

<b>Subject:</b>	MFL: French; Spanish & German
<b>Specification:</b>	GCSE 9 - 1
<b>Exam Board</b>	AQA

Ms Stickland and Mrs McEvoy both teach French, Spanish and German. In addition, Ms Stickland is Head of the Academic Learning Faculty.

Between them, our MFL teachers speak French, German, Spanish, Italian and a little Japanese. They both enjoy travelling abroad during the holidays, to speak different languages and experience different cultures. They aspire to enable our students to become global citizens as they take their place in the world of work.

#### Key Stage 3

All KS3 students learn a Modern Foreign Language (MFL); in September 2020, this is German in Years 7 and 8, and Spanish in Year 9: each student studies the same language for three years. Our scheme of work in German follows the *Stimmt* coursebook, and in Spanish we are using *Mira*. We aim to build on language skills acquired in junior school or at home, accepting that for many, these may be based on languages other than French. We focus on communication, enabling learners to use the language themselves from their earliest lessons. All students have four MFL lessons each fortnight, often beginning with low stakes testing of learning from previous lessons to allow a confident start. We aim to practise and improve the four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing in each lesson. Homework is set once a fortnight (in Week A), and should take 30 to 40 minutes. All students are encouraged to use their Knowledge Organisers both in class and at home, and we make extensive use of software such as Textivate and Quizlet to practise extended writing and to learn vocabulary.

Year 7 (German) Students focus on the present tense, high frequency verbs, connectives, expressing likes and dislikes, and simple opinions. Numbers and the alphabet are also learnt. The structures will be covered in the contexts of: Myself, My Family & Pets; Free Time; School; and Holidays.

Year 8 (German) The future and past tenses are added to the structures studied in Year 7. In Year 8, the structures will be covered in the context of: Home; Free time; Holidays; Media; Healthy Lifestyles; and Going Out.

Year 9 (Spanish) Topics covered in Year 9 Spanish include: Food & Drink; Fashion; A visit to Barcelona; Modern Communication; Keeping Healthy; The world of Work; and South America. ‘Re-visiting’ topic areas enables students to revise and build on their knowledge regularly, whilst becoming more confident and secure in the use of grammar.

#### Key Stage 4

In KS4 students have five lessons per fortnight and in Year 11, after their two-year course, they sit a GCSE examination. We use the AQA examination board. Like AQA, our objective is to enable students of all abilities to develop their modern foreign language skills to their full potential, equipping them with the knowledge to communicate confidently in a variety of contexts. Three distinct themes are covered in each language, and these are each made up of four topic areas: Identity and culture (Me, my family and friends; Technology in everyday life; Free-time activities; Customs and festivals in Spanish- or French-speaking countries/communities); Local, national, international and global areas of interest (Home, town, neighbourhood and region; Social issues; Global issues; Travel and tourism); Current and future study and employment (My studies; Life at school/college; Education post-16; Jobs, career choices and ambitions) Opportunities naturally arise to explore the spiritual, moral, ethical and cultural dimensions of topics studied. The four skills of

speaking, listening, reading and writing are tested by final examination in May of year 11. Regular revision sessions are run for Year 11.

<b>Extra Resources:</b>	KS3 Knowledge Organisers: these are produced in house, allowing students to work independently at home on learning vocabulary and practising what they have studied in class.  KS4 revision guides and workbooks: we provide all MFL students with CGP <u>Exam Practice Workbooks</u> and <u>Revision Guides</u> , as well as a host of useful booklets created by us in school to support independent work in Writing and Speaking skills.
<b>Useful websites:</b>  <i>(Students are given usernames and passwords in class where necessary)</i>	<a href="http://www.textivate.com">www.textivate.com</a> <a href="http://www.memrise.com">www.memrise.com</a> <a href="http://www.quizlet.com">www.quizlet.com</a> <a href="http://www.kahoot.com">www.kahoot.com</a> <a href="http://BBC Bitesize GCSE French">BBC Bitesize GCSE French</a> <a href="http://BBC Bitesize KS3 German">BBC Bitesize KS3 German</a> <a href="http://BBC Bitesize KS3 Spanish">BBC Bitesize KS3 Spanish</a>