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Welcome to Eccles College

Eccles College is a great place to study. We have an extensive range of courses on offer, all delivered within a friendly and supportive environment.

- **Speak** to us about our courses and enrichment
- **Listen** to what our students have to say
- **Read** about our achievements and results
- **Write** your application and begin your future



Speak

At **Eccles College** we offer A-Levels in:

- French
- German
- Japanese
- Spanish

All of our languages focus on the core skills of **reading, writing, speaking and listening** which you will practise and develop using modern resources and the latest technology. You will learn in relation to a variety of topics such as **youth culture, leisure, education, relationships and health**. In your second year, you will also cover environmental, social and political issues.

Your learning will take place in a supportive environment which encourages student participation and development.

Our tutors are enthusiastic with a **genuine love of languages** who will help you become more fluent and confident.

We would love to see you at one of our open evenings so we can tell you more about our courses. Please see our website www.ecclescollege.ac.uk for dates.

Enrichment

Our language students have the opportunity to go on trips to enhance their understanding of the language and culture of other countries.

Spain

There is a cultural trip to **Granada (Andalucia)** in the south of Spain every second year. During the visit students have the opportunity to practise the language in real settings as well as learn about the **history, culture**, including some fun activities such as **flamenco dancing** and a **tapas night**.



"La lengua es la piel del alma."
Fernando Lázaro Carreter



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Matthew Griffin

Jennifer Rowland

“La pluma es la lengua de la mente.”
Miguel de Cervantes



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Georgina Norbury

Nicholas Lavin

“Wer fremde
sprachen nicht
kennt, weiß nichts
von seiner eigenen.”
Johann Wolfgang
von Goethe

Germany

Students studying German have gone on trips to **Cologne, Bonn, Stuttgart and Tübingen**. On these trips students have the opportunity to visit a range of historical, cultural and natural sites as well as interact with local people.

France

Students studying French are offered the opportunity to go on work experience in France with “**Halsbury Work Experience**” either on their own or with fellow students.

Over the last two years, thanks to the **Salford Twinning Committee**, French AS students were able to go to St Ouen where they were involved in a three day sports festival event, helping and supporting young French participants.

Japan

Since October 2004, a number of students from the College have been to Nagano prefecture in Japan, where the Nagano Winter Olympics were held.

Students stay with a Japanese host family for two weeks and go to a local college during weekdays. At the weekends they enjoy visiting famous castles, temples and other sites, as well as have the opportunity to join in local events.

Other Enrichment Activities

- All AS and A2 language students attend weekly conversation classes.
- Students participate in email exchanges with schools in the **south of France and Spain**.
- Students are able to attend Language Sixth Form Days offered by Manchester Metropolitan and Salford Universities.

Listen

Here are some of the things our students had to say about **Eccles College**:

“Friendly environment and staff are helpful.”

Nicholas Lavin

Previous school: Walkden High
Courses: Japanese, Spanish, Biology and Classical Civilisation
Enrichment: Blackpool Zoo, Chester and Liverpool University
Next step: University

“The tutors are approachable and friendly and the college has a variety of courses to choose from.”

Jennifer Rowland

Previous school: St Ambrose Barlow
Courses: French, English Combined, Maths, Art
Trips: Robin Hood Bay
Next step: MMU to study Art

“It has a really friendly atmosphere and the tutors are great.”

Georgina Norbury

Previous school: Oasis Academy
Courses: Spanish, Art and Design (Btec)
Enrichment: Salsa classes
Trips: London, Granada
Next step: MMU to study Fashion

“Relaxed, friendly atmosphere and supportive teachers.”

Matthew Griffin

Previous school: Walkden
Courses: Geography, History, English Literature, German, French
Enrichment: Theatre trips, Oxbridge Day, Keswick
Next step: University

Read

Our language students **achieve fantastic results** year after year:

- All languages have achieved a **100% pass rate** at A-Level for the past six years.
- According to national ALPS data, both French and German were rated as **"Outstanding"** at A-Level in 2007 and 2008, and ranked in the **Top 10 in the country** in terms of Value Added performance.
- The pass rate in Spanish (for both AS and A2) in 2007 and 2008 has been on average **10% higher than the national benchmark**.
- In the period 2005–08, 55% of students achieved a Grade A in Japanese at A-Level.

"La parole a été donnée à l'homme pour déguiser sa pensée."

Charles Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord



Write

Languages are **highly regarded** as A-Level subjects by all universities and your chosen language can be combined with any other A-Level subject at **Eccles**.

The ability to speak a language is a very important skill to offer to employers and linguists are **sought after by many international firms**. The ability to speak a **second language may be what distinguishes** you from other equally well qualified applicants as the job market becomes more competitive.

For an application form, please visit our website (www.ecclescollege.ac.uk), call Admissions on **0161 278 3325** or you will find one at the back of the course guide.



**"Die grenzen meiner sprache
bedeuten die grenzen meiner welt."**
Ludwig Wittgenstein