



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Why is the study of Languages important?

Language means 'the method of human communication used by a particular community'. The study of a different language will enable you to develop an understanding of another culture and therefore gain a more profound understanding of your own language and culture. Language learning is a higher order skill and will encourage you to plan, solve problems, and manipulate the elements of language learnt to communicate effectively. From Year 7 you will have the exciting opportunity to listen to and read authentic material in the target language on a wide range of topics such as school, leisure time, family & relationships, technology, customs and festivals in other countries, to name but a few. You will become confident to speak in front of others and express your opinions in different ways. You will develop your understanding of grammar both in the target language and in English, and learn how to produce relevant, fluent and coherent pieces of writing. Your study of a Modern Foreign Language will encourage you to think deeply and help you more effectively communicate with others – a great life skill that all universities and employers will appreciate.

Across your study you will explore what life is like for young people in the target language country. Lessons will provide a wide range of opportunities for speaking, listening, reading and writing. Your MFL classroom will be brimming with vocabulary learning in fun and exciting ways, the recall of which is the key to all understanding and communication in the target language. You will engage with the grammar of the new language and use logic, reasoning and problem solving skills to apply it in context. Seems challenging - you are going to love it! MFL will expand your mind!

Big Issues such as the environment, poverty & homelessness, cultural differences across the world, and social issues are all part of the MFL curriculum. You will think about the advantages and disadvantages of social media and technology, as well as reflect on your plans for the future in terms of relationships as well as future study and careers. You will be encouraged to develop your own thoughts and opinions on such issues and then express them not in English, but in the target language. What a level to reach! I bet you can't wait to get started...

What skills will the study of Languages teach you?

You are a citizen in this world and you need to know how to communicate effectively with those around you from all backgrounds and cultures. It will teach you to...

- Develop self-determination
- Master the basics – you have to know simple words first before you can create full sentences and meaningful language.
- Develop your memory skills – repetition is the mother of all learning.
- Express your thoughts and opinions in an organised way.
- Listen and read for detail and identify the key points.
- Take risks and be confident.

What will you know and understand from your study of Languages?

You will ...

- understand grammar and apply it in different contexts.

- communicate effectively in writing for a variety of purposes across a range of specified contexts.
- manipulate the language using and adapting a variety of structures and vocabulary with increasing frequency
- interact effectively in speech; initiate and develop conversations, ask and answer questions, respond to unexpected questions.
- identify the overall message, key points, details and opinions in a variety of short and longer spoken or written passages.
- deduce and infer meaning from a variety of spoken or written texts.
- translate into and out of the target language.

How does your study of Languages support your study in other subjects?

Study of any subject in our curriculum takes full advantage of links with other subject areas- we term these as interdisciplinary links and we make the most of them because we know that deep learning requires the transference of knowledge and skills from one topic of learning to another. Once you can transfer your learning across topics and subject areas then you are really mastering what you know and how to apply your understanding and skills.

Modern Foreign Languages touches on so many other subjects; language learning is the development of literacy skills, which are essential to the study of all subjects. In years 7 and 8, students complete a cultural unit that could be about an artist, a book, a film or the study of a custom or festival in the target language culture. At GCSE and A Level, students discuss global and social issues, which link to study in Science, Geography, Religious Education and Citizenship. There are very close links with the study of English in terms of grammatical language, expressing opinions and developing arguments, as well as the use of literary texts both at GCSE and at A level. You will learn methods of thinking and research that are widely applicable to other subject areas helping your thinking in all subjects.

How can you deepen your understanding of Languages?

We want to inspire you with a passion for language learning and a greater appreciation of different cultures. The MFL department offers lots of great opportunities for you to really engage with this fabulous subject. The Y7 Spanish Spelling Bee competition offers challenge, fun and the opportunity for you to represent our academy in the finals of this Trust wide competition. We also offer enrichment for KS3 where you can explore Spanish culture further, learn more about the language and be creative with craft projects. For GCSE students, we offer targeted support or further development to help advance your knowledge and understanding. For a number of years we have also offered a trip to Spain for our year 9 and 10 pupils where you get to put into practice the language you have learnt in school. We have visited the artistic and vibrant city of Barcelona, including a visit to Camp Nou and the fun-packed theme park, PortAventura. We have also visited the Spanish capital, Madrid, to take in the historical sights and engage in cultural events such as a flamenco show, tapas tasting and touring a bull ring. So get involved! Become a linguist.

