

## MODERN LANGUAGES FACULTY

### The Faculty

St Bede's offers the following languages: French and Spanish.

Teaching is at least good within the faculty with some outstanding practice. The faculty was a focus for the recent Ofsted inspection, and the standard of teaching and learning was commented upon favourably.

In Years 7, 8 and 9 the cohort is split vertically with one half studying French and the other Spanish. The scheme followed is the NCELP scheme, with all colleagues collaborating on its implementation and producing individual resources.

### GCSE

All pupils must continue to study either French or Spanish in Year 9 and may opt to commence a second language at the end of Year 8. Pupils who have an aptitude in languages, the ability to achieve a grade 5 at GCSE or enjoy languages are encouraged to continue studying the subject to GCSE.

### Post 16

We offer Spanish and French at AS/A level.

### Faculty

The facilities within the Faculty are good with all three teaching areas within easy access of a faculty preparation room. The faculty has a set of 30 chromebooks with trolley which staff can book. All bases have computers with Internet access and the Faculty has three digital projectors and 1 interactive whiteboard. Additional ICT facilities within the school consist of three fully equipped teaching bases.

### Examinations

AQA GCSE full course in French and Spanish, and A level in French and Spanish.

Results are outstanding.

High numbers of children achieve the top grades in both Spanish and French. The challenge for us now is to be able to encourage greater numbers to study languages to GCSE and A level, and for these to achieve good grades. Enjoyment and success continue to be critical elements for increased participation.

### General Information

- Years 7, 8 and 9 are banded and set according to ability.
- Some groups are set at Key Stage 4; others are total mixed ability, depending on option groups.
- There is a varied enrichment curriculum including clubs and competitions.