**THE MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT**

The Modern Foreign Languages Department comprises an enthusiastic and forward-thinking team who offers French, Spanish and German to GCSE level. It is a flourishing, well-resourced and successful department.

The Year 7 intake currently studies one language: French, Spanish or German. As of next academic year, the department will be looking to introduce Chinese Mandarin as a second language for our Academically More Able students. The majority of students study one foreign language to GCSE and some opt to continue with two languages.

With the arrival of the New Curriculum, the team has been developing a wide range of new and exciting resources designed to deliver consistently outstanding lessons. Team planning, both at scheme of work and lesson level, has become a routine in the department, as well as the use of a wide range of learning platforms including tablets, apps, games and props.

All teachers are constantly striving to raise achievement and expectations and employ a wide range of teaching strategies to appeal to all learners. Students are consistently encouraged to take responsibility for their learning by reflecting on their progress and responding to their teachers’ feedback in order to perform to the best of their ability.

The team is always developing new ways to enthuse the students in their learning of a language. This year, the school took part in the China Homestay Programme and welcomed 20 Chinese students for two weeks. Students in both key stages were given the opportunity to take part in trips abroad: a visit of the German Christmas markets, a French language immersion course in Normandy and a well-established French exchange visit. The team also organised a range of extra-curricular activities including theatre performances in the target language, MFL Movie Nights and CLIL events.

The atmosphere in the department is friendly, supportive and fun. The Head of Department welcomes initiative and input from all members of the department and encourages everyone to be actively involved in its development.

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