

# Trinity



## MFL Faculty

### Teaching Approach and Ethos

We are a high performing and driven team of linguists who always aim to gain the best out of every student who learns a language with us. We encourage students to develop their skills as readers, writers, speakers and listeners of other languages in stimulating ways to help them attain not only the best results, but skills for their lives ahead. We aspire that every student we teach meets their full potential and leaves school with an enthusiasm for the subject and lifelong love of learning languages. Our aim is for all students in our care to have the confidence to use their language skills in the real world.

### Key Stage 3 Summary

Year 7 and 8 students have the opportunity to study French, German and Spanish in Key Stage 3. Students have 3 lessons of French per fortnight across year 7 and 8 and are able to recognise and speak in at least two tenses by the end of year 7 and three by the end of year 8.

All students also have the opportunity to learn German and Spanish on a rotation in the two year key stage 3 giving them a good language basis to choose one or two languages at GCSE.

### Key Stage 4 Summary

At Key Stage 4 languages are now compulsory for the majority of students. We offer GCSEs in French, Spanish and German. We currently follow the AQA GCSE specification, but we are moving to Edexcel from 2026. We have achieved good results in recent years. We work from a variety of resources, including the Studio, Viva and Stimmt textbooks for French, Spanish and German, as well as authentic texts and online resources.

We offer at least one trip to a target language speaking country over the three years of KS4, which are popular, this gives our students the ideal opportunity to learn and use their languages in real contexts.

### Key Stage 5 Summary

We offer French, Spanish and German at A level. We currently follow the AQA A Level specification and students enjoy success in these subjects with 100% pass rates achieved through supportive members of staff, the encouragement to learn and study independently and the enjoyment of foreign language trips that we offer to broaden their understanding.

## **Trips and Enrichment**

The Faculty prides itself on providing many opportunities for students to enjoy the subject beyond the confines of the classroom. There are annual foreign language trips in KS4. We often bring year groups together to showcase languages, to run competitions, which are driven by the Faculty's own enthusiastic and innovative team of teachers, and last year we launched House MFL, which has proven popular. We have a talented language programme which enables our more able GCSE linguists to organise events for our KS3 students.

## **Staff**

The MFL Faculty consists of 5 full time members of staff. Our staff are fluent in at least one foreign language and all teach a range of ages. Our MFL team is passionate in enriching the lives of the students in our care and we are constantly striving to improve teaching and learning through research based approaches and practice. We encourage staff to seek out professional development, both in-house and external CPD opportunities.

## **Accommodation**

The MFL Faculty has four well-appointed rooms, situated together in one suite. All are equipped with interactive white boards, and staff are provided with a school laptop or desktop. We have an office for staff to use and a bank of computers which can be booked for use with A Level classes.