

Modern Foreign Languages Department

Marist MFL is a vibrant and innovative department consisting of a team of five enthusiastic and dedicated language teachers. We operate collaboratively and are passionate about our subject, working hard to inspire our pupils with a love of language and foreign culture. We work closely together to share ideas, resources and good practice and take CPD seriously with each member of staff attending at least one formal CPD training session per year.

All pupils study at least one language to GCSE. When they arrive in year 7, they study French and follow the accelerated French course, Studio 1. At the end of year 7, pupils take Spanish as their second language which they study until the end of year 9. For year 10, pupils choose the language they wish to take for GCSE. We offer French and Spanish at AS and A2 level and Italian at GCSE level in the Sixth Form.

Each year we have a small intake of bi-lingual pupils and work closely with them to tailor their learning to maximise their potential. Where possible we offer them the opportunity to sit public examinations early according to their ability.

In addition to our classroom activities, we have recently embarked on a successful French exchange programme with a Marist School in Toulon. We are currently pursuing similar links with Marist schools in Spain and Germany. We have also established a variety of extra-curricular activities for pupils including our weekly Club Lingua and a lunchtime Spanish Speaking Club for 6th formers. In addition, all year 7 pupils take part in the Routes for Languages French Spelling Bee.

The Department is situated predominantly on the top floor of the main teaching block. The classrooms are equipped with interactive white boards and projectors as well as a normal white board. We have a language equipped with 20 laptops and headsets. We also have access to three ICT suites as required and structure lessons to encourage the use of ICT in our teaching and learning. The Department has subscriptions to both Linguascope and Vocab Express.

To find out more about the MFL Department you are very welcome to contact Rebecca Beckh, Head of MFL, by email at RBECKH@themarist.com You can also follow us on Twitter @MaristMFL .