

Marple Hall School: MFL Department

The department consists of ten full-time teachers. We are a hard-working, enthusiastic and very successful department who are always looking to improve what we do. The department is led by a Director of Teaching and Learning who is an SLE and by Curriculum Leaders of French and Spanish. The latter has a TLR 3 for Growth Mindset and CPD. There are nine classrooms and one ICT Suite dedicated to the department.

In Key Stage 3 students study one MFL either French German or Spanish. We have access to the Active Teach materials and have created a range of resources which enhance language learning and dovetail with this course. Formative assessment is integral to our schemes and our classroom practice at all Keystages and high quality feedback is essential to ensure progress. All staff are able to teach two or three languages to GCSE. From September 2019, we will relaunch early entry GCSE, so students will complete the GCSE course at the end of year 9.

In Years 10 and 11 we offer German, French and Spanish as Option Subjects and from September 2018 will have 22 MFL classes in Years 10 and 11.

We offer pupils extra-curricular opportunities such as GCSE Gradebooster sessions, Listening and Reading Intervention and Lunch time and after school Homework Clinics. Film club is very popular in Key Stage 3 and the Spelling Bee was a great success for Year 7. The MFL leader award is offered in Year 10 to budding linguists and we have active MFL leaders at Key Stage 3 who deliver assemblies. We also run a range of trips during Enrichment Week to France, Germany and Spain.

The department offers the chance to work in an environment where people are valued and respected. We aim to improve examination results by teaching students to enjoy and thoroughly understand how languages work and by addressing students' individual needs. We track progress and deal effectively with whatever barriers hold children back with a particular focus on closing the gap. Teachers are accountable for the progress of students in their groups, but can expect those around them to be accountable for offering the necessary degree of support to ensure success for all. CPD is now delivered through the triad model which focusses on Teaching and Learning, as well as whole school CPD on areas such as safeguarding.

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