

# The MFL Department



The MFL Department here at RPS is an outstanding department with a proven track record of excellent results; our GCSE results are consistently above average and we have strong results at A Level. We offer French, German and Spanish up to A Level and we are relentlessly focused on improvement.

The department is well appointed with a suite of classrooms and a dedicated computer suite. We have a well-resourced departmental office and a conversation room which is used for speaking practice by our FLAs and A Level MFL students. The department is superbly supported with allocated administrative staff. The department uses the most up to date resources and online learning platforms to support students with their MFL acquisition.

There are currently seven teachers in the department.

Mrs Laura Davies (Head of Department with responsibility for German)

Mrs Catherine Phillips & Mrs Lara Robinson (responsibility for French)

Mrs Sarah Pimm (responsibility for Spanish)

Ms H Twomey (teacher of German)

Mrs G McKenna (teacher of German)

Mrs K Brooke (teacher of French and German)

Mrs K Papakonstantinou (teacher of French and German)

## Key Stage 3

Roundwood Park is a seven form entry school. Year 7 are taught in mixed ability groups and Years 8 and 9 are taught in ability bands. In Year 7 students have three one hour lessons of MFL; Years 8 students have two hours of French and two hours of German learning per week; Year 9 can choose to continue with one or two languages, having the option to take up Spanish as their 2<sup>nd</sup> MFL option choice.

We have recently re-developed our KS3 programme with exciting and challenging schemes of learning to help prepare students for the rigours of the new GCSE curriculum. Students are formally assessed once each term and all KS3 students sit an end-of-year exam. Whilst all schemes of learning are fully resourced, teachers can adapt schemes to suit their individual classes. Assessment tasks are set as part of the schemes and should be followed.

## Key Stage 4

Year 10 and 11 students are taught in mixed ability groups. Languages are not compulsory at KS4 but a high proportion of students choose to study French, German and Spanish at GCSE. All MFL KS4 students will sit the EDEXCEL GCSE examinations at the end of Year 11. The students have three hours of MFL teaching and their GCSE course begins in the Summer term of Year 9. Whilst all the units are fully resourced, teachers can choose to enhance lessons using materials they have created or sourced themselves.

## Key Stage 5

At A level the AQA specification is taught. In Year 12 students receive five hours of contact time and this reduces to four hours in Year 13. The students follow the A Level course (we do not offer AS Levels). Students sit a formal internal examination in Year 12 and a mock examination in Year 13 to prepare them for their A Level. The course work is divided between the two years.

## General

The MFL Department offers a broad range of extra-curricular opportunities including: residential trips & exchanges, Language Leader activities, challenges & competitions and KS3 language clubs.