



Modern Foreign Languages

Five good reasons to learn another language

Languages...

- **are important in the world of work:**

Today more and more businesses need people who can communicate in languages other than English.

- **help you succeed in other subjects:**

Learning a new language improves your memory, mental flexibility, literacy and problem solving skills.

- **give you greater opportunities to travel:**

Travelling for business or pleasure is both easier and more interesting when you can talk to the locals.

- **give you a sense of achievement:**

When you learn a language you demonstrate to yourself and others that you are intelligent, determined, committed and hardworking.

- **are a social skill:**

Speaking and listening are very important.

The aim of the Modern Foreign Language Department is to enable all students to get the most out of their language learning for all these reasons. Nobody knows which languages they will need in later life, so we aim to develop students' skills and confidence to tackle whatever linguistic challenges come their way.

Students develop listening, speaking, reading and writing skills across a range of topics relating to daily life and we aim to use a variety of activities and approaches to suit all learners. Lessons in both key stages may include games, group activities, paired conversations and role plays and ICT-based activities, with the emphasis being on working towards confidence in communicating in the target language.

All students study French in year 7 and 8, where we aim to build on their prior learning in primary school. They will be encouraged to choose to continue their studies with the French AQA GCSE course offered from year 9 and the AQA A level French course in years 12 and 13.

Students in Key Stage 3 have the opportunity to take part in a week-long residential visit to France. During the 'Normandy Experience' we have a French native speaker attached to our group throughout the trip to give the students plenty of conversational practice whilst visiting famous sights such as Mont St Michel, the Bayeux tapestry and the Normandy landing beaches, and taking part in activities such as aeroball and breadmaking. We have recently set up an exchange for key stage 4 students with our partner school Collège Jules Verne at Saint-Hilaire-du-Harcouët in Brittany and A level students are encouraged to undertake a work experience in France.

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