

## Modern Foreign Languages

Modern Foreign Languages are essential to a broad and balanced curriculum. We believe that Language study develops students' literacy, memory and cognition skills, as well as providing cultural capital through an awareness and understanding of other traditions and beliefs. In response to a new exam focused on greater levels of speaking spontaneity, we seek to develop students' oracy and self-confidence from the outset.

The department aims are:

To maintain and/or stimulate lasting curiosity, interest and enjoyment in the chosen Modern Foreign Language.

To develop the ability to use the chosen Modern Foreign Language effectively for purposes of practical communication.

To enable each student to achieve his/her potential across a range of skills.

To prepare students for life in a multi-cultural and rapidly changing world.

To encourage the development of self-study skills via home learning and online resources.

The department is involved in a number of events, activities and trips to support the character development of our students and to further promote enthusiasm for Languages across the curriculum.

We currently offer Spanish to students in Years 7 and 8 and French to year 9 students. Students in KS4 are currently studying for GCSEs in Spanish, German and French.

Units of work in KS3 include:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Myself, family and friends School life House and Home Where I live Daily routine Hobbies	Myself, family and friends The world of work Free time Clothes and shops Young people in France Food and drink Travel and Tourism	Myself, family and friends Social Media and Technology Sport and Fitness ...

AQA GCSE:

Me, my family and friends

Home, town, neighbourhood and region

My studies

Free-time activities – sport, music and cinema

Food and eating out

Customs and festivals

The exam consists of 4 papers, each worth 25% of the final grade:

- Listening
- Reading
- Writing
- Speaking

Our Educational Visits programme offers all students the opportunity to experience European life and culture.

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