



NORTHGATE
High School

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 Year 9 where students will study two Languages. German and Spanish are currently offered at 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 use of innovative technologies. Online resources, software packages, as well the use of interactive whiteboards and iPads, are all used to support the learning of our students. There is an ICT room in the Language Centre for the use of MFL learning. The Department is also involved in numerous trips and exchanges abroad.

We are seeking a colleague with the ability to build on our existing good practice. Spanish is a popular subject at GCSE and A-Level. As a result, we are looking for someone to develop a love of Spanish in our KS3 students so that they are inspired to study Spanish 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 – the school is a lead training school for the University of East Anglia and we work closely with East SCITT and Suffolk and Norfolk SCITT.