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### ***Embracing Challenge***

## **BURNHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

### **The MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES Department**

The Modern Foreign Languages Department is a popular and academically successful department achieving good Key Stage 3, GCSE and A Level results. A number of our students go on to read Modern Languages at university.

#### ***Department Staffing***

The department is currently fully staffed with enthusiastic specialist teachers who teach French, Spanish and German. The team includes 3 full time and 2 part time teachers, supported by two foreign language assistants. In addition to the post of Head of Department there is currently also an Assistant Head of Department.

#### ***Department Accommodation***

The modern foreign languages department is housed in its modern block of 4 classrooms, assistants' room and a spacious office which has working space for the department, including its own printing facilities. The department has extensive storage facilities. All of the modern foreign languages classrooms are light and equipped with interactive whiteboards (Promethean). The department is well resourced with text books for all students, access to new online resources for GCSE examination support and resources in the Library for native and AG&T students.

#### ***Modern Foreign Languages Teaching***

All pupils are taught in mixed ability groups. In year 7 students study two languages from French, Spanish and German and in year 8 and 9 one MFL is studied. The majority of our students study at least one modern foreign language in Key Stage 4, which starts in Year 9.

All pupils in Years 7 to 11 work on the National Curriculum for Modern Foreign Languages.

A programme of able, gifted and talented activities exists across the age range as part of our aim to inspire and extend all abilities.

At GCSE, AS and A level we are following the new AQA courses.

### ***Extra-curricular***

We seek to provide extra-curricular opportunities for students to engage with modern foreign languages at all levels. Students have the opportunity during their time at Burnham Grammar School to visit France, Spain and Germany and links have been established with a school in the south of France. Year 9 students exchange letters and the French school visits Burnham Grammar School as part of its annual trip to England.