

Curriculum Overview 2019-2020

Modern Foreign Languages

Intent:

All students will study Spanish throughout Key Stage 3. At the end of Year 9, pupils may choose to study a language as one of their GCSE options.

Our aim is to promote a love of language learning in order help students become the global citizens of the future. Through increasing their communication skills in a foreign language as well as broadening their cultural understanding, students will develop resilience and adaptability, life skills that will set them up for a career of their choice.

Implementation at Key Stage 3:

In Key Stage 3, students follow an exciting and varied curriculum in order to successfully progress to Key Stage 4. They will learn the key vocabulary and grammar required to build a strong linguistic foundation. This will be taught through the medium of literature, music, and film. Reading and understanding is key to student progress and we will teach vocabulary and comprehension strategies.

At the end of every unit of work, students complete an assessment linked to the topic they have studied. The MFL department track's the students' progress across the 3 terms and help to identify strengths and what students need to do to make further progress.

Enrichment activities include a stadium tour of the Emirates Stadium as part of our ongoing collaborative partnership with Arsenal Football Club and the work they do to promote language learning. We also organise visits to the British Film Institute to engage in a day of language activities which includes watching a foreign language film.

Implementation at Key Stage 4:

We use the Edexcel exam board.

The demands for the new Spanish GCSE mean that it is essential that students have developed a strong knowledge of the vocabulary and grammar that has been studied at Key Stage 3. Students will need this knowledge to access a variety of texts and it is vital that students are completing regular homework and using language apps such as Duolingo to continue to embed their learning.

Overview of Key Stage 4:

The Spanish GCSE course is studied over two years in Year 10 and Year 11.

The GCSE assessment is divided into four parts, and the pupils will be assessed on their Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing skills. Each assessment is worth 25% of their overall grade, and students will sit these exams in the summer of Year 11. Students will sit mock exams in preparation throughout the course.