

MFL AT THE OPEN ACADEMY

Our school vision **“Courage in every step, faith in every journey”**

Students will gain an understanding of how language and communication, in both spoken and written forms, bridge the gap between cultures and communities. Throughout their time at Open Academy, students will acquire the tools to express themselves in a new language, exploring diverse authentic resources that challenge their perspectives. They will have the opportunity to develop the confidence to communicate orally, develop listening skills, read and write across many relevant subjects, growing into linguists who seek to engage with the world both creatively and transactionally.

RESPECT	ASPIRATION	PERSEVERANCE
Students will show respect for cultural differences and linguistic diversity. They will learn to value the customs, traditions, and voices of the countries where the target language is spoken, fostering an appreciation for a multicultural world.	Inspiring students to look beyond their local area. Exposure to native teachers, speakers and authentic media encourages students to take healthy risks in their speech and aim for fluency, opening doors to international careers and travel.	Students will learn that making mistakes is a vital part of language acquisition. They will develop a growth mindset, viewing complex grammar and unfamiliar phonetics as puzzles to solve through practice and resilient application.
SPIRITUALITY	GLOBAL CITIZENS	AWE AND WONDER
In responding to a foreign text or visual, students are asked: ‘How does this person’s life compare to mine?’, ‘What values do we share?’. Spirituality is nurtured by exploring the universal human experience through a different linguistic lens.	Students will engage with global issues—such as the environment, social justice, and diversity—through the target language. This enables them to understand their role as part of a connected, multilingual global community.	Extra-curricular experiences, such as language cafés, international trips, and film screenings, offer students the chance to find their own passion for discovery and a lifelong love for the music and rhythm of other languages.