



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

The Modern Languages department is a dynamic, hard-working and energetic department currently consisting of three full-time teachers. We are part of the Communications Learning Cluster, improving our teaching through joint practice development with teachers in English and Media Studies. We are also developing our pedagogy through collaboration with the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership.

We are passionate about learning and teaching and are always seeking new and innovative ways of approaching languages. We aim to deliver an exciting, relevant curriculum to our learners which furthers their knowledge of the countries and communities who speak the language that we teach. We believe in learning both inside and outside the classroom and regularly run trips and visits including abroad.

We have strong links with our primary schools, with our teachers having the opportunity to teach Key Stage 2 classes. The regular teaching of students in primary has dramatically increased rates of progress at Key Stage 3 over the last two years.

At Key Stage Three French or Spanish are taught to incoming cohort in Year 7 with one group of dual-linguists in Year 8 who study both French and Spanish.

At the end of Year 8 students choose their GCSE option subjects and can elect to study a Modern Foreign Language to the end of Key Stage Four; GCSE in French and Spanish as well. In a school with a broadly academic profile which actively promotes the EBacc, the number of students studying languages here has doubled with 70% of the current Year 9 studying languages.

We offer French and Spanish at advanced levels and currently have a small group of Year 12 students studying Spanish and this is an area of the curriculum we are aiming to develop.

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