



## **Modern Foreign Languages Faculty**

Sackville's Modern Foreign Languages team is a thriving and diverse faculty with experienced teachers, exceptionally good examination results in recent years and very healthy take-up from students from KS3 to KS4 and KS4 to KS5.

Modern Foreign Languages are taught by 3 full-time teachers, 4 part-time teachers and 3 Foreign Language Assistants who all share a commitment to improving and enhancing students' achievements at all levels. As well as the Curriculum Team Leader, three further MFL posts are held in the faculty, one as Second in Department, one as Leader of Teaching and Learning and one as Leader of Spanish.

Students learn French, German or Spanish at KS3. Year 7s have a free choice of which MFL to learn. A second language is available to students and a small but significant number take this option.

180 candidates were awarded a language GCSE (Edexcel) in 2020 with 59% achieving a pass. Take-up in years 9 and 10 for 2020-21 is similar. We are committed to offering MFLs to as wide a range of the ability spectrum as possible.

MFLs are also offered at AS and A2 in all languages (AQA). Sets are generally small and many students achieve high grades and go on to study languages at university.

The Faculty is very well resourced. Teachers have their own classroom and all MFL rooms have interactive whiteboards. A wide range of modern courses are used, principally those provided by Pearson through Active Teach, although with many classes, we have developed our own resources. We are currently trialling the NCELP courses with the present Year 7s and intend to carry this forward. There is excellent provision of ICT facilities and all classes use ICT to complement their learning. There is also a MFL department staffroom and separate office for the Curriculum Team Leader.

In the past large numbers of students have participated in trips abroad and all members of the Faculty work hard to arrange and participate in these trips. We hope soon to reinstate the following trips:

- a Y9 and Y10 French residential trip to the Opal Coast
- a Y9 German residential trip to Aachen for the Christmas markets
- a Y9 Spanish residential trip to Cantabria
- we have thriving work experience opportunities for A level students in Madrid, Hamburg and Bourg-de Péage.

Sackville's MFL Faculty is typified by commitment to constant improvement in a friendly and supportive atmosphere.