



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 years 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 10, 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 their trip, they will visit various places including Arromanches, Honfleur, the Bayeux tapestry as well as visiting a biscuit factory and a snail farm.

Students in Key Stage 4 will also be offered a trip to Paris where they will visit the main landmarks of Paris such as Montmartre and the Sacré Coeur, the Montparnasse tower, the Louvre museum, the palace of Versailles and of course the Eiffel tower.

Should you like to receive any additional information on this subject, please contact Miss C Trezeux, Head of Department, via email admin@newent.gloucs.sch.uk