



Modern Foreign Languages Faculty

Sackville's Modern Foreign Languages team is a thriving and diverse faculty with experienced teachers, exceptionally good examination results in recent years and very healthy take-up from students from KS3 to KS4 and KS4 to KS5.

Modern Foreign Languages are taught by 3 full-time teachers, 4 part-time teachers and 3 Foreign Language Assistants who all share a commitment to improving and enhancing students' achievements at all levels. As well as the Curriculum Team Leader, two further MFL posts are held in the faculty, one as leader of KS4 and Spanish and another as leader of KS3.

Students learn French, German or Spanish at KS3. Our present year 7 had a free choice of which MFL to learn and year groups higher up the school opted between 2 languages, as we rotated languages on offer from year to year. A second language is available to students and a small but significant number take this option.

GCSE results (Edexcel) last year were as follows:

Y11 French 68% A*-C

Y11 German 59% A*-C

These results involved over 110 candidates. Take-up in years 9 and 10 for 2017-18 is significantly higher. We are committed to offering MFLs to as wide a range of the ability spectrum as possible.

MFLs are also offered at AS and A2 in all languages. Sets are generally small and many students achieve high grades. In 2018-2019, we envisage having set sizes as follows:

Y12 French: 6

Y13 French: 2

Y12 Spanish: 10

Y13 Spanish: 5

The Faculty is very well resourced. Teachers have their own classroom and all MFL rooms have interactive whiteboards. A wide range of modern courses are used, principally those provided by Pearson through Active Teach, although with many classes, we have developed our own resources. There is excellent provision of ICT facilities and all classes use ICT to complement their learning. There is also a MFL department staffroom and separate office for the Curriculum Team Leader.

Large numbers of students participate in trips abroad and all members of the Faculty work hard to arrange and participate in these trips. We currently have the following trips in place:

- a Y9 residential trip to France
- a Y8&9 German residential trip to Aachen for the Christmas markets
- a Y9 residential trip to Spain
- a Y9&Y10 exchange trip to Spain
- we have thriving work experience opportunities for students in Madrid, Hamburg and Bourg-de Péage.

Sackville's MFL Faculty is typified by commitment to constant improvement in a friendly and supportive atmosphere.