

Welcome to

Modern Foreign Languages



What will you learn about in MFL?

Whether you study French or Spanish, you will be learning to listen to, read, speak and write on a variety of topics, including your family, your hobbies, where you live, your school and your plans for the future. We know that students have different starting points and lessons are planned to challenge new learners and those who have some experience of the language. There is a focus on learning language to communicate, as well as understanding the grammar of the new language. Learning about the culture of countries where French or Spanish is spoken is also important and you will learn about key cultural events, such as celebrations and about how life in other countries is the same as and different to our own. As restrictions lift, we hope to have a full programme of extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities, including clubs, visits by French and Spanish schools and study visits.

Why is it so important to study MFL?

Learning to communicate in another language is a hugely important part of modern life and a great skill for the future. It boosts communication skills in general and having to work hard to learn foreign language words also trains students' brains to remember new information. Learning a new language broadens students' knowledge of English, as lots of French and Spanish words have English equivalents, which are often used less frequently in English, so may be new to students. In an increasingly global economy, language skills are a huge benefit in the world of work. While English is the 3rd most widely spoken language in the world, there are huge benefits to being able to communicate with people in their own language. As the global community becomes ever more interconnected, it is vital that students consider the experiences of people living in other countries in order to become informed global citizens.

GCSE Results 2020

Name	Entries	9 - 4 %	9 - 5 %	9 - 7 %
Spanish	74	69%	50%	26%
French	46	80%	65%	26%

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"I like French because it is nice to learn and understand another language. The languages teachers are really nice and caring and always here to help. Le français est génial! J'aime ça."

Taps, year 11