

MFL

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES



WHY DON'T YOU OFFER A FREE CHOICE BETWEEN FRENCH AND GERMAN?

We do not have the flexibility of staffing to offer this choice.

WHAT IF OUR HOME LANGUAGE IS FRENCH/GERMAN/SPANISH?

French/German native speakers are put on the opposite side of the year so they learn a new language. Our Spanish teachers differentiate for native Spanish speakers.

DO YOU SET BY ABILITY?

At Key Stage 3, students are largely taught in mixed ability sets. We set for ability at KS4.

WHAT ABOUT TRIPS/EXCHANGES?

In "normal" times, we run trips for Year 7 students to France or Germany and Year 8 to Spain. We have exchange programmes with schools in France and Germany (Year 9) and Spain (Year 10).

HOW MANY STUDENTS CONTINUE TO A LEVEL?

In 2020-21, there are 52 students taking a language in Year 12.

HOW MANY LANGUAGES DO STUDENTS LEARN AND FOR HOW LONG?

The vast majority of students do two languages throughout Years 7 and 8. In Year 9, students may either continue with two languages or reduce to one language, which they then must take at GCSE.

HOW MANY LESSONS?

In Year 7, students have two 45 minute lessons per language per week.

IF MY CHILD IS ON THE FRENCH SIDE OF THE YEAR, WILL THEY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE GERMAN?

We do not have the flexibility of staffing to offer this.

DO YOU OFFER LATIN?

Latin is offered as an extra-curricular course.