**Matravers School**

**MFL**

**The Department**

The MFL department is a highly motivated department consisting currently of two permanent full time teachers, one of whom is presently on maternity leave. Both are specialists and offer a range teaching skills.

The MFL Department is well resourced and has access to:

* A full set of new specification KS3/4/5 text books
* A SMART interactive whiteboard in each classroom.
* Active Teach and ActiveLearn resources for KS3 and 4 (Studio), Kerboodle for A level and VocabExpress for KS4 and 5
* Up to date equipment necessary to carry out speaking and listening activities.
* Access to bookable computer rooms

**Curricular Provision**

Students in **KS3** have 3 lessons a fortnight.

**Year 7**

* Transition Module in Term 1 to ensure all students know the basics from KS2
* C’est perso (eg likes, dislikes, describing what you look like and your character, describing others)
* Mon collège
* Mes passe-temps
* Les vacances

**Year 8**

* T’es branché? (TV, films, books, technology)
* Paris ( what you can do in Paris, likes and dislikes, at the tourist office, describing a visit made to Paris)
* Mon identité (fashion, personality, relationships, music, weekends)
* Chez moi, chez toi (describing where you live, food, cultural events)

**Year 9**

* Ma vie sociale d’ado (social media, going out, describing a date, a music event)
* Bien dans sa peau ( sport and healthy eating, health issues, plans to get fit)
* A l’horizon (future plans, jobs and ambitions, learning languages)
* Spécial vacances ( eg unusual holidays, holiday disasters, tourist attractions)

In Ks3, we have reviewed the schemes of Work to ensure that students have the opportunity to practise and develop the skills needed for the new GCSE and A levels such as translating and writing and speaking spontaneously from memory and there is more emphasis on grammar and encouraging independence in manipulating the language. We also introduce cultural themes each term in Ks3 ( eg A famous French person project in year 7, a detailed study of Paris in Year 8 and learning about Parkour in Year 9).

At **Key Stage 4** there is currently one class in year 10 and one class in year11. Both year groups are entered for the AQA GCSE specification. There are currently 5 lessons per fortnight in year 11 and 6 lessons per fortnight in year 10.

In **Key Stage 5** we offer the AQA GCE specification.

**Out of lesson learning.**

A level students attend the French language days at Bath Spa University.

KS3 and 4 students have also participated in French speaking days at BSU.

There is an after school club for KS4 (preparing for the new speaking exam GCSE)

KS3 Polyglot club. This is by invitation for able students to develop their language skills by starting a new language for example. The programme is decided at the start of the year and can be tailored to suit the interests of the students.