

Weatherhead High School

Modern Foreign Languages Department



The Modern Foreign Language department is extremely successful and consists of a strong, highly qualified and enthusiastic team of specialist teachers. The department is dedicated to helping students realise their full academic potential, whilst at the same time developing students' curiosity about learning a modern foreign language. We are proud that all students are given the opportunity to study a language regardless of their academic background. All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 study Spanish and upper band students are able to study a second language (French) in KS3.

The department consists of six teachers of Spanish and French. Modern Foreign Languages is taught across the school from Key Stage 3 to A Level. The team is committed to planning and delivering high quality lessons by using a variety of stimulating teaching styles and approaches to engage and motivate learners.

Spanish is an extremely popular subject with an excellent reputation throughout the school and the subject makes a significant contribution to the EBacc progress measure due to the large numbers of students taking the subject at Key Stage 4 and the excellent progress students make in languages.

Many students opt to study a language GCSE. Students experience high levels of success in languages and this year (2026) 84% of GCSE Spanish students achieved a grade 4 or higher. In addition, 69% of students achieved a grade 5 or higher with an impressive 29% of students achieved a grade 7 or higher.

A Level is popular, and there are currently two Spanish groups across Years 12 and 13. Many of our students have gone on to study the subject at university. The AQA specifications are taught at both GCSE and A Level. In addition to the taught languages curriculum, our EAL students are encouraged to learn and take GCSEs in the languages of their cultural heritage, achieving great success and celebrating their cultural identity.

The department is also committed to enriching students' experiences outside the classroom. Key Stage 4 students are given the opportunity to visit Málaga, whilst Key Stage 5 students are able to practise their skills and further develop their intercultural understanding by visiting Camprodon in the Spanish Pyrenees. Many exciting language events take place throughout the year, and students especially enjoy contributing to events to mark the annual European Day of Languages and taking part in the Culture Fair. The department also has strong primary links with local schools and the team delivers languages workshops to Year 5 and 6 pupils.

For further information please visit the school's website:

<https://weatherheadhigh.co.uk/project/modern-foreign-languages/>