

Department Information

Modern Foreign Languages

The MFL Department consists of 5 members of staff who are passionate about the teaching of Languages. We are enthusiastic and committed professionals who aim to deliver high quality lessons in a positive but well-disciplined environment. The success of the Department is due to the high expectations placed upon pupils and staff, good communication and the exceptional teamwork that is evident on a daily basis.

Working as a team is an important feature of the Department's practice. It is our aim that each teacher of MFL, whether full-time or part-time, and to whatever level of seniority, will feel able to contribute fully to the key policies and practices of the Department as well as sharing ideas and resources.

The Department structure currently is:

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| • Curriculum Leader & Head of Department | Emma Rossetti |
| • Head of Spanish | Sara Wheeler |
| • MFL teacher (French) | Camilla Brock |
| • MFL teacher (French and Spanish) | Louise Elliott |
| • MFL teacher (French and Spanish) | Rachel Serrano |

Other members of the Department are encouraged to take on responsibilities to enhance their professional development. These include such things as: PGCE mentoring, Key stage meetings, trips and visits, SEND students, literacy, data analysis and after School clubs.

There are five MFL classrooms in the Languages block which are well-furnished with PC, projector and whiteboard, as well as storage for students work and files. All teaching materials are close at hand, including a wide range of shared resources online. We have a comfortable staff room with space to work which enables us to socialise at break times and share thoughts and ideas.

Key Stage 3

Students in Year 7 have five lessons per fortnight (4 Spanish groups and 6 French groups), students in Year 8 have 4 lessons (5 groups of French and 4 groups of Spanish) and Year 9 have four lessons per fortnight. We currently teach Spanish for 3 lessons a fortnight in Year 9 to students who opted to take it in Year 8. Our vision is to increase the number of students who learn French and Spanish over the next few years in order to build numbers at GCSE and A level. We have detailed schemes of work and excellent resources at KS3, resulting in high levels of motivation and attainment.

Key Stage 4

We teach French and Spanish GCSE (currently 2 Spanish groups and 6 French) We use the AQA exam board and have a wide range of resources including AQA text books as well as online website subscriptions (e.g. vocabexpress, language-gym, sentence builders and atantot), in addition to creating our own worksheets.

Key Stage 5

We teach French and Spanish at A level using the AQA exam board. We consistently achieve excellent results at A level due to the high quality teaching and individual support provided.

Overall

The MFL Department is a very good Department and recently had a deep-dive from Ofsted which was very complimentary of our curriculum and enthusiastic teaching practices. We are looking for a highly motivated teacher who will contribute positively to the team and help us move towards this goal.

If you are successful at interview, you will find that we are an extremely supportive team. You will be well looked after and will hopefully thrive in our environment.