



Modern Foreign Languages

“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.”

Nelson Mandela

Purpose and Vision:

Our key purpose is to prepare students for life in a globalized world.

Languages are a ‘facilitating’ subject for top universities and colleges. This means they are looked up on favourably as a rigorous, academic subject, which give students a wide range of skills, which they can apply to other areas. Studying languages exposes students to cultures, ways of thinking and ways of seeing the world that they will not have otherwise experienced.

Students will study the four skills of listening, reading, writing and speaking at all stages, as well as gaining a greater understanding of grammar throughout key stages 3, 4 and 5.

KS3:

At Key Stage 3, students follow the Studio 1 and 2 text books in French and the Viva text books in Spanish.

Both books provide an introductory course in their languages, giving students a solid base in the vocabulary that they will need in their GCSEs. By the end of Key Stage 3, students should be able to speak in and recognize three tenses, give their opinions with justifications, and be ready to move on to higher level language.

KS4:

At Key Stage four, students prepare for the Edexcel GCSE in French or Spanish. They study themes related to:

Holidays, School, Work, Free Time, Family and Relationships, My Town and Local Area, The Wider World.

Students will be able to confidently use languages to speak about themselves and things which directly affect them. They will be able to speak in different tenses, and say what they hope to be able to do in the future.

KS5:

At Key Stage 5, students study the Edexcel French course. We study *un sac de billes* and *les intouchables* for the literary and cinematic works. Students also conduct an independent research project into an area of French culture that they find interesting.

Students gain a wider understanding of the French speaking world and gain higher grammatical skills, which prepare them for university.

Programme of Study:

Year 7					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Me and My Family	Me and My Family	School	Free Time	Town	Town and Grammar recap
Year 8					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Teenage Life	Food	Holidays and Past Tense	Holidays and Past Tense	Home and Daily Routine	Grammar Recap
Year 9					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Who Am I?	Who Am I?	Leisure	Leisure	Daily Life	Grammar Recap
Year 10 –Edexcel					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Town and Local Area	Town and Local Area	Holidays	Holidays	School	School
Year 11-Edexcel					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Work	Work	Environment	Exam Prep	Exam Prep	
Year 12-Edexcel (French only)					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Changes in French Society	Changes in French Society	Film	Independent Research Project	Artistic and Political Francophone Culture	Artistic and Political Francophone Culture
Year 13-Edexcel (French only)					
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Book	The occupation and Resistance	Immigration and the Multicultural Society	Independent Research Project Immigration and the Multicultural Society	Exam Prep	