

Subject:	MFL: Spanish and German
Specification:	GCSE 9 – 1
Exam Board	AQA

Ms Stickland, Mrs McEvoy and Mr Blanchflower all teach both Spanish and German. In addition, Ms Stickland is Head of the Academic Learning Faculty. In 2019 we chose to introduce German to our Year 7 children so that they could all start a new language together, from scratch, regardless of the language they studied in Key Stage 2; we aim to build on language skills acquired in junior school or at home. Prior to that students of previous cohorts had studied Spanish and French, with the majority of current Key Stage 4 preparing for GCSE in Spanish.

Between them, our MFL teachers speak French, German, Spanish, Italian and a little Japanese. They 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.

We are very pleased that next year's MFL trips, the first since before Covid, will see over 40 students from Years 9 and 10 visiting Germany, and 27 Key Stage 4 students flying to Madrid. This will be the very first time some of our students have been abroad.

Key Stage 3: German

All KS3 students learn a Modern Foreign Language (MFL); in September 2021, this is German in Years 7, 8 and 9. Each student studies the same language for three years, and the majority will continue with this language to take the GCSE in Year 11. Our scheme of work in German follows the *Stimmt* coursebook (Pearson Active Learn). 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 retrieval tasks or 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 according to the Academy calendar, and should take 30 to 40 minutes. All students are encouraged to use their Knowledge Organisers to support learning, and we make extensive use of online resources such as Textivate and Quizlet to practise extended writing and to learn vocabulary.

Year 7 Students focus on the present tense, high frequency words, 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 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: School; Holidays; Media; Healthy Lifestyles; School Trips and Going Out.

Year 9 We revisit the topics and grammar content from previous years and enhance previously learnt material, aiming to develop fluency and competence as a basis for future learning. Students will be expected to understand longer passages and try to extend their conversations.

Key Stage 4: Spanish

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, 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.

<p>Extra Resources:</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Useful websites:</p> <p><i>(Students are given usernames and passwords in class where necessary)</i></p>	<p>www.textivate.com</p> <p>www.memrise.com</p> <p>www.quizlet.com</p> <p>www.kahoot.com</p> <p>BBC Bitesize KS3 German</p> <p>BBC Bitesize KS4 Spanish</p>