



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 and 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 and 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. At GCSE, 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 at GCSE. 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. For GCSE students, we offer targeted support or further development to help advance your knowledge and understanding. We offer excellent opportunities to become resilient learners who are proud of their linguistic ability.

How are you assessed in Modern Foreign Languages?

Throughout the 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 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 accessed 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 it 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 BRUMBY

	YEAR 7 French	YEAR 8 German	YEAR 9 German (Ge) & French Beginners (Fb)	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Autumn 1	<p>Introduction to the target language.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn the basics – days, months and greetings. Phonics/ pronunciation Develop speaking skills - role play High frequency positive and negative adjectives 	<p>Technology in everyday life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about technology & what it is used for. Give yours and other people's opinions on technology. Develop grammar knowledge of the present tense & possessive pronouns. Develop extended writing skills alongside listening, speaking & reading skills. 	<p>Ge - German speaking countries and their festivals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about a variety of German speaking countries, including geographic details and social issues Understand key details about life in Germany Learn about types of festivals in these countries, including when and how they are celebrated Give opinions of festivals Use the conditional tense to talk about a festival you would like to visit <p>Fb - Introduction to the target language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key French phonics Cultural awareness of Francophone countries 	<p>Theme: Identity & Culture 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 target language. 	<p>All themes and Topics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills focus writing – improving writing and translation skills.

			Leisure activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saying what you like/don't like to do and why • Saying activities you and others do in the present tense. • Developing use of different verb types in present tense. 		
Autumn 2	Free-time and Family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about free-time activities • High frequency verbs in the present tense • Develop listening & reading skills • Talk about family and pets 	Holidays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give details about destinations, transport, accommodation and activities on holiday. • Develop grammar knowledge of comparatives and the near future tense. 	Ge - Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give opinions of different genres of music • Talk about music performances • Profile of a singer from a French / Spanish speaking country • Developing extended writing skills Fb - Leisure activities continued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describing which activities I am going to do • Describe what activities I have done • Developing understanding of 	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 & future tense. • Talk about ideal holidays. • Speaking skills – conversation. • Writing Skills - 150 word essay. 	All themes and Topics. Skills focus listening and reading – improving exam technique for all question types.

			different tenses in French		
Spring I	Family and personal descriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about family and pets • Describe physical appearance and personalities 	Holidays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give details about destinations, transport, accommodation and activities on holiday. • Develop grammar knowledge of comparatives and the near future tense. • Talk about the weather linked to activities on holiday. • Develop extended writing skills. The past tense in context - a recent visit to town: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about places in town & what you did there. • Give quality opinions in the past. • Develop listening, reading, speaking & writing skills. The past tense in context - a recent holiday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about where you went & what you did there. • Give quality opinions in the past. • Develop listening, reading, speaking & writing skills. 	Ge - The world of work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about jobs and work experience around the world • Talk about advantages and disadvantages of jobs • Describe what personality traits are needed for different jobs • Future plans, using the future tense. Fb – Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giving opinion on different types of French & English music • Saying how you listen to music • Developing your extended writing and speaking skills 	Theme: Current & Future Study & Employment <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 	All themes and Topics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills focus speaking – development of role play/ photo card skills and preparation of all topics for conversation.

<p>Spring 2</p>	<p>Sports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about what you and others play and do • Give opinions of doing sport 	<p>The past tense in context - a recent visit to town:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about places in town & what you did there. • Give quality opinions in the past. • Develop listening, reading, speaking & writing skills. <p>The past tense in context - a recent holiday:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about where you went & what you did there. • Give quality opinions in the past. • Develop listening, reading, speaking & writing skills. 	<p>Ge - A Healthy Lifestyle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about your lifestyle and whether or not it is healthy • Compare past and present lifestyle • Discuss health issues such as drugs, alcohol and smoking. <p>Fb – School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giving opinion on different aspects of school life. • Describing your school day • Developing use of modal verbs 	<p>Theme: Current & Future Study & Employment</p> <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 	<p>Revision of all key topics and skills.</p>
<p>Summer I</p>	<p>Town</p> <p>Describing where you go in town and what you do there Use the future tense to say what you are going to do there</p>	<p>Revisit & recall - Family life:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe who is in your family. • Describe physical description and personality. • Link personality to likes & dislikes, past & future plans. • Develop speaking skills. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe your school • Describe your town. • Develop listening & reading skills. 	<p>Ge - Environmental Issues</p> <p>Discuss global issues Talk about local issues and solutions</p> <p>Campaign for a greener school</p>	<p>Theme: All themes Topic: Revision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening and reading skills focus. • Theme 1 - family and relationships / Technology / Free Time. • Theme 2 - Town / Ideal house. 	<p>External Examinations.</p>

			Fb- Customs & Festivals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about types of festivals in these countries, including when and how they are celebrated • Give opinions of festivals • Use the conditional tense to talk about a festival you would like to visit • Developing speaking skills through describing a photo. 		
Summer 2	School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Express opinions of school subjects • Talk about your school day • Describe activities at school 	Opportunity to revisit & embed all key grammar concepts learnt so far. Cultural unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to develop cultural understanding of the German speaking world. 	Ge - Cultural unit Film project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study the background and history • Character analysis • Film reviews Fb - Healthy Lifestyle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describing your lifestyle • Comparing the past to the present 	Theme: All themes Topic: Revision <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. 	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using the imperfect tense to say what you used to do• Developing opinions on different health issues		
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