



MFL DEPARTMENT

The MFL Department at Balcarras is a highly successful and close-knit team. French, Spanish and Russian are offered in curriculum time and all 3 subjects are taught to GCSE and A-level. On average around 70% of pupils opt to take at least one language to GCSE and we usually have about 10 students studying A-level in each language most years.

Italian and Mandarin Chinese are offered as clubs and then to GCSE and/or A-level outside of timetabled hours and Latin is offered just as a club. Our aim is to enthuse young people to learn languages.

We have native speakers giving regular conversational sessions with our A level students. Under normal circumstances we run a variety of visits abroad, ranging from a Year 7 visit to Paris, to a homestay in Málaga and a residential and cultural visit to Russia, amongst others. Staff also offer extra-curricular activities such as trips to the cinema to watch foreign language films and a visit to the Chinese restaurant to celebrate Chinese New Year.

All of our classrooms are equipped with Interactive whiteboards with full internet access. We also have regular access to a computer room in our designated MFL block. Finally, we are privileged to host and lead the County Network for Languages meeting 3 times per year, which provides a welcome opportunity for discussion and training.

If you love teaching languages and love to inspire pupils to learn languages and experience new cultures, then please apply. We are a friendly and supportive team.

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Head of MFL

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