the language with other people.
- ▶ Children have more time to become proficient in the new language.



What is the options process?

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- ▶ You will receive a letter from TGS explaining the options process to choose a language for Year 7.
- ▶ You will need to rank your preferences in the letter and hand it back to TGS.
- ▶ We will endeavour to match people with their preferred options but cannot guarantee this 100%.
- ▶ There will be space in the form for you to state if there is a particular language that you would strongly want to study for reasons such as family abroad, bilingualism at home, etc.



What is the options process?



- ▶ The 3 Modern Foreign Languages on offer are:
 - ▶ French
 - ▶ German
 - ▶ Spanish
- ▶ You will have 2 lessons of languages every week (1-hour lessons).
- ▶ At TGS you can also study Latin alongside your allocated language.
- ▶ If you study Latin, you will have 1 lesson of Latin and 1 lesson of your modern language a week.
- ▶ In order to progress with your French, German or Spanish while studying Latin, support will be given, for example you can attend Languages Club or complete some guided work at home or in school.

What does French look like at TGS?



International Links

- Pen pal projects
- Study visit to Normandie

Language Competitions

- Duolingo
- European Day of Languages

Pop Culture

- Learning French using music
- Reviews of French films and TV shows



Learning French at TGS - KS3

Career Opportunities

- Workshops to discuss careers in languages
- Visits from alumni

Language Ambassadors

- Promoting competitions
- Designing rewards and competitions
- Delivering assemblies

Online Support

- Linguascope, Duolingo, LyricsTraining
- Quizlet, Memrise, Google Classroom

	Topic Areas for Conversation	Cultural Projects	Progress and Assessments	Links to GCSE
Year 7	All about me My life as a student My hobbies and socialising	French poems European Day of Languages Pen pal letter about school Sporting events in France	Retrieval practice every lesson Vocabulary tests once a fortnight	Theme 1: People and lifestyle
Year 8	Expressing preferences My home and my town Going on holiday	Visiting a city in France French film study - Cannes Film Festival Pen pal letter about our town	Grammar tests once a half term End of module tests - Reading + Listening - Speaking + Writing	Theme 2: Popular culture
Year 9	My family My future plans The world around me	Celebrities speaking French Careers choices using French Global events in the Francophonie	Completion exams at the end of the academic year	Theme 3: Communication and the world around us

What does German look like at TGS?

International Links

Pen pal projects
Study visit to Regensburg

Language Competitions

Duolingo
European Day of Languages

Pop Culture

Learning German using music
Reviews of German films and TV shows



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Year 7	All about me My hobbies and socialising My life as a student	Education system in Germany European Day of Languages Pen pal letter about school	Retrieval practice every lesson Vocabulary tests once a fortnight	Theme 1: People and lifestyle
Year 8	My home and my town Going on holiday Media and technology	Visiting our partner school in Germany Apps for learning languages Pen pal letter about our town German film study - Berlin Film Festival	Grammar tests once a half term End of module tests - Reading + Listening - Speaking + Writing	Theme 2: Popular culture
Year 9	Healthy living The world of work The world around me	German gastronomy and traditions Celebrities speaking German Career opportunities using German Global events in Germany	Completion exams at the end of the academic year	Theme 3: Communication and the world around us

What does Latin look like at TGS?

In Latin we follow the story of the Cambridge Latin Course. The story of Caecilius a citizen of Pompeii. A city that was destroyed in an eruption in 79AD.

Alongside the language you will learn about many aspects of Roman Daily life from life in a Pompeiian town, gladiators, life in Roman Egypt and many more.

Studying Latin is a lot more than the language it is the society, culture, and history of an entire civilisation!



Percentage of pupils reporting that learning Latin has a positive impact on literacy and attainment in other subjects.

According to school surveys, of pupils studying Latin:



80% exceeded targets in Modern Foreign Languages



71% reported a better understanding of grammar



78% reported having a larger vocabulary



What does Spanish look like at TGS?

International Links

Pen pal projects
Study visit to Valencia

Language Competitions

Duolingo
European Day of Languages

Pop Culture

Learning Spanish using music
Reviews of Hispanic films and TV shows



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Year 7	All about me My hobbies and socialising My life as a student	The Day of the Dead European Day of Languages Pen pal letter about school	Retrieval practice every lesson Vocabulary tests once a fortnight	Theme 1: People and lifestyle
Year 8	My home and my town Going on holiday Media and technology	Visiting a city in Spain Apps for learning languages Pen pal letter about our town	Grammar tests once a half term End of module tests - Reading + Listening - Speaking + Writing	Theme 2: Popular culture
Year 9	Travel, education and work in the Hispanic world	Celebrities speaking Spanish Global events in the Hispanic World	Completion exams at the end of the academic year	Theme 3: Communication and the world around us



What shall I do now?

- Discuss your options with your family.
- Complete the form when it arrives.
- Submit the form either electronically or in person at TGS.

- If you want to find out more about each course, have a look here:

<u>French</u>	<u>German</u>	<u>Latin</u>	<u>Spanish</u>
