

Languages are valued by employers and are particularly sought after in fields such as journalism and media, law, engineering, business and marketing, sport and leisure, travel and tourism, civil service, banking and teaching (UK and abroad).

Choosing to study a language at GCSE will enable students to achieve the Ebacc. For students hoping to go to university, it is worth considering that many universities now require a GCSE in a modern foreign language as part of their entry requirements (even if not immediately relevant to the course of study being applied for).

Employers recognise that other skills and personal qualities are gained if you speak a second language. Excellent communication skills, brilliant listening skills, determination and an exceptional ability to perform well under pressure are only but a few and will make you really stand out! There is even evidence to show that acquiring a second language can improve your memory, attention span, decision-making and problem-solving skills!

In short, a language qualification will always be useful, no matter what you do. From going on holiday to working abroad, a language is not just a skill for school; it is a skill for life!