

World Languages



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Overview

The World Languages department consists of 6 full-time and one part-time member of staff along with the Community Languages teachers.

We offer both French and Spanish at key stage 3, 4 and 5.

The department also offers a number of Community languages; Arabic, Bengali, Polish and Panjabi.

We are now a member of the Prince's Trust Teaching Institute for Modern Foreign Languages due to our hard work in promoting languages in the Academy and the schemes of work we have created.

Study Support

The department offers a wide range of Study Support opportunities across the Key Stages, which not only support students with their language learning experience, but also offer an insight into culture.

Rooming and Resources

The World Languages department has 4 classrooms that are specifically designated to this subject area. Rooms LA2, LA3, LA4, ENT1 and ENT2 are all situated in the Trinity zone near to the pastoral office and all have recently been refurbished.

All rooms are equipped with interactive whiteboards, dictionaries, full sets of Key Stage 3/4/5 textbooks (Allez and Zoom and AQA for GCSE), CDs and teacher's guides. The department also has 1 printer, sound equipment in each room and the use of MP3 recorders; all MFL teachers have a laptop that is issued to them by the school for planning and delivery purposes and all staff and students have access to Linguascope, Doodle Learn and Kerboodle online resources.

What the students say about the department

"I didn't think that languages would be fun but I really like French."

"Spanish isn't like other subjects it has a real use, I really enjoyed being able to speak to people on the Spain trip, they actually understood me!"

"French is hard, but being able to have a conversation that other people can't understand is great!"

"The Spanish trip was amazing, we had so much fun and learnt a lot, the teachers were kind and really cared about us, they wanted us to have fun and planned lots of activities."

"Belgium was so much fun living with families really helped me to practise my French."

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Key Stage 3 (Years 7 and 8)

French or Spanish is compulsory for all year 7 and 8 students.

Year 7

Personal introductions, Family, Countries and Nationalities, Physical descriptions, Sport and Leisure.

Trips

Proposed trip to Belgium for language study and exchange; proposed trip to Spain.

Year 8

Home and Local Area, Healthy Living, Food and Drink, Planning a visit, Shopping and Fashion.

Key Stage 4 (Years 9, 10 and 11)

Languages are compulsory for the majority of students at Key Stage 4. Key Stage 4 allows students to study language, grammar and culture in more depth, with a significant focus upon Speaking and Writing skills.

Year 9

Festivals and Celebrations, Free Time and the Media

School Exam

Mock speaking and writing assessment in December, formal speaking and writing assessment in the summer.

Year 10

School work and future plans, Home and local area

Exam

Formal speaking and writing assessments, mock listening and reading exam

Year 11

Home and local area, Environment, Family and relationships

Exams

Key Stage 4 GCSE, A* - C, Modern Foreign Languages exam results 2014 – 2016; Figures in brackets represent the number of entries.

Exam results	2014	2015	2016
Spanish	86% (7)	100% (101) A*-C	67% A*-C
French	40% (89)	45% (4) A*-C	64% A*-C
Other Languages	75% (8)	100% A-C	Punjabi 95% A*-C; Arabic 50% A*-C; Bengali 100% A*-C

*Other Languages could include Arabic, Bengali, Panjabi, Polish and Urdu

Key Stage 5 / Post 16

We have a growing A-level languages course, where we deliver the AQA specification. The course is an effective link to prior study at GCSE level and further promotes high quality communication skills on a variety of current topics and interesting issues.

Year 12

Students study four units:

- Aspects of French/Spanish-speaking society: current trends
- Artistic culture in the French/Spanish-speaking world
- Dossier cinema
- literature

There is a terminal speaking exam conducted by the teacher in April and a formal listening, reading and writing exam in May.

Students have access to one-on-one time with a Foreign Language Assistant.

A language study course abroad is proposed.

Year 13

Students study 3 units: The Environment, Contemporary Social Issues and Immigration and Integration.

They also study two cultural topics; a film director study and a period of history.

Examinations are the same as in Year 12.

A language study course abroad is proposed.

Exam results	2014	2015	2016
A2 Spanish and French	n/a	50% A*-C	100% A*-C
AS Spanish	50% A-C	100% A*-C	100% A*-C
AS level French	n/a	80% A*-C	67% A*-C