



Modern Foreign Languages at Newstead Wood School

Languages at Newstead are thriving, with an exceptional range of languages on offer and lots of opportunities to take language learning beyond the classroom.

At Key stage 3, all students study two languages from French, German and Spanish which they study to the end of Year 9.

From Year 8 the ancient languages of Japanese and Mandarin Chinese can also be learned in after school and lunchtime sessions as part of our enrichment programme. Latin is offered to all students in Year 7 from the Spring Term as an extra-curricular option.

Almost all students take at least one language to GCSE. There are currently 2 GCSE sets each in French, German and Spanish (approximately 60 students per subject) and one each in Mandarin, Japanese and Latin. We have Alevel groups in French, German and Spanish. We follow the AQA specifications. For a more details breakdown of each of the languages at each Key Stage, please have a look at the Curriculum section of [our website](#).

Exam results in all languages are excellent, with the vast majority of students achieving a grade in the 9-7 range with up to 40% achieving a grade 9 in French and Spanish. At Alevel results are almost all in the A*-B range. A variety of study trips and exchanges are on offer in all key stages. We have native speaker language assistants for conversation practice in French, German and Spanish.

Our students benefit from a range of additional activities to complement their learning including cooking, carnival projects, film work, songs, games, visits to BFI Film days, visits from theatre companies, participation in global competitions. Our MFL Journal, written by our students, can be [viewed online](#) and demonstrates some of the superb work that our students produce. This year 3 of our students have received offers to read languages at Oxbridge which is a tremendous accolade for them and the MFL team.

The Head of Modern Foreign Languages leads a team of 7 languages teachers and 3 language assistants. Working with the Head of Modern Foreign Languages we have a Head of Spanish and Head of German. All members of the team are all passionate about languages and work collaboratively to provide a rich and varied MFL curriculum for our students.

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