



The Holy Trinity Church of England Secondary School

Department details MFL

DEPARTMENT : Modern Foreign Languages

“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, it goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart” - Nelson Mandela

“Through learning languages, we learn about culture. Through learning about culture, we learn respect for others. Through learning respect for others, we can hope for peace.”

STAFFING STRUCTURE and who's who

The department consists of eight full and part-time members of staff including two who have responsibilities elsewhere in the school.

We are recognised within the school as consistently good or above in our department reviews, lesson observations, learning walks and book scrutinies. As well as this, three members of the department are leading learning within the school as they have been accredited as TEEP level 2 practitioners.

Courses and Exam Boards

In Year 7, all pupils study French for four lessons a fortnight following a resource-based Scheme of Work.

In Years 8 and 9, most pupils will pick up a second language from German or Spanish as well as continuing to develop their French. Each language is studied for three lessons a fortnight, again following a resource-based Scheme of Work.

At Key Stage 4, pupils may opt to study one or two languages at GCSE. We currently follow the AQA exam specification and use the Nelson Thornes series of books and the online platform of Kerboodle to supplement our Schemes of Work. Pupils have five lessons a fortnight at this level. Although Languages are not compulsory at KS4, we have a healthy uptake each year and currently have 7 classes running in the three languages in Year 11 and 6 in Year 10.

At Key Stage 5, we currently follow the AQA exam board offering A-Levels in all three languages and pupils have up to ten lessons a fortnight.

Accommodation; Events and Activities; Current links with other depts.

The Languages department is housed in a suite of nine rooms, comprising of: five general classrooms (one of which is equipped with 15 computers), one sixth form teaching room, a purpose-built room for speaking assessments and two offices. All classrooms have a data projector and in-built sound system with four classrooms having interactive whiteboards.

Our language learning doesn't only take place in the classroom. We regularly organise trips for KS3 students to Normandy and the Rhineland, whilst Year 11 pupils are given the opportunity to go to Berlin as part of a joint MFL/History trip. We are looking into expanding our offer of trips and hope to be able to re-instate a Spanish trip in the near future.