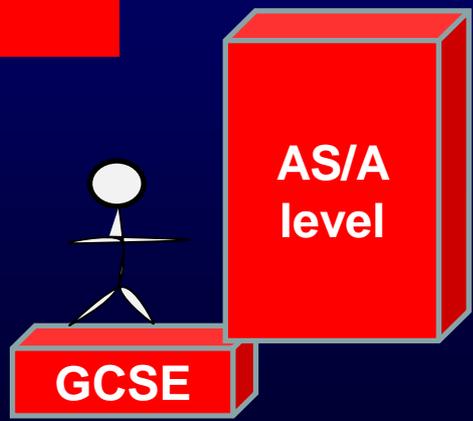


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Moving to level

Making step up



What is the course like at AS/A level?

How is it similar to Key Stage3/GCSE?

How is it different to GCSE?

How can I become successful?

How is it similar to GCSE?

It is a continuation.

You use textbooks, videos, tapes etc...

You will still have tests at AS/A2 level in reading, speaking, listening and writing.

Vocabulary will be taught

You will study topics, although more advanced ones and related to the countries.

You will hold conversations with others in the language.

Study AS/A level in a language

How is it different?

- 📌 The grammar and the way in which it is taught a very big difference from GCSE.
- 📌 It is important to understand the terminology.
- 📌 Part of the grammar resembles equations.
- 📌 Expanded and more mature vocabulary.
- 📌 Authentic dialogue in written & spoken texts.
- 📌 You will have a private speaking session with a native speaker each week.
- 📌 The amount of private study: minimum 3-5 hours outside lessons each week.
- 📌 The grammatical accuracy, e.g. verb/adjective endings/agreements etc..

What can I expect from the tutors?

- Support and encouragement.
- Covering the necessary parts of the syllabus.
- To be pushed to reach an even better standard.
- Effective feedback.
- Progress reviews.

How can I best prepare myself between now and the start of the course?

-  Revise GCSE material
-  View the full GCSE syllabus
-  Study and grammar or vocabulary not covered at your school/college
-  Read ahead
-  Learn grammatical terms to develop your linguistic awareness. E.g. what is a verb? what is a noun? what is a pronoun? etc...
-  Build knowledge of verb tenses.
-  Buy a good dictionary
-  Buy grammar and verb books
-  Go on the internet listen and read real material e.g. the news. Use Google.
-  Talk to native speakers.
-  Try to travel if you can!

How can I use the time outside lessons?

-  AS/A level in a language is very accumulative!
-  Carry out 3-5 hours private study per week.
-  Fill the gaps in your knowledge!
-  Make sure that you have fully understood what you have been taught so you can build on it.
-  Read a bit further ahead but don't overload yourself.
-  Revise beginner to GCSE material, especially vocabulary.
-  Really push yourself
-  Make language learning part of your social life

Why should I study hours outside of class?

- You choose the subjects you are interested in at AS/A2
- To learn and read about the subject
- Develop skills
- Keep pace
- Pick up the material (vocabulary & verbs) as you go along
- Prepare for tests & exams

How can I use the time outside lessons?

- 📌 Language related social events
- 📌 Drama/Music
- 📌 Facebook/Twitter/Pen-friend
- 📌 Exchanges
- 📌 Listen to broadcasts online / radio – vital for developing listening comprehension and pronunciation
- 📌 Go to cinema to see foreign languages films
- 📌 Socialise with friends
- 📌 Go to authentic cafés/shops/restaurants shopping/dining

What support is available when I learn a language?

-  The statement “learning has never been easier” also applies to language learning.
-  Many help websites are available simply by “Googling”.
-  Access to authentic material is available thanks to the web.
-  You could find a pen-friend either via the web or by telephone or advert.
-  Attend local conversation classes.

What support is available when I learn a language? Continued...

Shropshire Languages Society can support you:

-  **Study regime & Learning Methods**
-  **Resources**
-  **Student support groups**
-  **Social events – useful for oral & writing preparation**
-  **Induction & progression courses**
-  **Mentor**

You can contact a Learning Consultant, SLS advisor or the Vice President (responsible for Post GCSE) at anytime.



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THANK YOU!