



# MFL Department Information



Northgate High School has a successful and active Language Department offering German and Spanish to A Level. We have a forward-looking and dynamic team of high calibre, experienced language teachers, and a purpose-built Language Centre.

In Year 7, students study German or Spanish as their first language. A second language (one of German or Spanish) is introduced in Year 8 and continued to Year 9 where students will study these two Languages. German and Spanish are currently offered at both GCSE and A Level. We have a large Sixth Form that, in addition to many of our own Northgate students, attracts over 100 students from other 11-16 schools across Suffolk.

The Department is committed to effective use of the target language, and teaching is enhanced by the use of innovative technologies. Online resources and interactive whiteboards are used to support the learning of our students. There is an ICT room in the Language Centre to support students' MFL learning. Additionally, we enrich the curriculum offer by running a number of trips and exchanges abroad.

We are seeking a colleague with the ability to build on our existing good practice. Spanish and German are popular subjects at GCSE and A-Level. As a result, we are looking for someone to develop a love of German and Spanish in our KS3 students so that they are inspired to study Languages at KS4 and KS5.

We are looking for an enthusiastic linguist willing to challenge and innovate in the classroom in addition to sharing their own ideas and approaches with colleagues. We offer a comprehensive programme of support for developing teaching and learning pedagogy, and our CPD programme at both a subject level and whole school level was praised in our December 2024 Ofsted inspection. We have an excellent track record of supporting new and recently qualified teachers – we work closely with teacher training programmes from EAST SCITT, NESTT SCITT and the University of East Anglia. Our Early Career Teacher Entitlement programme is supported by Unity Teaching School Hub.