



Wyedean

School and Sixth Form Centre

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Languages Department 2024

Overview

The Languages Department embodies a culture of success, sharing and support that is at the heart of the established ethos of Wyedean School.

Resources

The Languages Department currently offers Spanish and French at Key Stages 3, 4 and 5. We currently employ three full-time members of staff, with one part-time member of staff. The Department is housed in three purpose-built rooms and all three classrooms are well resourced and equipped with high quality audio equipment, projectors, laptops, speakers and microphones.

The department has a good range of course books, extension and support material as well as specific revision courses for GCSE and interactive programs, and we also use a range of websites to enhance learning. The department has its own Language Lab where students can access these language learning websites and play retrieval games.

Courses

Spanish and French are currently taught in Year 7 and this is alternated each year. French is currently taught in Year 7, Spanish is currently taught in Year 8 and French in 9.

The main courses used are:

- French: Studio for KS3 & AQA Studio GCSE for KS4 and Year 9 Sets 1/2
- Spanish: ¡Mira! / VIVA! For KS3 & Mira GCSE Rojo / VIVA GCSE for KS4

All language courses are supported and supplemented by authentic material, magazines, videos, websites, song and teacher-generated worksheets.

Curriculum

Spanish and French are taught to mixed-ability classes at all Key Stages. They are compulsory subjects at Key Stage 3 and popular options at Key Stage 4. Currently, students study only one language from Year 7 and this alternates each year.

The aim of the Languages department is to provide a stimulating and challenging environment where students learn to communicate effectively and confidently in the target language. Cultural context and awareness is an integral and essential part of the language; Year 9 French students have the opportunity to visit France in a residential visit, whilst KS4 Spanish students will hopefully be travelling to Madrid this year. We also conduct activities to celebrate European Day of Languages and various other cultural events throughout the year.

The target language is the main language of the classroom. This ensures maximum exposure to the language and the opportunity to participate in 'real' situations. Homework is set regularly using the Show My Homework (Satchel) app and is an essential and integral part of the course.

All aspects of Languages are covered in each lesson, including listening, speaking, reading and writing. The department has recently reviewed and restructured its schemes of work at

KS3 and 4 in order to provide our students with a consistent and more disciplined learning experience. Staff regularly use Gianfranco Conti techniques to enhance EPI and secure better progress in vocab and grammar retrieval.

GCSE and A Level (AQA) in French and Spanish are currently offered.

Results

Approximately 76% - 100% of students gained A*-C/5-9 GCSE grades over the last 9 years in Spanish and French and Spanish and we regularly achieve some of the school's best results.

The same can be said about our A Level results. Over the last 6 years of us offering A Level languages, we have achieved a 90% pass rate of grade A*-C in both Spanish and French.

Responsibilities

As a French/Spanish teacher within an established team your essential responsibilities would include;

- Teaching French to KS4 and KS5 and Spanish to KS3.
- Promoting Languages whole school and being involved in key language activities throughout the year.

The successful candidate will be:

- A good or outstanding teacher of students.
- A graduate of French/Spanish who holds a DfE recognised Qualified Teacher Status.
- Able to teach French to KS4/5 and Spanish to KS3.
- Able to show excellent behaviour management skills
- Knowledgeable of recent developments in Education and in French/Spanish teaching at GCSE/A Level.
- Able to incorporate ICT into the teaching of the French/Spanish curriculum.
- Willing to incorporate new/fresh ideas to their teaching (the department regularly use EPI games/activities)
- Able to demonstrate recent training and attendance at relevant INSET courses.
- Willing to assist in the organization and provision of residential trips.
- Able to demonstrate ability to interest, inspire and motivate pupils to enjoy and study French/Spanish.
- Genuinely interested in students' learning and to demonstrate an awareness of their needs.
- Flexible in approach and to the employment of a range of teaching methods.
- Able to work as a member of a team and to contribute towards faculty initiatives.