



The Humanities, MFL and Social Sciences Faculty



Modern Foreign Languages

Subject Intent:

We aim to produce confident, capable and articulate linguists and individuals who develop independence and autonomy, not only in their language skills, using a range of vocabulary and linguistic skills but also in their thought processes in relation to the world around them.

We aim to produce students with high aspirations, resilience and independence so that they can maximise the opportunities they are given to progress.

We aim to give our students the knowledge, understanding and skills to progress onto the next stage of their education, irrespective of their prior attainment or background. We aim to foster high aspirations and resilience.

We aim to broaden and develop the cultural capital of our students by increasing their awareness of other countries, cultures and communities not only within the French and Spanish speaking worlds, but as members of a global community. We endeavour to develop empathic, compassionate individuals who have a knowledge of the wider world around them and who are curious to develop this understanding further.

All members of the MFL team are expert linguists, with a passion and deep love of their subjects which we aim to foster within our students through enjoyment of, and engagement, in our lessons, and beyond. We constantly challenge the idea that learning a language is not necessary in the world we live in today.

Course Overview:

At Key Stage 3 pupils have 4 one-hour lessons a fortnight

Key stage 3: Self, Friends, Family and Pets

- School
- Local Area
- Holidays
- Sports and Leisure
- Life in Francophone and other countries
- Entertainment and Advertising
- Technology
- A teenage view of the world
- A healthy lifestyle
- Parties and Festivals
- Jobs and Ambitions

At Key Stage 4 students have 5 one hour lessons a fortnight

Key stage 4: Identity and Culture

- School
- Local Area, Holiday and Travel
- Study and Work
- International and Global Dimension

Course Detail:

A list the key content students will cover, broken down into these headings

GCSE Exam Board: Edexcel (Foundation and Higher tiers available)

GCSE Unit List: Listening 25%
Speaking 25%
Reading 25%
Writing 25%

Enrichment Opportunities

Cultural experiences accessed through the curriculum in lessons
Annual trips to France/Spain (circumstances permitting)
European Day of Languages – week of celebrations/competitions

Useful links

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/french-2016.html>

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/spanish-2016.html>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zgdqxn>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zhy647h>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zfckjxs>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z799hbk>

Pupils also have access to the Languagenut platform