

The MFL department at Felpham Community College

At FCC, we offer French and Spanish from KS3 up to KS5. Our department is composed of four teachers, three of them being native speakers of French or Spanish. We also have a teaching assistant, who works closely with the MFL team. The MFL area is a bright and colourful area with up-to-date displays. Each classroom was recently renovated.

Our objective at KS3 is to develop a love for languages in our students. All Yr7s get the opportunity to try both languages, with half a year studying French and the other half studying Spanish. At the end of Yr7, our students have to choose which language they want to study for the rest of KS3. At KS3, students have five 50 minutes lessons a fortnight. For KS3, we have adapted the Schemes of Work of '*Allez!*' and '*Zoom*' and are using the online resources to make learning engaging for the students. As a curriculum area, we share all resources and planning. We also strongly believe in teaching the culture of the target country in order to inspire and motivate our students.

At GCSE, students have six lessons a fortnight taught by the same teacher. The number of students opting for a language at GCSE has grown significantly in the last few years, making of languages one of the most popular options for GCSE. Our classes for GCSE are mixed ability and we follow the AQA specification. GCSE results in the past have consistently been above national averages.

At KS5, we offer French and Spanish A Level. Each subject gets 10 lessons a fortnight which are shared between two specialist teachers. Our KS5 students are encouraged to engage in research about literature or culture about the target country in and out of the classroom, using our MFL iPads. We also organise a residential trip to France and Spain every year and often receive visits from foreign schools.