

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: ARABIC

- **Why study ARABIC?** Arabic is a unique and awe-inspiring language. Learning Arabic will allow you to explore the rich Arab Islamic culture and heritage and explore the way of life lived in the Arabian deserts! You will experience a glimpse of Arab history, Modern Arabia, the UAE, norms and trends of the Arab people as well as the beauty of the language in all contexts.
- **Do I need to have studied ARABIC previously?** Having any prior learning of Arabic is not necessary, our syllabus is designed to cater for everyone from native speakers to beginners!
- **What are the main topics you cover in ARABIC?** The main topics we cover throughout the course are themes based around everyday life, school life, free time and leisure, future work and aspirations, environmental issues and bringing the world together. Students will be expected to apply linguistic and cultural knowledge of these themes through four key skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading & Writing.
- **When do we sit the exams for ARABIC?** Students begin the GCSE curriculum at the start of Year 9 and are entered to sit GCSE examinations in Arabic at the end of Year 10, usually in early June.
- **Which exam board do you follow for ARABIC?** We follow the Pearson Edexcel Examining Board. You can find out more via their website at: <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/arabic-2017.html>
- **How do we support less able students to make good progress in ARABIC?** We offer weekly lunchtime clubs for reading and enhanced writing at KS3 (Y7 & Y8). Interventions and extra sessions are offered weekly to those students preparing for GCSE on a weekly basis.
- **What do our students do after studying ARABIC?** Students may find they enhance their learning further by completing an A-Level in Arabic or carry this through to degree level. Last year's Head Girl is currently studying Arabic Studies at the University of Oxford. Arabic is a global language spoken in many different countries. Students may find themselves going into business, finance, and diplomacy as well as humanitarian aid abroad. Graduates with a high level of competency in one or more languages are coveted by employers and have a clear advantage in securing positions in Arab companies and organisations.