



Welcome to the Modern Foreign Languages Department

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MFL at Abbeyfield School

Modern Foreign Languages is seen as a key part of our curriculum at all Key Stages. Development in this area is a whole school focus and we are striving to drive the department forward quickly. You will be joining a forward looking team of enthusiastic professionals. MFL has seen positive change and innovation and we continue to work hard to be the best we can be. We look forward to welcoming an equally enthusiastic and motivated colleague into our team.

Accommodation and facilities

The Modern Foreign Languages Department is accommodated in a suite of 4 rooms, each having a computer and data projectors. There is also a department office which can be used for speaking exams. The school's well-equipped library is adjacent to the Department and other computer suites are available for use. Interactive white boards are available, with two permanently installed in two rooms. The department has a good stock of up-to-date text books and excellent shared resources are on the school network. Investment has been made in *Kerboodle* online resources to support the delivery of the MFL specifications for GCSE and A-level. We are also continuing to build up our KS3, 4 and 5 Spanish resources.

What already happens in the Modern Languages Department?

- Visits to France for students.
- Celebration of the European Day of Languages
- Speakers and organisations invited in to promote language-based careers
- Cross-curriculum collaboration with the Humanities and Art departments
- Various student sessions, such as Spelling Bee etc.
- Targeted intervention sessions for KS4

What do students learn?

On joining Abbeyfield School in year 7 students learn French and Spanish. They follow these languages through KS3 and 4 (if selected as one of their optional subjects). We currently offer A-Levels in French and Spanish. We also assist students of other languages to be entered for examinations, such as in Mandarin or Polish, however these are not currently taught.

We are a hard working department and we have high expectations of our students and ourselves. We highly value extra curricular activities to support language learning and believe that creativity and fun are an important part of successful language teaching.

For an informal chat or to see the Department at work, please contact Dave Wicks on
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