How are you assessed in Modern Foreign Languages?

Throughout the 5 years Modern Foreign Language course you are assessed using the following assessment objectives which ensure that you can cumulatively build your subject understanding in preparation for future GCSE and A Level study. At GCSE we study the AQA specification. There are half termly assessment points each year that we term Praising Stars©. For younger years we base our assessment on our subject mapping of the age related expectations across the curriculum, assessing your performance against these expectations. At GCSE we make predictions informed by our holistic assessment of your progress against the key assessment objectives of the GCSE AQA Specification and your aspirational GCSE targets.

Key Assessment Objectives

AO1: LISTENING: understand and respond to spoken language.

AO2: SPEAKING: communicate and interact in speech.

AO3: READING: understand and respond to written language.

AO4: WRITING: communicate in writing.

How can MFL support your future?

Of course we offer the study of GCSE and we encourage your continued study in this fantastic subject. Yet we know that choice and personal interest are important aspects of worthy study. Whether you have continued your study of Languages into GCSE or A level or not you will have gained access to this enriching subject and its study will have taught you to think differently and deeply.

Modern Foreign Languages are offered at most prestigious universities either as a single honours or a joint honours subject studied alongside other disciplines e.g. Linguistics, Law, Politics, Tourism, International Studies, History, English, Philosophy. The very fact that you have been able to study linguistic thinking will help your future application be they for colleges, universities, apprenticeships or employment.

Careers that the study of MFL supports include:

- Translator
- Interpreter
- Teacher in the UK or abroad.
- Lawyer
- Marketing executive
- Diplomatic service officer
- International aid/ development worker
- Tour manager
- International hotel or catering manager
- Media/ advertising

- Logistics

- IT

	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Autumn 1	Introduction to the target language. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn the basics – days, months, numbers, greetings. Phonics/ pronunciation Develop speaking - role play & writing skills 	Technology in everyday life. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about technology & what it is used for. Talk about the advantages & disadvantages of social media. Speaking skills – photo card & listening and reading for key information. 	Theme: Identity & Culture. Topic: Free time activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about hobbies. Talk about music & TV preferences. Use past/ future tenses. Food and eating out. Speaking skills – photo card / role play/ conversation. Writing Skills - 40 words / translation. 	Theme: Local, national etc. areas of interest. Topic: Holidays & Travel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about holiday destinations, transport & accommodation. Use the present, past, imperfect & future tense. Talk about past & ideal holidays. Speaking skills – conversation & photocard.. Writing Skills - 90/150 words & translation 	All themes & Topics. Skills focus writing – improving writing & translation skills.
Autumn 2	Design a superhero. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about family & pets Describe people physically/ personality. Use ‘to be’ and ‘to have’. Understand adjective agreements. Develop listening; reading & writing skills 	Holidays. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review forming the past, present and future tenses and use them appropriately in your written and spoken work. Talk about destinations, transport, accommodation and activities. Writing skills - 90 word writing from memory. Speaking skills - role play; photocard & conversation 	Theme: Identity & Culture. Topic: Me, my family & Friends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about family & describe them. Talk about relationships with family & friends. Speaking skills - conversation. Writing skills – 40; 90; 150 words/ translation. Topic: Marriage/ Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give opinions on relationships & ideal partner. Talk about plans for marriage/ having a family. Speaking skills – photo card & writing skills conversation. 	Theme: Identity & Culture. Topic: Technology in everyday life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about technology & what it is used for. Give opinions on technology & social media. Describe the advantages & Disadvantages of social media. Consider life without technology. Writing skills – 90 & 150 words & translation. Speaking skills - conversation / role play / photocard. 	All themes & Topics. Skills focus listening & reading – improving exam technique for all question types.

