



The Modern Foreign Languages Faculty

The MFL faculty prides itself on providing an exciting and innovative learning environment that enables students to explore languages and culture whilst at the same time equipping them in lifelong learning skills. Pupils have the opportunity to learn meaningful language and to use the transferable language skills they may have acquired through exposure to a foreign language in primary schools. Pupils are encouraged to develop independent thinking skills and to examine the workings of the language. Schemes of work are varied and are cross curricular in nature. They embrace aspects of listening, speaking, reading and writing as well as intercultural understanding and are designed to support and enhance literacy.

From September 2012 French, German and Spanish will be taught in the school. The ideal candidate would have expertise in all 3 languages.

Students in Year 7 will be able to experience all 3 languages before opting to continue with either 1 or 2 for the remainder of Key Stage 3.

Students are banded and grouped according to ability. The lower ability groups in Years 7 – 9 follow a newly developed Language Studies course which includes elements of the language as well as cultural aspects and which actively supports students' literacy.

Languages are compulsory at KS4 for about half of the cohort dependant on academic ability.

In Key Stage 5, French and German are taught to 'A' level and students' learning is further supported by native Foreign Language Assistants.

The MFL faculty also provide and support language teaching in feeder primary schools. There may be opportunity for a suitable candidate to contribute to this work.

Students are offered the opportunity to practice their language skills in the target language country. We organise annual exchanges to Bordeaux in France and to Tübingen in Germany for students in KS 4 and 5. Students in KS3 have the possibility of visiting Normandy and Paris or the Christmas Markets in Germany. It is anticipated that a Spanish trip will be established to support this new area of the curriculum.

Extra-curricular activities also include European Day of Languages, a Primary Language day as well as lunchtime enrichment activities.

The MFL team is a committed group of teachers who work well together as a team, sharing resources and ideas and supporting each other. We strive to make language learning a positive and rewarding experience for all students. Our classrooms are equipped with IWB and CD players and all staff have their own personal laptop.

