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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 curriculum at GCSE. 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 **Key Stage 3**, students complete **cultural units** 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 Year 7 French and 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 Key Stage 3 where you can explore French and Spanish culture further and learn more about the language.

For GCSE students, we offer targeted support or further development to help advance your knowledge and understanding. The MFL department offers lots of great opportunities for you to really engage with this fabulous subject. Get involved! Become a linguist.

How are you assessed in Modern Foreign Languages?

Throughout the 5 year 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. 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, and 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

CURRICULUM PROGRESSION PATHWAY FOR MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES AT OUTWOOD ACADEMY HASLAND HALL

	YEAR 7 (French 2 Hours per week)	YEAR 8 (Spanish 2 Hours per week)	YEAR 9 (French 3 hours per week/Spanish 3 Hours per week)	YEAR 10(French 3 hours per week/Spanish 3 Hours per week)	YEAR 11(French 3 hours per week/Spanish 3 Hours per week)
Autumn 1	<p>Introduction to the target language.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn the basics – days, months, numbers, greetings. • Phonics/ pronunciation • Develop speaking skills - role play 	<p>Technology & Social Media.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop speaking skills – photo card. • Phonics/ pronunciation • Talk about technology & what it is used for. • Talk about the advantages & disadvantages of social media. 	<p>Free time</p> <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 • Writing Skills - 40 words / translation. 	<p>Theme: Local, national etc. areas of interest.</p> <p>Topic: Holidays & Travel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about holiday destinations, transport & accommodation. • Use the present, past & future tense. • Talk about ideal holidays. • Speaking skills – conversation. 	<p>All themes & Topics</p> <p>Revision: Technology / Leisure / holidays / festivals / future plans / global issues.</p> <p>Skills focus writing – improving writing & translation skills.</p>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Skills - 150 word essay. <p>Theme: Identity & Culture</p> <p>Topic: Technology in everyday life</p> <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. • Writing skills – 90/ 75 words & translation into TL. • Speaking skills - conversation / role play. 	
Autumn 2	<p>Design a super hero.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about family & pets • Describe people physically/ personality. • Use 'to be' and 'to have. • Understand adjective agreements. 	<p>Holidays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review forming the past, present and future tenses and use them appropriately in your written and spoken work. 	<p>Me, my family & Friends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about family & describe them. • Talk about relationships with family & friends. 	<p>Theme: Local, national etc. areas of interest.</p> <p>Topic: Global issues – the environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about environmental 	<p>All themes & Topics</p> <p>Skills focus listening & reading – improving exam technique for all question types.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop listening & Reading skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing your range of vocabulary linked to the topic of holidays. Writing skills - 90 word essay. Speaking skills - role play and photocard. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaking skills - conversation. Writing skills – 40 & 90 words/ translation. Higher candidates 1 bullet (75 words) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> problems locally & in the world. Talk about actions to help the environment. Listening & Reading skills (incl translation into Eng) <p>Topic: Social issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about charity & voluntary work. Speaking skills - photocard. Writing skills - Translation / 75 words. 	<p>Conversation focus. across all three themes.</p>
Spring 1	<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>Town - A Cultural Study.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore a Spanish city in detail. Describe places in this city and activities you can do there. You'll be able to compare your town with the German or Spanish town you are studying. Use modal verbs to say what you can do. Use the future tense to plan a trip abroad. 	<p>Where I live</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe your house & your ideal house. Describe your town & activities you can do there. Talk about how you would improve your town. Listening & Reading skills (incl translation into Eng) Speaking skills - conversation 	<p>Theme: Current & Future Study & Employment</p> <p>Topic: Life at school/ Education post-16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listening and reading skills focus. Talk about plans for future study/ university. Writing skills – 25 words bullets & translation. 	<p>All themes & Topics</p> <p>Skills focus speaking – development of role play/ photo card skills and preparation of all topics for conversation.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listening and Reading skills; Writing - translation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing skills - 90 words / Higher candidates 1 bullet (75 words) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaking skills - conversation / role play. 	
Spring 2	Free Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the 'conditional' tense to describe your ideal school. Talk about your free time activities in the present tense. Develop listening & reading skills. 	House and Home. <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 and reading for key information. 	My studies & my Life at school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give extended opinions on school subjects. Talk about options. Describe school facilities & give opinions on school. Writing skills - 90 words / higher candidates 1 bullet (75 words) and translation. 	Theme: Current & Future Study & Employment Topic: Life at school/ Education post-16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about jobs and their advantages and disadvantages. Writing skills – 90/ 150 words & translation into TL. Speaking skills - role play / photocard. Review / Consolidation of the key points in all themes 	Revision of all key topics and skills, particularly listening and reading across all themes and topics.
Summer 1	Leisure time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about sports/ activities Form and use the 'future' tense. Use the regular 'past' tense. Use more complex connectives. Develop extended speaking & writing skills. 	Food and Drink. <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 and reading for key information. 	Am I fit? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about food & eating out. Describe eating habits. Give advice on a healthy lifestyle. 	Theme: All themes Topic: Revision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listening and reading skills focus. Theme 1 - family and relationships / Technology / Free Time. 	External Examinations.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand & give opinions on smoking, drugs & alcohol. • Talk about charities and their work. • Discuss the environment and solutions for the planet. • Listening & Reading skills (incl translation into Eng) • Writing skills - 90 words / Higher candidates 1 bullet (75 words) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme 2 - Town / Ideal house. • Speaking skills - Conversation. 	
Summer 2	<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>The Fixer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • organising a tour for your band • present your band to the organiser • present the location of the event to the band • organise food and drink • organise accommodation • organise a sightseeing tour • organise opportunities to buy souvenirs. 	<p>Customs & Festivals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about customs & festivals in TL speaking countries. • Speaking skills – role play / Conversation. • Writing skills - translation / 90 words / Higher candidates 1 bullet (75 words) and translation. 	<p>Theme: All themes</p> <p>Topic: Revision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme 2 - Holidays. • Theme 3 - My studies / future plans. • Theme 2 - Social Issues. • Theme 1 - Customs and Festivals. • Speaking skills - Conversation. • Writing skills - 90/150 Words. 	

	Y7 Spanish (1 hour per week)	Y8 French (1 hour per week)
Autumn 1	School around the world. <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. 	Technology & Social Media. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items about technology • Activities with technology • Past tense using technology
Autumn 2	School around the world. cont <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School activities • Ideal school 	Holidays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past tense activities • Destinations- where you went on holiday • Using transport
Spring 1	Hobbies and Future plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family • Family descriptions 	Holidays cont. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers in languages • Weather on holidays • Describing accommodation •

Spring 2	Describing Family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describing hair and eyes • Personality • Past tense- regular verbs 	Town and cultural study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describing town • Comparing town at home and abroad
Summer 1	My life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the past tense • Talk about family and past tense 	House and Home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities in a town • Planning a trip to a town
Summer 2	Cultural Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studying a film 	Food and Drink <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and drink vocab • Extended opinions • Menus • Buying food