

MFL Website Info

Introduction

In MFL you will have the opportunity not just to study other languages than your own, but you will also be introduced to different cultures from around the Spanish and French speaking world. The vision for the department is to create engaging and interactive learning environment where pupils are actively involved in lessons and motivated and enthused about learning a foreign language and broadening their cultural horizons. The department achieves good results year on year with pupils grade matching those in other schools nationally.

Meet the team

Associate Assistant Principal and CAL - Mr Kyle

Teacher of French and Spanish – Miss Osborne

Teacher of Spanish – Mr Mulvey

Teacher of Spanish – Mrs Trow

Curriculum guide

Year 7, 8 and 9 (KS3)

Year 7 - Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish)

The year 7 course is carefully tailored to ensure that whether pupils have studied the language before or not that they will be able to access the curriculum. Pupils who have studied Spanish at primary school will get the opportunity to revisit the language that they have met before and further develop their language skills, covering the grammar in more depth. Those who have not studied Spanish will use their skills in other languages learnt to build up their vocabulary knowledge quickly and will not feel disadvantaged as the first term caters for all linguistic levels.

Year 8 - Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish)

Pupils continue to build on the language covered in year 7 covering the grammar in more depth. They will learn to express and justify personal opinions on the new topics listed below. Pupils will revisit the present tense which will give them the opportunity to use a variety of verb forms and be more adventurous with the language. They will be introduced to a new tense, the preterite tense to enable them to describe past events and give their personal views as well as look at the immediate future tense.

Year 9 - Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish)

Pupils will continue to build on vocabulary and grammar learned in their previous two years. Pupils are expected to be working at level by the end of the year with the addition of a third tense (future). In preparation for their GCSE years, pupils will be taught more complex language including opinions with justifications with an emphasis on linking ideas together appropriately. There will be a focus on extended writing tasks as well as speaking which will mimic the type of assessments they will undertake at GCSE.

Current KS4 options subjects in MFL

Subject

GCSE Spanish

Exam board

Edexcel

Why choose this subject?

Learning a foreign language, especially one such as widely spoken as Spanish, can open up a plethora of opportunities in your future. Languages can open the door to exciting jobs and careers abroad which can take you around the world.

What will I study?

The GCSE course over years 10 and 11 builds on knowledge of language acquired at Key Stage 3. Pupils will learn to develop their language skills in a variety of contexts and will further explore the cultures of various Hispanic countries. Pupils will also be introduced, for the first time at GCSE level, to some literature based aspects where they will study short texts.

Where could it lead me?

Future study

A Level languages

University study (any foreign language degree includes a year abroad in a country that speaks that language either working or studying)

How is the course examined?

There will be four exams at the end of year 11 equally weighted to 25% for reading, writing, listening and speaking.

Entry requirements

You should have a thirst for knowledge and a desire to know more and more language. These qualities alone will drive you towards success in any MFL.

Further information

More information can be found by speaking to Mr Kyle or at

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/spanish-2016.html>

Subject

GCSE French

Exam board

AQA

Why choose this subject?

Learning a foreign languages opens up vast amounts of opportunities for any ambitious person. Languages can open the door to exciting jobs and careers abroad which can take you around the world.

What will I study?

The GCSE course is offered as an ab initio course whereby the vast majority of pupils will not have studied the language for pupils, it is however also open to pupils who have French as home language. Pupils will learn to develop their language skills in a variety of contexts. They will complete 4 controlled assessments; two of which are speaking and two writing. This will contribute to 60% of their final grade and is therefore a vital part of the course. This course follows the Edexcel exam board.

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Assessment

Students are assessed on the 4 key skills each term. This is broken down into two key skills per half term. Students books are marked every 2 weeks with pupils receiving feedback through which they will be able to build upon prior work and improve their grade.

Extra-curricular

In school

Weekly period 6 sessions are offered to pupils in year 11 for both Spanish and French. On a Wednesday afternoon, Miss Osborne and Mr Mulvey offer a speaking club for both languages which all KS4 pupils are encouraged to attend in order to build confidence in this key skill area.

Year 9 pupils are also offered the opportunity to attend a languages trip hosted by Manchester University every January. This is specifically aimed at pupils planning on studying a language at KS4.