

Modern Foreign Languages

The Modern Languages department consists of a team of three dedicated members of staff who are keen to promote enthusiasm for language learning and cultural understanding. In Modern Languages, we use a lot of target language in the classroom to create an authentic learning experience to ignite pupils' passion and curiosity for language learning. We place a great deal of emphasis on developing skills in the four key skill areas, which are listening, reading, writing and speaking, and pupils are assessed regularly in these areas. With the extensive inclusion of authentic materials, we further develop pupils' command of grammar and literacy skills.

We offer Spanish and French in Key Stage 3 and to GCSE.

Staffing

Mrs Ward Curriculum Leader for MFL
Mrs Drew Teacher of MFL
Mrs Brown Teacher of MFL

Curriculum

All pupils study French or Spanish until the end of Year 9.

All pupils have the ability to opt to study either French or Spanish at GCSE in KS4.

The following topics are studied at KS3

| | Autumn Term | Spring Term | Summer Term |
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| Year 7 | Personal Information Family and friends (+pets) | Expansion of personal information, family and friends Opinions, school | Food |
| Year 8 | Town | Holidays The exploration of festivals | The exploration of festivals Daily Routines and Global issues |
| Year 9 | My life as a teenager | Am I fit and healthy | My dreams, my future |

The following units are studied at KS4.

| | Autumn Term | Spring Term | Summer Term |
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| Year 10 | <p>Theme 1: Identity and culture</p> <p>Topic 1: part 1: Me, my family and friends. part 2: Marriage/partnership</p> <p>Topic 2: Technology in everyday life (Social media /Mobile technology).</p> | <p>Theme 1: Identity and culture</p> <p>Topic 3: Free-time activities (Part 1). Music, Cinema and TV and Sport (Part 2) : Food and eating out.</p> <p>Topic 4: Customs and festivals in French-speaking countries/communities.</p> | <p>Theme 2: Local, international and global areas of interest.</p> <p>Topic 1: home, town, neighbourhood and region.</p> <p>Topic 2: Social issues. Charity/Voluntary work, Healthy/Unhealthy living.</p> |
| Year 11 | <p>GCSE Theme 2: Local, international and global areas of interest. Topic 3: Global issues.</p> <p>GCSE Theme 2: Local, international and global areas of interest. Topic 4: Travel and tourism.</p> <p>GCSE Theme 3: Current and future study and employment.</p> | <p>GCSE Theme 3: Current and future study and employment.</p> <p>Topic 1: my studies.</p> <p>Topic 2: life at school/college.</p> <p>Topic 3: Education post-16. Current and future study and employment.</p> <p>Topic 4: Jobs, career choices and ambitions.</p> | <p>Multi-topic /multi-skill revision.</p> |

Extra-curricular activities and visits

As well as our exciting curriculum, as a department, we like our linguists to take advantage of the many opportunities we offer to extend their understanding and interest in different cultures and value their differences. Activities include: homework club, GCSE intervention sessions, celebration of European Day of Languages and film club.

We also participate in a number of cross-curricular visits, for example, in June 2018 pupils from Years 7-10 journeyed to Barcelona to explore traditional cuisine and put their language skills into practice.