

# Persian

## AS/A Level

### OCR

#### Structure & Specification

Year 1: AS F885

Year 2: A2 F886

#### Syllabus details

OCR syllabus F886 is being followed.

#### What does the course include?

##### Year One AS

Unit One: This unit focuses on the development of the four main skills – listening, speaking, reading and writing – with regular reinforcement of grammar points linked to the texts. Topics include aspects of daily life;

- Leisure and entertainment
- Communication and media
- Education and training.

We study materials from newspapers and magazines and discuss them in class. In addition Persian current affairs reports from the press and media are used to broaden your interest and knowledge of Persian culture.

##### Year Two- A2

As for AS Level the sources of the topics you study are contemporary. The different aspects of Persian society are studied in greater depth. You learn how to develop your information seeking skills and you have the opportunity to use the Internet and the networked software. Topics include society, the environment, science and technology and culture.

#### What are the entry requirements?

Grade C in Persian GCSE but grade B is preferable.

#### How will I learn?

You have the opportunity to discuss and debate topics in class. Listening activities are based on authentic Persian materials. You work in groups and individually. Reading, listening to the radio, watching Persian films and documentaries are greatly encouraged in your spare time. Any opportunity is also used to improve your Persian in different contexts and in wider registers – for example through poetry and songs. ICT is widely used in all lessons. You will be expected throughout the course to use the VLE and the language facilities in the LRC.

#### How will my work be assessed?

**AS:** Unit 1- Listening, reading and writing. (100%)

**A2:** Unit 2- Listening, reading and writing. (100%)

#### What skills will I need to be successful in this subject?

Above all you need to be committed, prepared to work hard and be reliable. You will also need excellent attendance and especially to have a love of the Persian speaking world, its language and culture.

#### What are the opportunities after this course for further/higher education and employment?

Knowledge of foreign languages is a real asset in many jobs and can lead to exciting careers both in the UK and abroad.

After A level you can continue to study Persian at university or include it as an option as part of your degree.