

Polish

Examination Board: AQA

Entry Requirements: Polish language is classified as a modern foreign language. This course is particularly suitable for students who have studied GCSE Polish or wish to study Polish at a higher level.

Why choose Polish?

- To enable students to develop and build on the skills acquired at GCSE
- To enhance employment prospects
- To facilitate foreign travel
- To provide an insight into another culture and society
- To provide students with a sound basis for further study

Course Content

A-level Polish helps students develop confident, effective reading and writing skills in Polish. It develops an awareness and understanding of the contemporary society, cultural background and heritage of countries or communities where the language is spoken.

The Advanced Subsidiary (AS) and Advanced level (A2) Polish GCE specification requires students to develop their ability to read and write in Polish with accurate grammar for a range of purposes and to understand written Polish in a variety of contexts and genres.

Unit 1 Reading and Writing

AS Topics- Day-to-day issues (media, transport and communication, food, drink, health and fitness); Contemporary Society (family, religion, free-time activities, social issues); Environment and Citizenship (environmental issues, urban and rural life, science and society, crime and punishment); Working World (education and training, employment and unemployment, commerce and industry); The International Context (holidays and travel, impact of tourism, aspects of life/culture of foreign countries).

Unit 2 Reading and Writing

Section 1 and 2 of A2 course is based on the same topics as an AS.

The questions in Section 3 of Unit 2 are based on the following topics:

- literary
 1. The fight for independence as a theme in Polish literature;
 2. Moral and social issues as presented in Polish drama
- non-literary
 1. Poland and the Poles during World War II
 2. The films of Andrzej Wajda – ‘Ashes and Diamonds’ and ‘Man of marble’.

Assessment and examination

Unit 1 – PLSH1

Reading and Writing

100% of AS, 50% of A Level

2 hour 30 minutes written examination

100 marks

Written paper consisting of reading comprehension, translation into English and writing in Polish.

Unit 2 – PLSH2

Reading and Writing

50% of A Level

3 hour written examination

100 marks

Written paper consisting of reading comprehension, translation into Polish and two essays on topics or texts in Polish.

The AS qualification will be graded on a five-point scale: A, B, C, D and E. The full A Level qualification will be graded on a six-point scale: A*, A, B, C, D and E. To be awarded an A*, candidates will need to achieve a grade A on the full A Level qualification and an A* on the aggregate of the A2 units.

For AS and A Level, candidates who fail to reach the minimum standard for grade E will be recorded as U (unclassified) and will not receive a qualification certificate. Individual assessment unit results will be certificated.

Further Course Information: See Mrs A. Haremza or
<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/languages/as-and-a-level/polish-2685>

Future Uses

AS and A Level AQA specifications in Polish enable students to:

- derive enjoyment and benefit from language learning
- acquire knowledge, skills and understanding for practical use, further study and/or employment
- communicate with speakers of the language
- take their place in a multilingual global society.
- provide a coherent, satisfying and worthwhile course of study for students who do not progress to further study in the subject.
- provide a sufficient basis for the further study of languages at degree level or equivalent.