<p>Spring 1</p>	<p>School around the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about school subjects. • Give extended opinions. • Describe school facilities & the school day. • Use the regular present tense. • Develop writing skills from memory. 	<p>Crime Scene Investigation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Someone has gone missing! Find & understand clues to work out what has happened. • Interview suspects & write witness statements. • Use the irregular past tense/ the imperfect tense. • Careers Focus Week - Find out where learning a language could take you. 	<p>Theme: Local, national etc. areas of interest.</p> <p>Topic: Home, town, neighbourhood & region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe your house & your ideal house. • Describe your town & activities you can do there. • Describe advantages/ disadvantages of town &/ or region • Listening & Reading skills - translation into English • Speaking skills - conversation • Writing skills - 90 & 150 words 	<p>Theme: Current & Future Study & Employment</p> <p>Topic: Education post-16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening and reading skills focus. • Talk about plans for future study/ university • Discuss the advantages & disadvantages of university vs travel/ gap year • Writing skills –90 & 150 & translation. • Speaking skills - conversation / role play / photocard 	<p>All themes & Topics.</p> <p>Skills focus speaking – development of role play/ photo card skills and preparation of all topics for conversation.</p>
<p>Spring 2</p>	<p>School around the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the ‘conditional’ tense to describe your ideal school. <p>Leisure activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about sports/ activities • Talk about your free time activities in the present tense. • Develop speaking - photocard/ role play & writing from memory. 	<p>Town - A Cultural Study.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore a Spanish city in detail eg. Barcelona. • Describe places in this city & activities you can do there. • You’ll be able to compare your town with the Spanish town you are studying. • Use modal verbs to say what you can do. • Use the future tense to plan a trip abroad. • Listening & Reading skills; Writing - translation 	<p>Theme: Current & Future Study.</p> <p>Topic: My studies/ Life at school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give extended opinions on school subjects. • Talk about options. • Describe school facilities & give opinions on school. • Talk about school rules/ stress and the advantages & disadvantages of your school • Describe your ideal school • Writing skills - 90 & 150 words/ translation. 	<p>Theme: Current & Future Study & Employment.</p> <p>Topic: Jobs & ambitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about jobs and their advantages and disadvantages. • Talk about future career ambitions. • explore the world of work to include how to get a job/ interviews & work experience. • Describe current part time work and ways of earning money as a teenager. • Writing skills –40 / 90/ 150 words & translation into TL. • Speaking skills - role play / photocard. 	<p>Revision of all key topics and skills.</p>

<p>Summer 1</p>	<p>Leisure time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form and use the 'future' tense. • Use the regular 'past' tense. • Use more complex connectives. • Develop listening & reading skills & writing from memory. 	<p>House & Home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss your home and your ideal house. • Consolidate your understanding and application of the present and conditional tenses. • Extend written and spoken work with the inclusion of higher level constructions. • Listening & reading for key information. 	<p>Theme: Local, national etc. areas of interest.</p> <p>Topic: Healthy lifestyles / Charity Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe your diet and lifestyle. • Understand & give opinions on smoking, drugs & alcohol. • Compare your past and present lifestyle • Speaking skills - conversation; Listening & reading skills <p>Topic: Charity Work/ voluntary work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about charities and their work at a local/ national & global level. 	<p>Theme 1 and theme 2 revision.</p> <p>Topic: Revision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening and reading skills focus. • Theme 1 - family and relationships / Technology / Free time past & future • Theme 2 - Town / Ideal house. • Speaking skills - Conversation. 	<p>External Examinations.</p>
<p>Summer 2</p>	<p>Cultural Unit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish Fiestas. • We will look at some of the diverse fiestas celebrated in Spain and Latin America such as La Tomatina (a huge tomato fight, bullfighting and the infamous Day of the Dead in Mexico). • You'll be able to describe key events and give your opinion about the fiestas. 	<p>Food and Drink.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give quality, extended opinions about food and drink. • Learn transactional language to order/ buy things. • Speaking skills - role play. • Listening & reading for key information. 	<p>Theme: Local, national etc. areas of interest.</p> <p>Topic: Global issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the environment and solutions for the planet. • Discuss the issues of poverty, homelessness, inequality and other issues facing the world. • Listening & Reading skills - translation into English • Writing skills - translation <p>Theme: Identity & Culture.</p> <p>Topic: Customs & Festivals</p>	<p>Theme: All themes.</p> <p>Topic: Revision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme 2 - Holidays present/ favourite/ past • Theme 3 - My studies / future plans. • Theme 2 - Social Issues. • Theme 2 - Global issues. • Theme 1 - Customs and Festivals. • Speaking skills - Conversation. • Writing skills - 90/150 Words. • Listening & reading skills 	

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