

# TORQUAY GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## The MFL Department



The Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) department at TGGs currently offers French and German through to A Level. In addition to this, we aspire to offer Spanish to as many year groups as possible from September 2023. Languages are popular within the school and an important part of our curriculum.

In the MFL department at TGGs, our intention is to combine the best of communicative and grammar-based language teaching to create an ambitious and enjoyable curriculum which instils a life-long love for French and German literature, art and music alongside an ability to communicate meaningfully in the target language. We believe that language learning is an intrinsic human ability which develops a range of transferable skills and that all learners have the potential to achieve fluency with the right teaching and motivation.

Currently, all students study both German and French throughout Key Stage Three; at Key Stage Four, students may choose to continue with both or they opt to consolidate their knowledge in one language. All students study a Modern Foreign Language to GCSE level using the Edexcel specification and we have a healthy uptake at A level each year with many of our former A level linguists continuing to study languages at university in the UK or overseas.

We are always looking for ways to expose our students to the culture of the target language countries and have found creative ways to do this in the post-Brexit, post Covid landscape including through film studies at all Key Stages, a film making project in year 9 and trips both in the UK to art galleries, restaurants, and Christmas markets, as well as abroad at A level.

As a department, we are committed to evidence-based practice and keep up to date with the latest research and developments in MFL teaching. Recently, we have incorporated elements from the Science of Learning programme and the Interact Approach to our curriculum intent and implementation. As we prepare for the introduction of a new GCSE specification, this commitment to CPD will be more important than ever.

Although the school previously had a Head of MFL, for several years we have operated with a Head of French and a Head of German. Due to our aspirations for adding a new language to our offer, it is felt that it is the right time to advertise and recruit for a Head of MFL to drive this vision forward. The successful candidate will be focussed on the oversight of German, and hopefully Spanish from September 2023, and liaising effectively with the Head of French.