

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

Modern Foreign Languages is a well-established department consisting of five members housed in a newly built set of spacious classrooms, equipped with interactive whiteboards, wireless projectors, speakers and a good storage area in each classroom for each teacher, within our brand-new Centenary building with departmental office space for all the members of department to work in during our non-contact periods.

Students and teachers have access to several on-line platforms in order to be able to work remotely, as well as having a copy of their own textbook. Teachers have their own personal laptop with remote access to all the school systems

The MFL department environment is very friendly and positive and all the language teachers are always keen on helping new members of staff on their arrival to alleviate their integration and make them feel welcome. Several language teachers are native speakers of French and Spanish.

French and Spanish are taught in all Key Stages and all students study at least one language at GCSE and they start their GCSE courses in Year 10. We have good numbers of students at A Level with a history of students pursuing university studies in Languages. There is an ongoing exchange in Spanish and we are seeking to expand this to French too.

At Key Stage 3, Year 7 students are taught French and Spanish. Year 7 students have 2 hours of teaching in each language per fortnight. Year 8 students have 4 hours of teaching in each subject per fortnight. Year 9 is a foundation year leading into GCSE and students have 4 hours per fortnight for each language.

At Key Stage 4, Year 10 & 11 students follow the Eduqas 9-1 GCSE courses for French and Spanish. Year 10 students are timetabled for five one hour lessons a fortnight. Year 11 are timetabled for four hours a fortnight. Students are taught by a teacher with the appropriate subject specialism.

Advanced Level French and Spanish are very popular with the students. At A Level the Edexcel syllabus is followed for both languages. Many of our A Level students go on to study a languages at university.

The MFL Department has a support structure in place including sixth form mentoring, sixth form tuition and Key Stage 3 and 4 lunchtime support clubs. The students' experience of Languages is enhanced by an exciting programme of Enrichment Days with visits to France and Spain in the Lower School, a Spanish exchange for GCSE and A Level students and work experience abroad for students taking A Level. The successful candidate would be expected to contribute towards these activities.