



MFL DEPARTMENT

The MFL Department at Balcarras is a highly successful and close-knit team. French, Spanish and Russian are offered in curriculum time and all 3 subjects are taught to GCSE and A Level. On average over 80% of pupils opt to take at least one language to GCSE and we typically have between 30 and 40 students studying AS and a similar number studying A level every year.

Italian and Mandarin Chinese are offered to GCSE outside of timetabled hours. Latin, Japanese and German are sometimes offered as clubs. Our aim is to enthuse young people to learn languages.

We have native speakers giving regular conversational sessions with our AS and A level students. We run a variety of visits abroad, ranging from a Year 7 visit to Paris, to a homestay in Malaga and a residential and cultural visit to Russia, amongst others. Staff also offer extra-curricular activities such as trips to the cinema to watch foreign language films and a visit to the Chinese restaurant to celebrate Chinese New Year.

All of our classrooms are equipped with Interactive whiteboards with full internet access. We also have regular access to a computer room in our designated MFL block. Finally, we are privileged to host and lead the County Network for Languages meeting 3 times per year, which provides a welcome opportunity for discussion and training.

If you love teaching languages and love to inspire pupils to learn, then please apply. We are a friendly and supportive team.

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Head of MFL

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