

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

The Department

There are 7 members of the Modern Foreign Languages Department teaching French, German and Spanish at all key stages, and Italian and Mandarin at KS4. The Department is led by Mr Duncan Broe, supported by the 2nd in department, Mrs Jane Millington.

Facilities and Resources

The department has a suite of language rooms including an office/resources room, which is the “nerve centre” of the department.

All teaching areas are well equipped with interactive smart board and computer facilities. These include a wall mounted PC, speakers and a projector. This enables us to use all the exciting, interactive resources we have created, gives us access to the Internet and enables us to play sound files, CDs and DVDs in the classroom.

Having implemented the new MFL curriculum at KS3 we are now working hard to ensure that not only the language but also the culture of the French, German and Spanish speaking world are fully embraced.

In French we use the Studio at KS3 and KS4. German uses Deutsch Heute and Stimmt if desired but has a wealth of ICT resources through which the course is taught. In Spanish we use Mira as our main text book. We also have extensive resources created in-house in all three languages.

Our Philosophy

We are a very collaborative department in which the sharing of good practice, ideas and resources is embedded into the culture. All materials are transferred onto our shared computer area.

Our Achievements

The department has a good record of trips with students having the opportunity to visit France, Germany and Spain. There is a very successful cross-curricular exchange with the Musikschule in Brühl, Germany, which takes place on an annual basis.

The Curriculum

We are developing our Schemes of Learning to embed the requirements of the MFL curriculum, offering a skills-based approach to learning, and embracing the cultural aspects of the languages we offer, encouraging competencies which are transferable at every level in order to produce confident, able learners.

Key Stage 3 (Y7 – 8)

The department is in the process of transition in terms of language choices, moving towards a model which has a first language taught to all students in Y7 and Y8 and the opportunity to study a second language for our more able learners. As of September 2017 all students in Year 7 learn Spanish. In Year 8 the upper sets will be able to choose either French or German as their second language.

Key Stage 4 (Y9 – 11)

We prepare students for the AQA GCSE, in French, German, Spanish and Italian and Edexcel for Mandarin.

Key Stage 5 (Post-16)

We prepare students for AQA for A level using a variety of textbooks and resources to support the learning.

Why Join Us?

The department is one founded on mutual support, teamwork and a passion for ensuring excellence and we hope that the person appointed will be very much part of that team.